

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 7, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Thursday, July 22, 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 856
O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

Divine Service Setting Four

Lutheran Service Book p. 203

The Introit

Psalm 132:13-16; antiphon Psalm 34:8

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

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!

For the LORD has chosen | Zion;*

He has desired it for His | dwelling place:

“This is My resting place for- | ever;*

here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.

I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;*

I will satisfy her | poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,*

and her saints will | shout for joy.”

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.

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

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

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

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. ²And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief.

And He went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



The Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

LSB 839

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

The Sermon

"The Wisdom Given to Him"

Text:

Mark 6:1-13

Prayer of the Church

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The Preparation of the Altar

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Nunc Dimittis

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Benedicamus and Benediction

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

LSB 853

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

✠ *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	6/27/24	6:30 p.m.	32
Sunday	6/30/24	9:00 a.m.	103

FLOWERS are given by the Lindenberg family in memory of Lawrence Lindenberg.

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

#UPDATED# PRAYER LIST Reminder that if you would like to include someone on the prayer list, you must call the church office every month and provide the information. Names will be removed at the end of the month.

SCRIP Orders are due today, Sunday, **July 7**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father’s in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. *Please note that the website name has changed to raiserright.com, but the shopwithscrip.com link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.* Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

INSTALLATION The installation service for Rev. John Schober, as pastor of Risen Savior Lutheran Church, will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2024. 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. Contact LeAnn Lagerman 414-333-7994 or Linda Hojnacki 414-427-5949 with any questions. Thank you.

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**.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE The first proof of the directory has been mailed back to UCD with multiple corrections. If these corrections are successfully made, it will only be another month or two before the long-awaited distribution. Please continue to be patient with their work on our directory.

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 for more details.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	7/7	DIVINE SERVICE Scrip Due	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	7/10	Morning Bible Study Elders Meeting	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Thursday	7/11	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	7/14	DIVINE SERVICE	9:00 a.m.

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

“The Wisdom Given to Him”
July 7 through July 13, 2024

The readings from 2 Samuel tell us of the mysteries of God who worked through King David. It begins with David's execution of the one who dared to kill Saul, the Lord's anointed. So Peter would speak of the blood of Christ being on those who dared to execute the Anointed One (Acts 3:14-15). David was asked to shepherd the people and rule over them. He would reign for forty years even as Christ would walk among His apostles for forty days after Easter. His thirty-three year reign in Jerusalem corresponds to the length of Christ's earthly life. The marching in the treetops is a foreshadowing of the great victory God accomplishes through His Son's death at the tree of the cross. Why was the man killed who touched the ark? God's presence was in the ark and no one may touch God without an intermediary. God comes to us in the flesh that He might then touch us through the means of water, bread, and wine. To touch Him in any other way than the means He has appointed is to die.

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

THE CREED

VERSE: But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **2 Corinthians 12:9**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
AMEN

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 123

PSALMODY PRAYER: O You who dwell in the heavens, I am but a poor slave who seeks all that I need in body and soul from You. Show mercy upon my body and soul that I may share fully in Your redemption. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Acts 9:10-22
Tuesday	Acts 9:23-31
Wednesday	Acts 9:32-43
Thursday	Acts 10:1-23
Friday	Acts 10:24-48
Saturday	Mark 6:14-29

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, Large Catechism, Sixth Commandment: Let us, therefore, first of all note carefully how very highly God honors and extols married life by giving it His sanction and protection in the Ten Commandments. He sanctioned it earlier in the Fourth Commandment, “You shall honor your father and your mother.” But here, as I said, He safeguards and protects it. Therefore, He wants to see it honored, upheld, and treated also by us as being divinely instituted and full of blessing. For He established it as the first one of all His institutions, and He created man and woman with obvious differences, not for wickedness, but that they may be and remain attracted to each other, be fruitful, have children, care for them, and bring them up to the glory of God. God has, therefore, most richly blessed marriage above all other estates. In addition, everything that the world contains He has assigned and devoted to providing marriage amply and richly with all that it needs. . . . Therefore, I have always taught that we should not look down upon marriage or undervalue it as the blind world and the false clergy are doing. We are rather to view it in the light of the Word of God, which adorns and sanctifies it. Marriage is not merely to be placed on a level with other estates; it is to be put ahead and above them all, whether that be emperor, princes, bishops, or anyone else. . . . Remember, in the second place, that marriage is not only an honorable but also a necessary estate, one that is solemnly commanded by God. In general, men and women of every circumstance, having been created for it, belong in marriage. . . . Where nature as implanted by God has its way, it is not possible to remain chaste except within

marriage. For flesh and blood remain flesh and blood, and the natural tendencies and attractions proceed without restraint or hindrance, as everyone can see and sense.

Therefore, in order that it might be easier to avoid unchastity in some measure, God has established marriage so that everyone may have his assigned portion and be happy with it, although even here the grace of God is needed to keep the heart pure. I am saying this in order that young people may be urged to acquire a love for married life and know that it is a blessed estate pleasing to God. Thus in time one might again turn the situation around to the point where marriage would again be honored and there would be a reduction of wild, disorderly conduct, such as is now everywhere prevalent in public prostitution and other disgraceful vices resulting from contempt for married life. Parents and civil authorities, therefore, have the duty of supervising the young so that they are brought up to live disciplined and respectable lives and, when they are grown, become honorably married in the fear of God. God will then add his blessing and grace so that people find joy and happiness in marriage.

(LC, 46-47, St. Louis: Concordia, 1978)

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

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 839 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" (stanza 1)*

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEEK OF THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Bearing the Name of the Christ"

July 14, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 793, 743, 724, 746, 913, 623, 667

READINGS

Amos 7:7-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Christ sends His disciples out to preach repentance and the way of the Gospel. He sent them out with nothing that they might live upon those who heard the Word. They were to enter a house and stay there. So a pastor is called to one church and is not to steal the sheep of others or care for those who are someone else's flock. Those who refuse the message are judged by the dust being shaken from the apostle's foot for dust is the mark of death. The pastor is called to bring judgment and to separate by the preaching of the Word of God. The refusal to hear that Word will bring a harsher judgment than Sodom and Gomorrah experienced for they did not hear the preaching of the apostolic office. Pastors are not called to do what congregations want and their decisions are not subject to voting unless they have violated the Word of God. The rejection of Amos was a rejection of the one appointed by God and brought a harsh judgment upon Amaziah the priest and Israel. Congregations who do this are rejecting the shepherds of Christ and the pastor forced out must shake the dust from his feet. Amos points out that he was an ordinary man placed in the office of prophet by God. Pastors are ordinary men placed in the office by God. In their office they are God's mouthpiece while in their person they continue to be ordinary men. It is through the office of pastor that the Holy Spirit bestows the blessings of Christ upon the Church. There is no Church without the pastoral office which is why these readings appear under the discussion of the Third Article of the Creed in Pentecost.

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