

# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 14, 2024 – 9:00 AM  
Thursday, July 18, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

## Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 793  
*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

## Divine Service Setting Four

Lutheran Service Book p. 203

## The Introit

*Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon v. 11*

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

For Your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In Your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***

**In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your | righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with Your | servant,\*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore You.

**Let me hear in the morning of Your | steadfast love,\***

**for in | You I trust.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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**Kyrie** p. 204

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** p. 205

## The Old Testament Reading

*Amos 7:7-15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass by them;  
<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land."

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

<sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**The Alleluia and Verse** p. 205

**The Holy Gospel** *Mark 6:14-29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring

John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Nicene Creed** p. 206

**Hymn of the Day** LSB 743  
*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

**The Sermon** "Bearing the Name of the Christ"  
Text: Mark 6:14-29

**Prayer of the Church** p. 207

**The Preparation of the Altar**

**Liturgy of Holy Communion** p. 208

**Distribution Hymns** LSB 724, 746, 913, 623

**Nunc Dimittis** p. 211

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**Benedicamus and Benediction** p. 212

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** LSB 667

*Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses*

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

*Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the ( ) if you will be communing with us.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	7/4/24	6:30 p.m.	No Church
Sunday	7/7/24	9:00 a.m.	100

**FLOWERS** are given by the Gerloff family in memory of Dennis Estes and Sheila Jelinski. Flowers are also given by Carol LaPointe in memory of her parents.

**BULLETINS** are given by Pat Wagner in celebration of Anna Farkas' birthday.

**WE PRAY** for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Konnie Otto and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

**INSTALLATION** The installation service for Rev. John Schober, as pastor of Risen Savior Lutheran Church, will be held today, Sunday, July 14, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to join in the reception that will follow the service.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** on **Sunday, July 28**, 2024 for a Ministry Anniversary Recognition at the 9:00 am worship service. Rev. Mark Nuckols observes his 35 years of service in the ministry on June 25, and Rev. Karl Fabrizio observes his 40 years of service in the ministry on July 15. A reception with lunch will follow the worship service in the school gym to thank our faithful Shepherds for their years of leadership to our congregation and others. The Fellowship Committee will be looking for volunteers to help at the reception. We have received Thrivent funds to support this fellowship event. Sign-up sheets for attendance for planning purposes and requests for food donations are now in the Narthex. **Please sign up by Sunday, July 21.** Contact LeAnn Lagerman 414-333-7994 or Linda Hojnacki 414-427-5949 with any questions. Thank you.

**SUMMER CHOIR** will rehearse *twice* for the next service we sing. We will rehearse at 7:45 a.m. in the balcony on Sunday, July 21 and Sunday, July 28, as we prepare to sing for the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday 28, where we celebrate the Ordination anniversaries of Pastor Fabrizio and Pastor Nuckols. All are welcome to join us. Questions - please feel free to ask Stephen Johnson ([sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org](mailto:sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org))

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** for the church and school will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting **June 3**.

**OFLS ALUMNI** If you or someone you know graduated from Our Father's and went into full-time church work, served in the US Armed Forces, or worked as a first responder, we would like to connect with you. Please contact Principal Cahill at [bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org](mailto:bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org) for more details.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	7/14	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b> Risen Savior – Rev. Schober Installation	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7/17	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	7/18	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday	7/21	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*“Bearing the Name of the Christ”*  
July 14 through July 20, 2024

*This week David's close connection to Christ is emphasized by the promise to establish an eternal throne for David's house. The Son of David, Christ Jesus, will be the One to sit on that throne. Although David is the bearer of the promise he remains a sinful man. Nathan comes to him and David must die to sin by confessing his adultery with Bathsheba and receiving the absolution through the mouth of the prophet. This is what happens in private confession. Although the sin is confessed to a man, you are really confessing to Christ and receiving His absolution. I do not hear your confession, but Christ does. Absalom rebels against his father and so is not the son of David promised by God. Notice how David is forced out of Jerusalem and must go amidst the tears of his people even as Jesus would go out to be crucified. David does not die, but Absalom does. Absalom, the son of David, dies in a tree and David lives. David mourns that he could not die in the place of his rebellious son. Christ, the Son of David and obedient Son of the Father, dies in a tree that all men may live.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**AMEN.**

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. **Psalm 85:8**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 85:1-13

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** Look with favor upon Your holy people, O Lord, covering our sins and speaking peace to us. Bring Your salvation near, giving what is good in the Holy Sacraments, and make Your footsteps our pathway. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Acts 11:1-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:1-24
Thursday	Acts 12:25 – 13:12
Friday	Acts 13:13-42
Saturday	Mark 6:30-44

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Apostles' Creed**

**The First Article: Creation**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

**Luther, Lectures on Isaiah 1:18:** Come now, let us reason together. Come, and let us have a discussion. It is as if He were saying: “I will enter into judgment with you. If I do not do good and am not gracious to those who do these things, believe, are washed and clean, then accuse Me and charge falsely that I am not God. Indeed, it is God’s inward feeling and His preponderant desire. How much He would want us to be good! Oh, would that we acknowledged our evils with all our hearts! Then the Spirit would finally come. But to pass away in folly in this manner, this is regrettable. Christianity is surely a constant sobbing. Who of the two, then, is more righteous, the people, who do wrong and love their own strivings while despising God’s commandments, namely, of faith and love, or God, who censures and condemns these strivings? Though your sins are like scarlet, etc. Scarlet, Tyrian purple, shellfish purple, dye from a purple fish, purple. This is a new and strange way of speaking. Why did He not rather say black sins? Black denotes sadness, but red denotes bloodguiltiness. Sins are red when we are guilty of blood. “Deliver me,” he says, “from bloodguiltiness” (Ps. 51:14), that is, from the guilt of death and of punishments. White is the sign of innocence and justice. Therefore, the angels, as innocent spirits, appeared mostly in white garments. For Oriental kings, namely, for those who were rather mild, the special attire was white. But bloodthirsty Rome conducted itself as worthy of purple. Therefore, the meaning here is this: “Though your sins are in the highest degree deserving of punishments and death, they will be worthy of righteousness and faith; and though they are worms, they will not bite you.” Certainly, the fullest, finest, and sweetest consolation. Although we have very many sins, yet they

will be as if they did not exist. Nor will they frighten us, even if they are present; for they are white. The Jews used white wool very often. Consequently, even in the Song of Solomon (4:2; 6:5) white teeth are compared to wool. Therefore, he simply says here: “Like wool.” (LW 16:19-20, Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO  
THE WEEK OF  
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*“Teaching Many Things”*  
July 21, 2024

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 586, 745, 644, 625, 647, 633, 578

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** *LSB 743 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (stanza 1)*

**READINGS**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-44

This is the third and final week which focuses on the ministry, that is the office of pastor, and its task of feeding the sheep. The apostles returned to Jesus after He had sent them out to preach. Jesus takes them away from the crowds to feed them. The disciples had been occupied in feeding the sheep, but they, too, needed to be fed. Pastors need to learn that rest comes only when they are fed by Christ so that they may feed the flock. This is part of the daily life of the pastor for he is not called to go to meetings and head a corporation, but to feed the flock with the bread of the Word of God, the living water of baptism, and the heavenly feast of Christ's body and blood. These are the gifts through which the Holy Spirit sustains His Church. If the sheep are not fed these gifts, they will certainly wander or perish. Even when the gifts are there the sheep may stray for sheep are always tempted to find greener pastures. As sheep you must not seek sheep with whom you agree, but the real food of the Holy Spirit. All other food is imitation and has no nutrition. The heart of the shepherd always gazes upon his people and sees sheep who need to be taught about the gifts of God which give true rest. The true shepherd fills His people with the gifts of the Good Shepherd who is our righteousness. A good pastor is set apart by God through the Word which is spoken into his ears in ordination for it is that Word which is to come from his mouth to feed his flock. Through the preaching of the Word and the visible Word of the sacraments the Holy Spirit gives us access to the Father.

# **Our Father's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Childcare**

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