

PRAYERS FOR:

Persecuted Christians around the world
The Unborn – Pray for an end to Abortion
Those who care for those who cannot care for themselves

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Recovering	Joy Steingass –failing health
Paula Rukavina- Bone Cancer	Shiela Tiemens – Cancer
Jim Miller- Cancer	Bill Davis- Cancer
Jim McGown – Tumor	Tyler Oswald- Concerns
Dale Prasco-Skin Cancer	William Devries -Health issues
Rose Miracle- Dr. Care	Shirley Huseman- Concerns
Sharron Mullins-Breast Cancer	Buzz Berdine-Recovering
Jim Brown- Cancer	Michael Hallberg- Concerns & surgery
Amelia Barrozo- Surgery	

FOR THOSE WITH CHILD:

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Tammi Walters 7/30

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Linsey McIntosh 7/26 Emma Arnold 7/28

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Josh & Jessica Harris 7/30

THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

Rachell Wilburn & Alex Rodriguez
Brittney Osby & Jared Rambo

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together." - St. John Chrysostom, Homily 20 on Eph. 5



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*Eighth Sunday after Trinity
July 25th, Year of our Lord 2021*

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3

Preludes -

Time for silent prayer and preparation for confession

Procession Hymn – To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray 768

Please rise and face the procession turning to the altar when the celebrant has passed by.

Invocation 184

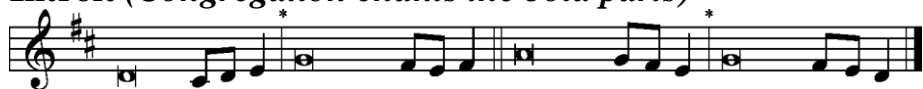
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Confession and Absolution - 184

Please Rise

Service of the Word

Introit (*Congregation chants the bold parts*)



We have thought on Your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of Your | temple.

As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends |
of the earth.*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

P Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, His holy | mountain.

C Within her | citadels*

God has made Himself known as a | fortress.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your
| judgments!

P This is God, our God forever and | ever.*
He will guide us for- | ever.

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

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P We have thought on Your steadfast love, | O God,*
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Salutation 189

Collect of the Day – Prayed by pastor

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:16–29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the Word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear His word, or who has paid attention to His word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My council, then they would have proclaimed My words to My people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. Am I a God at hand,” declares the LORD, “and not a God afar off?”

“Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD.

“Do I not fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.

“I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat?” declares the LORD.

“Is not My word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Gradual - *Chanted by the cantor*

Be a Rock of ref- | uge for me,*

a strong Fortress to | save me!

In You, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*

let me never be | put to shame.

The Epistle:

Acts 20:27–38

For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your

own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst.

Alleluia



The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 7:15–23

[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is

cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.’

“Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

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Please be seated.

Distribution

Visitors & Guests: *We subscribe to the Historic Practice of the Christian Church of “Closed Communion.” If you are a member of an LC-MS congregation, you may come forward and receive the Sacrament. If you are not, please speak with Pastor Foy before approaching the Altar. Thank you.*

Communicants are invited to pray the following prayer:

After receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me.

What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and for His mercy.

We Welcome our substitute organist: Donna Ness. She is a member of St. Peter in North Judson. Thank you, Donna.

VBS IS BACK!!!!!! VBS August 4th, 5th and 6th 5:30-8:15. Dinner will be served each night at 5:30. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer for items needed for dinner and the ice cream social as well as

monetary donations for craft supplies and lessons. Please place your monetary donation in an envelope with your name & envelope number and place it in the offering basket. Please pre-register your children, their friends, your friends and grandchildren so we can have appropriate supplies available. Please see Cathy Beach, Stephanie Devries, Joann Schultz or Becky Wilburn to register. Thank you for your support as we share God's love with our precious children.

FREE Fresh Brown eggs - Cage free/free range chickens lay brown eggs for your eating enjoyment. There are several dozen eggs in the refrigerator in the kitchen. You may take a dozen if you would like them. No donation is required, however, if you would like to make a donation please put it in the LWML Mite box in the Narthex next to the drinking fountain. They are first come first serve. **One dozen only please.** If you get some this week, please do not be first in line next week. Also please return the egg cartons to the kitchen counter and extras if you have them. These are for members only, please don't take them for neighbors and friends. Thank you

Potluck: Please mark your calendars for our next monthly potluck Sunday August 8th following our Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share. Tableware and beverages provided. Also looking ahead to September our monthly potluck will be Sunday September 12th.

The SMS Guild has strawberry freezer jam available for \$5.00 per container. Proceeds will be sent to Haiti to help purchase food for the children of Haiti, the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Please see Pam Hardesty or Joann Schultz

Sisters in Mission and Service (SMS) Guild Corner: Please join the SMS Guild as we collect items for Lutheran World Relief Personnel Care Kits. The warehouse supply is very depleted due to many world wide disasters. Please place your donations in the box located in the closet off the Narthex. Last day to donate October 3.

- Light weight Bath towel (between 20 X 40 and 52 X 27) dark color recommended
- Bath soap in original wrapping
- Adult size toothbrush in the original package
- Sturdy comb

- Metal nail clippers

Greeting cards available: The SMS Guild has a selection of greeting cards in the Fellowship Hall on sale for 50 cents each. Please stop by to see our selection.

Immanuel food pantry is in need of peanut butter, muffin mix, Jell-o, pudding, hamburger helper, regular hot dogs, turkey dogs, bologna, and salami. Please place your donations in the baskets located in the closet off the Narthex.

PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS: Tylor Smith; Vicky Lopez, Kathy Hegenow, Joy & Bob Steingass.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Craig McCall, Juan Esqueda; Alex Sibert, Erich Sibert; Seneca Newkirk

For the coming Week

Organist: Donna Ness

Elder: Josh Hardesty

Altar Guild Servers: Joann Schultz, Pam Hardesty, Shirley Huseman, Penny Robinson

Bible Study: Tuesday 2pm

Bethesda Service: Wednesday 4pm

Service: Monday-Thursday 11am

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Chrismon Trinity 8



Mt 7.15-23 I never knew you

Grape vine wreath When the Lord issues a warning, it is serious. "Beware of false prophets," They are everywhere. Do not be so naive as to be fooled by sheep's clothing. Of course they look nice, do nice things, and mean well.

The false prophets who dress in sheep's clothing preach good works. They seek to get bad trees to bear good fruit. But look what happens: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your Name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your Name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

Calling "Lord, Lord," prophesying in His Name, casting out demons in His Name, and performing many wonders in His Name are all good works. They seem like the fruit that good trees produce. What better evidence of a prophet than his performing wonders like Peter and Paul or casting out demons? But those things are not enough. Not everyone who does them enters into heaven. Bad trees cannot bear good fruit. Even when their fruit appears to be good, it is not. Those without faith — despite their works and intentions — are cast out. God demands faith. Justice requires that you be cut down and cast into the fire. Your works are not good enough. They cannot save you.

No one comes to the Father except through the Son. There is no other Name under heaven by which men are saved. Not even everyone who is baptized, everyone who calls "Lord, Lord" enters into the kingdom of heaven. Who enters? Only those who do the will of the Father. The will of the Father is not good works. The will of the Father, of the true God, is not calling upon Him, casting out demons, and performing wonders in His Name. The will of the Father is that the Son drink the Cup of His Wrath and shed His own Blood that men might drink that Life Blood in the Cup of Blessing and live. Jesus says, "Drink of it all of you for the remission of sins". That is His will. That is the effect. There bad trees are declared good as only God is good, for there bad trees are grafted into the good Vine, Jesus. His works, His faith, His submission to the Father's will all counts for them. He welcomes them to Himself in Divine mercy and grace. From the crown of thorns comes wine to make glad the hearts of men, to give them joy and peace that words cannot express, which surpasses all knowledge, which is found only in the forgiveness of sins and the free bestowal of a clean conscience which we did not deserve.

The kingdom of heaven is here by grace and for your eternal good. Come and eat what the Lord gives and receive strength and faith to face the enemy and carry on where He has placed you.