

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Full Service Bulletin
Pastor Erik Sorenson



July 23, 2023

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this evening.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

Confession and Absolution

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Hymn of Invocation



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901 Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
and they do not set you before them.

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

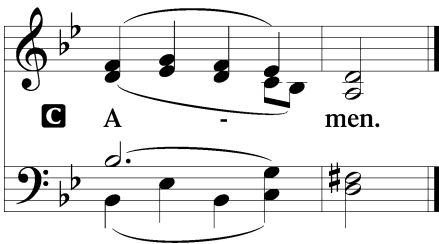
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8 (p. 604, p. 769 LP)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
 How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
 For from him and through him and to him are all things.
 To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27 (p. 944, p. 1201 LP)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score for the Alleluia is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia."

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (p. 818, p. 1040 LP)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical score for the Holy Gospel is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The musical score for the Holy Gospel is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise be to Thee, O Christ."

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

772 In Holy Conversation

Hymn of the Day



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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Tune: Swedish

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Sermon

Until the Harvest

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.



Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
 and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
 dis-ci-ples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \dagger bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
 This do in re-mem - brance of Me.” In the same way al - so
 He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
 to them, say - ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
 My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



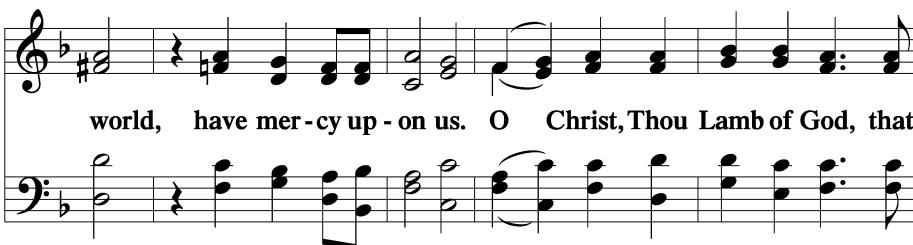
A A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



A O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymns

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
- 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
- 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
- 4 Watch a - gainst your-self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
- 5 But while watch-ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -

en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -

tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -

har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Text: Johann Burkhard Freystein, 1671–1718; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien, 1694, Dresden, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
 5 "Through-out all their life-time My peo-ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His excel-lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de- sert to his foes;
 My grace, all- suf- fi- cient, will be your sup- ply.
 My sov- 'reign, e- ter- nal, un- change- a- ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength- en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en- deav- or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on- ly de- sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem- ples a- dorn,



Who un- to the Sav- ior for ref- uge have fled?
 Up- held by My righ- teous, om- nip- o- tent hand.
 I'll nev- er, no nev- er, no nev- er, for- sake!
 Your dross to con- sume and your gold to re- fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos- om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester
 Text and tune: Public domain

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor- tal flesh keep si- lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar- y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav- en Spreads its van- guard
 4 At His feet the six- winged ser- aph, Cher- u- bim with



trem- bling stand; Pon- der noth- ing earth- ly- mind- ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu- man ves- ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de- scend- ing
 sleep- less eye, Veil their fac- es to the pres- ence



For with bless-ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de-
 In the bod-y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end-less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-



scend - ing Comes our hom-age to de-mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark-ness clears a-way.
 lu - ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.

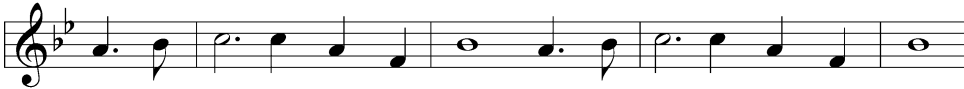
Tune: French, 17th cent.

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761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim-ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for-ev-er flow,
 Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a-tone; Thou must save, and Thou a-lone.
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav-ior, or I die.
 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-78

Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

Text and tune: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

The first system of musical notation for the Nunc Dimittis. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter rest, and a quarter note G4. The bass staff begins with an F#4 chord, followed by a quarter note G4, then a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -".

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The bass staff continues with a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The lyrics are: "cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,".

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues with a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, and a quarter note B1. The bass staff continues with a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, a quarter note F#1, a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, a quarter note C1, and a quarter note B0. The lyrics are: "which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,".

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues with a quarter note G1, a quarter note F#1, a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, a quarter note C1, a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0, a quarter note G0, a quarter note F#0, a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, and a quarter note B-1. The bass staff continues with a quarter note G0, a quarter note F#0, a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, a quarter note B-1, a quarter note A-1, a quarter note G-1, a quarter note F#-1, a quarter note E-1, a quarter note D-1, a quarter note C-1, and a quarter note B-2. The lyrics are: "a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy".

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues with a quarter note G-1, a quarter note F#-1, a quarter note E-1, a quarter note D-1, a quarter note C-1, a quarter note B-2, a quarter note A-2, a quarter note G-2, a quarter note F#-2, a quarter note E-2, a quarter note D-2, a quarter note C-2, and a quarter note B-3. The bass staff continues with a quarter note G-2, a quarter note F#-2, a quarter note E-2, a quarter note D-2, a quarter note C-2, a quarter note B-3, a quarter note A-3, a quarter note G-3, a quarter note F#-3, a quarter note E-3, a quarter note D-3, a quarter note C-3, and a quarter note B-4. The lyrics are: "peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and".

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

The musical score for 'Salutation' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is a single melodic line in treble clef. The second staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics. The third staff is a bass line in bass clef. The piece begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The musical score for 'Benedicamus' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is a single melodic line in treble clef. The second staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics. The third staff is a bass line in bass clef. The piece begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score for 'Benediction' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first three staves are vocal lines in treble clef with lyrics. The fourth staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics. The fifth staff is a bass line in bass clef. The piece begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Closing Hymn



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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Announcements for the Week of July 23, 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
7/23 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Quarterly Voters’ meeting (Bible study to follow) 5:00 PM – Youth Group	7/24	7/25	7/26 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	7/27 6 PM – Music Group	7/28	7/29

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

7/24: Dale & Ruth Woodard

7/25: Jerry Thompson

7/26: Mike & Verna Vandercar

7/29: Trevor Acree, Lynnette May

Stewardship:

Budget per week: \$3135

7/16 offerings: \$4039

7/16 Synodical Fund: \$25

7/16 Building Fund: \$125

*The altar
flowers are
given to the
praise and
glory of God*

Wednesday Night Bible Study: We will continue our study on the rite of Holy Baptism this week at 6:30 PM.

VBS: A big thank you to all who helped with VBS. Thank you to: Pastor Sorenson, Michelle Sorenson, Jeanine Franke, Laurie Schultz, Alyssa Schultz, Karen Dobrinski, Verna Vandercar, Debbie Flohr, Frankie Sciano, Greg Trimpe, Janice Acree, Dan Acree, and Joe Acree. You are much appreciated! – Michelle Schultz

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting: Will be today immediately after the Divine Service.

Youth Group: Youth group will meet tonight at 5:00 PM. We will have a meal, a study, and water balloons.

Youth Catechesis: Youth Catechesis (confirmation) classes will be beginning on August 13th. If you have a child who has already begun Catechesis, or if you have a child you would like to start this year, please contact Pastor Sorenson as soon as possible. If your child will be going through classes at White Creek, please contact Pastor Sorenson as well, as he would like to have all of our catechumens together in class so they may grow with one another and so he may get to know them and they may get to know him. Thank you!

Prayer List:

Teresa Lucas (shut-in)

Ron Cox (health issues)

Luella Holle (shut-in)

Carolyn Trimpe (health issues)

Larry Phelps (health issues)

Upcoming Acolytes:

7/30: Trevor Acree

8/6: Abe Acton

8/13: Raleigh Acton

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

Mon. 7/24: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8 – We proclaim that there is no other God than our King, Rock, and Redeemer who has appointed us to be His people.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 772 – In Holy Conversation
Pray the Collect of the Day: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Tues. 7/25: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 8:18-27 – The Spirit intercedes for us as we go through sufferings of this world eagerly awaiting the redemption of our bodies.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 772 – In Holy Conversation
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/24)

Wed. 7/26: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 – Christ sows the seed of faith now. When He returns, believers and unbelievers will be separated and the believers will shine with His righteousness.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 772 – In Holy Conversation
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/24)

Thur. 7/27: Read the Old Testament lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9 – The Lord loves you and keeps His covenant with you to save you and make you part of His people.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 713 – From God Can Nothing Move Me
Pray the Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Fri. 7/28: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 8:28-39 – We are conformed to the image of Christ, so nothing will separate us from Him. Through Christ, we are more than conquerors over sin, death, and the devil.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 713 – From God Can Nothing Move Me
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/27)

Sat. 7/29: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:44-52 – Like a treasure, a pearl, or fish in the sea, Christ comes to find us, even giving everything He has for us.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 713 – From God Can Nothing Move Me
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/27)