

Grow ... Go ... Gather
July 18, 2021



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(LCMS)**

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Service (DS 1, p. 151ff.)

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Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 602 "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

- 6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our
Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we
are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against You in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have
done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved You with
our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. We justly
deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Introit:

P You open Your hand;

C You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

C Make melody to our God on the lyre!

P He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth;

C He makes grass grow on the hills.

P He gives to the beasts their food,

C And to the young ravens that cry.

P His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

C Nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

P But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C In those who hope in his steadfast love.

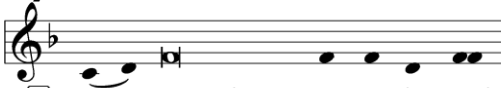
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P You open Your hand;

C OYou satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Kyrie

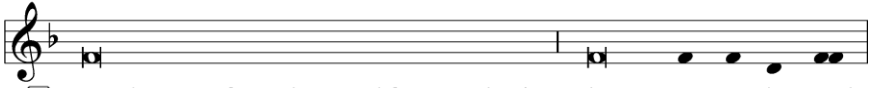
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



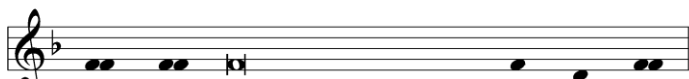
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel: *Mark 6:30–44*

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

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

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish

he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 646, "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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The Sermon: *Ephesians 2:11–22*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Offering

Offering Hymn: LSB 524, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name
 Refresh my soul in death!

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The Nicene Creed

☒ 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.

The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

**☒ 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.**

A Hymn: "We Are Brothers and Sisters in Christ"
(AGPS #78)

Verse 1

Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend. Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, Our Savior and King! Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.

Chorus

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands, Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Verse 2

Man walked alone and in need. Without faith, hope or promise or creed; Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost; That God in His mercy would save All His people from death and the grave. **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

Lord, teach us to proclaim All Your goodness, Your love and Your name! Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live. Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong.

(Chorus)

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Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

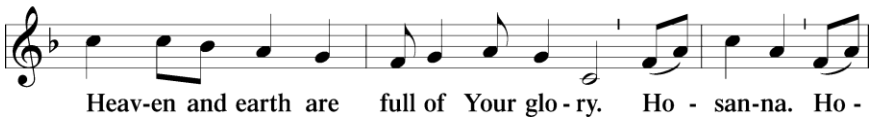
Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 161

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . .
evermore praising You and singing:

The Sanctus

LSB 161



The Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the

salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Distribution

Distribution Songs:

“Behold the Lamb of God” (Townend)

LSB 622, “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

“Behold the Lamb of God”

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

Verse 2

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" *sts. 1, 4-8*



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this
6 Lord, I be - lieve what You have said; Help me when



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is
doubts as - sail me. Re - mem - ber that I



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
e - ven now At once in man - y plac - es.
am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word a -
Your sup - per in this vale of tears Re - fresh - es



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.
me and stills my fears And is my price - less trea - sure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

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The Post-Communion Canticle *LSB 164*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls 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.

The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**



The Closing Hymn: LSB 645, "Built on the Rock"

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



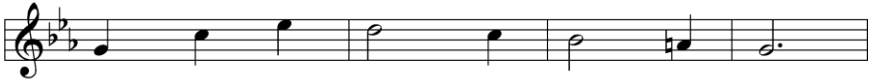
steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim

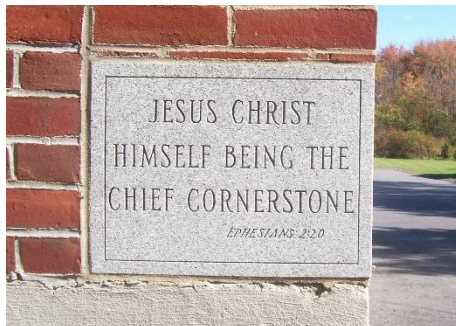


But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: July 18 – July 25

- TODAY:** **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
 Service w/ Holy Communion
- Wed:** **Noon:** Devotional Boost with Pastor
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at
 church
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:** **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at
 St. James and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

Those who serve July 25:

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

Today's Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: July 11, 2021

General Fund	\$4,240.00
Plate Collections	13.00
Memorials – Shirley Genther	190.00
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Total:	\$4,443.00
On-line giving	60.30
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Total:	\$4,503.30



"Who are we?" Or "Who Am I?"

A lot of people are confused and even deluded as to who they are. Christians can become confused as well, but in the mind of St. Paul there is no confusion! St. Paul's Letter

to the Ephesians addresses these questions with clarity. During the next eight Sundays, the epistle lessons will focus on texts from the Letter to the Ephesians. Developing his messages upon the Bible study he led recently on Ephesians, Pastor Schaeffer's messages will be focused on the theme, "Who I Am? Who are We?" May the Holy Spirit use this sermon series to give us clarity as to who we are!

SECOND BEST SALE



August 26th-28th

Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am-Noon

Call Walt (970-7407) or Dale (262-1390) if you have items to donate.

FIF will be at church on **Saturday, July 24**, from **9:00 am until 12:00** to accept and help you unload any items you would like to bring for the 2nd Best Sale (not large furniture). Please save furniture until August 21st.

The deadline for the August newsletter is **Tuesday, August 20th**.

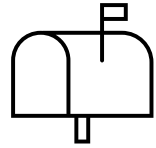




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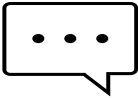


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