EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 14, 2018 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2018 - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Divine Service 3 LSB pg. 184

As We Gather

"For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). We belong to God! As citizens of heaven, we treasure all the earthly blessings we now have. Today, let us use those freedoms for the sake of the One who sets us free. We are free to love our God. We are free to worship Him in Spirit and truth. We are free to love our neighbor. And we are free to bring the saving Gospel to all we meet.

Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings" LSB 686



Invocation

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

- 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 +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

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Hymn of Praise "Gloria in Excelsis" O P Glory be to God on high: G and on earth peace, good - will toward ο 0 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee, O O we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. ρ Ο Ο 0 O Lord God, heav'n-ly God the Fa-ther King, Al - mighty. Ο 7 O the only begotten Son, Christ; O Lord, Je - sus O O \mathbf{O} O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, θ D 0 0 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. O 0 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -0 0 Ω 0 For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. on us. ο O O Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho ly Ghost, 0 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

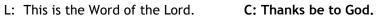
- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And with thy spirit.
- L: Let us pray. O Lord, You have made us heirs of Your kingdom through the blood of Christ. Bolster our courage that we speak Your word of repentance and forgiveness so that more of Your people may rest securely in Your promises that were put into place even before the beginning of time, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

⊕ The Word of the Lord ⊕

Old Testament (*Please be seated*) **"Surely, His Salvation is Near"** *Psalm 85:9-11* ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle "Chosen from the Foundation of the World" Ephesians 1:3-14 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.





Holy Gospel

"Faithful Even Unto Death"

Mark 6:14-29

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¹⁴King 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." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ 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. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banguet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For 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."²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And 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." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When 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.

Children's Message (Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day (Sung)

- Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done. For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness, Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

"Thy Strong Word"

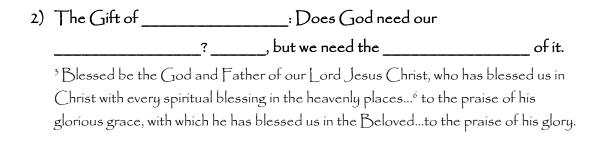
From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might; From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

"Joy in the Certainty of God's Promises" Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon Series "Finding Joy"

1) The Gift of ______: _____ the _____ of His ______.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known^[c] to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth (Ephesians 1:7-10).



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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship (Please be seated) (Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

Gathering of Offerings

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts.

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Offertory

Prayer of the Church (Please stand)

- P: That God, our Father in heaven, may look with mercy on us, His needy children on earth, and grant us grace so that His holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of His Word and the fervent love of our lives; that He would graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby His precious name is being blasphemed and profaned, we pray.
- C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
- P: That His kingdom may come to us and expand; that all transgressors and they who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom be brought to know Jesus Christ His Son by faith, and that the number of Christians may be increased, we pray.
- C: Thy kingdom come.
- P: That we may be strengthened by His Spirit to do and to suffer His will, both in life and in death, in good and in evil things, and always to break, slay, and sacrifice our own wills, we pray.
- C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- P: That He would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust that He will provide for all our needs, especially for (...special petitions), we pray.
- C: Give us this day our daily bread.
- P: That He would forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before Him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us, we pray.
- C: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- P: That He would not lead us into temptation, but help us by His Spirit to subdue the flesh, to despise the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles, we pray.
- C: Lead us not into temptation.
- P: And lastly, that He would deliver us from all evil, both of body and soul, now and forever, we pray.
- C: But deliver us from evil.
- P: All those who earnestly desire these things will say from their very hearts: Amen, trusting without any doubt that it is yea and answered in heaven as Christ has promised:
 "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24
- C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m. service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

Holy Communion - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.

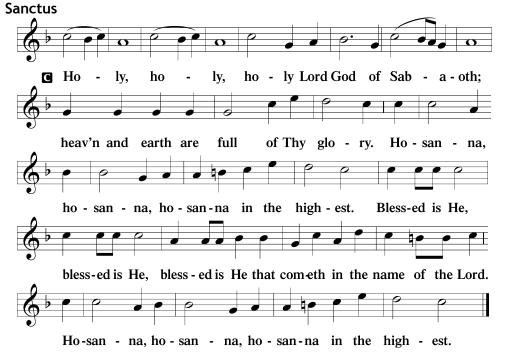
Gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church. Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.

✤ Service of Holy Communion ♦ 8:00 a.m.

Preface

- P: The Lord be with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.

- C: And with thy spirit.
- C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is meet and right so to do.
- P: It is truly good, 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 by His blood won for us redemption, and by His resurrection made us heirs 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 singing:



The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.

Agnus Dei (Sung)

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

Distribution Hymns (Please be seated) "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
 Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:
 O Lord, have mercy!
 May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need;
 O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
 No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!
 O Lord, have mercy!
 Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
 All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
 O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

0 0 1 Where char and vail There love i ty pre 2 With grate - ful jov and ho ly fear His 3 For - give each oth er's faults As we now 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known: Let Brought here God geth is ev _ er found: to er _ char - i ty we learn: Let us with heart and con - fess. faults And let love each we our us all Be God's the glo con - ten tion cease: ry 4 Christ's love by By love are we thus bound. Now mind and soul love Him in re turn. oth well In Chris - tian ho li _ er ness. that we seek: Be ours His ho ly _ peace. 6 5 Let us recall that in our midst

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one. For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

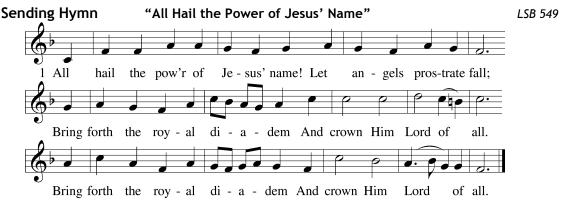
L: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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

C: Amen.

6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m. service continues here

Benediction

- P: Bless we the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- C: Amen.



6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

Postlude