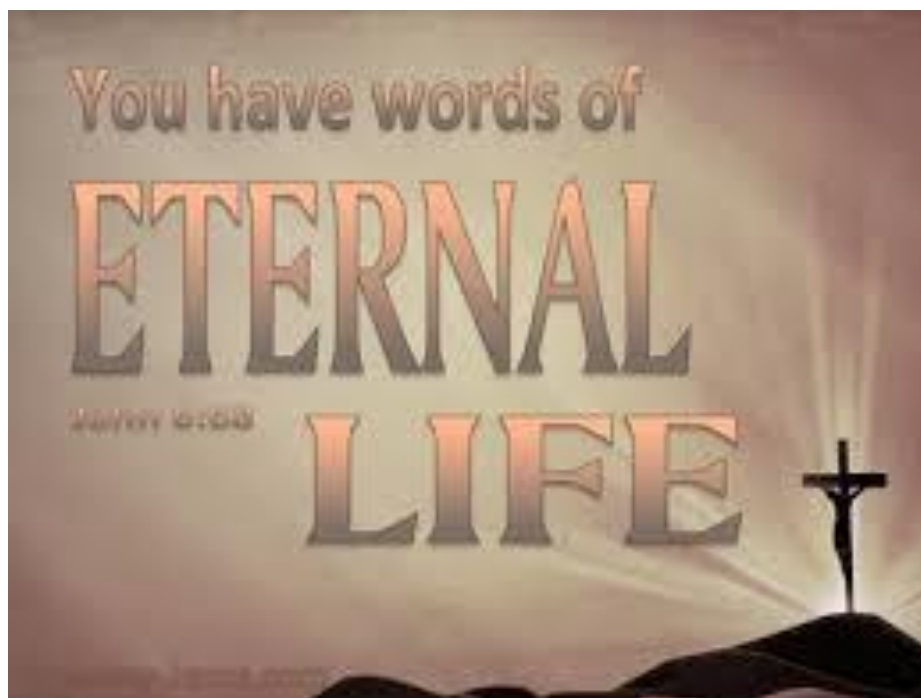


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Sunday, August 26, 2018
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Page 26)

OPENING HYMN: #356 "You Are the Way: through You Alone"

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my

thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and very evil, hear our prayer, O Christ



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

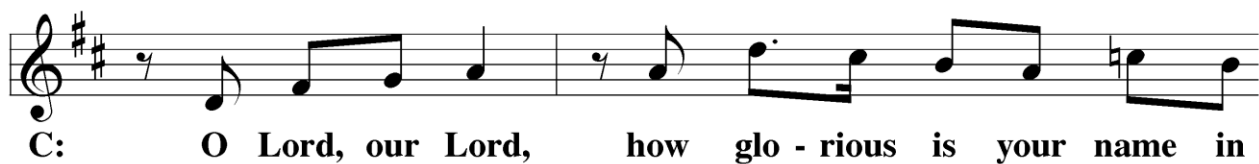
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD





you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

24 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 71

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;
For you are my rock and my fortress. **Refrain**

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,
your might to all who are to come.

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. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:21-31

²¹ ...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body.

³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! (John 6:68)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were

to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?
⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #556 “Rise, Shine, You People”

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED (Page 31)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (Page 127)

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT (Page 33)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

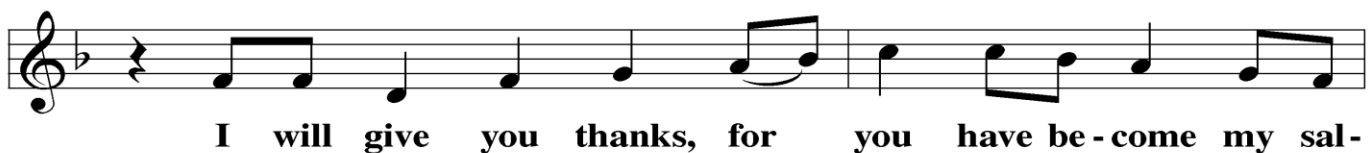


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: “Write Your Blessed Name”

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Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to
remain so indelibly engraved
That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me
from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in
tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
And a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven through the
many temptations and dangers of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior!
Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to
remain so indelibly engraved
That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me
from your love.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #CWS 742 – “What is This Bread?”

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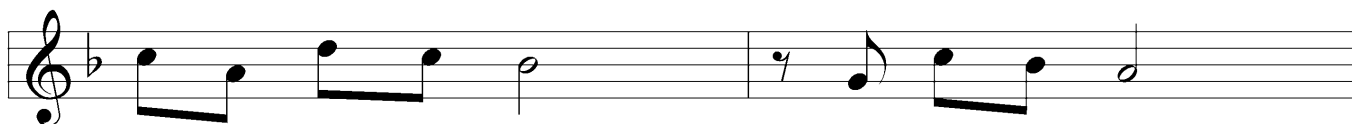
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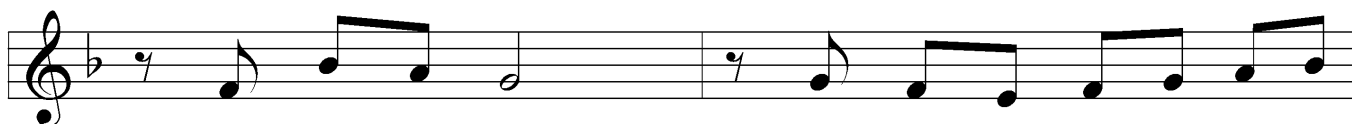
1 What is this bread?
2 What is this wine?
3 So who am I,
4 Yet is God here?
5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
The blood of
That I should
Oh, yes! By
I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
Je - sus shed for mine;
live and he should die
Word and prom - ise clear.
giv - en and set free!

This bread we break.
The cup of grace
Un - der the rod?
In mouth and soul
I do be - lieve



This life we take
Brings his em - brace
My God, my God,
He makes us whole—
That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
Of life and love un - til I
Why have you not for - sak - en
Christ, tru - ly pre - sent in this
His ver - y bod - y and his



lease. Oh, taste and see—
sing! Oh, taste and see—
me? Oh, taste and see—
meal. Oh, taste and see—
blood. Oh, taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
the Lord is King.
the Lord is free.
the Lord is real.
the Lord is good.

This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.

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THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.



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Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:00 AM Adult Bible Class

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Tuesday – 7:00 Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday – **8:30 AM** Bible Class, a series on the Book of Esther
Please note time change
- 6:30 PM Ladies Meeting about service projects (see below)

Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

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- 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:00 AM Adult Bible Class

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Arlette Stobbe
Ushering – Team 1

Urgent Help Needed: Our Sunday School needs teachers for this fall term. Two teachers (at least, with a couple of substitutes as well) are needed to teach PreK – 1st Grade and 2nd grade through 5th. Please consider how God can use you to feed these little ones with God's Word. Contact Pastor Schaefer ASAP @ (734)658-5735. Thanks in advance.

All ladies are invited to supper **Wednesday, August 29, 6:30-8:00 PM** at St. Peter's. Please bring a salad, light side dish, finger sandwiches or dessert. After supper, we will talk about banners to beautify the sanctuary, work on Baptism banners, spruce up the church kitchen, and share ideas about possible projects. Group leaders will contribute information:

- Lois Bude will talk about missions.
- Margaret Seppanen is in charge of a baptism banner project.
- Chris Ward will mention needs for the pregnancy counseling center.
- Jan Jacobi discusses the Senior Choir and the Handbell Choir.
- Nancy Winkler will put out a plea for Sunday School children and teachers.

Don't worry about being late. Any questions, call Nancy Winkler 734-718-5501 or Chris Ward 734-634-4382. Hope to see you there!

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS START THURSDAY! Please give prayerful consideration to joining our group. We meet every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. We sing in for church services two or three times a month. Rehearsals start on **August 30** in the church balcony. We hope to see you then!

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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