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Sunday Worship  
8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

Sunday School &  
Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.

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**AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE . . .**

**Matthew 13:45**



## July 26, 2020 Traditional Worship Service

## Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Five minutes before the service, the Pastor and Elder are praying for you.

As we prepare for worship, please be considerate of those around you who are praying and meditating on Scripture by turning off your cell phones as soon as you enter the sanctuary. May God bless your time of worship!

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' gift to his people given for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our faith, and to bless his church with unity. We believe and joyfully confess that Jesus Christ is present in, with and under the bread and wine according to his own words, "This is my body...this is my blood" (1 Cor 10.14-16). Our Lord welcomes all who trust these words, acknowledge their sin, and set aside unforgiveness toward others. God's word also tells us that we do spiritual harm to ourselves if we do not believe that Jesus is spiritually and physically present in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11.29). If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we ask that you speak with our Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Because we care about your spiritual welfare, our Pastor would be glad to share God's word with you: so that you can participate in this great blessing.

### TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of Jesus! Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family today. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer or fill out a guest card letting us know how we can serve you. If you have no church home, we invite you to make First Evangelical Lutheran your church home. Please get in touch with our Pastor for the next available new member class.

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### WELCOME AND GREETING

**HYMN: LSB:908 "LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR" stand on verse 3**

*Stand*

### INVOCATION

*This is the day which the Lord has made;*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM.

*We make our beginning in the Name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

**Amen**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

*Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**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.**

*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

FOR EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### INTROIT

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD,*

**all the earth!**

*Serve the LORD with gladness!*

**Come into his presence with singing!**

*Know that the LORD,*

**He is God!**

*It is he who made us,*

**and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,*

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**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.**

### KYRIE:

**P** *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** *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.

**P** *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

*The Lord be with you.*

☐ And al - so with you.

*Let us pray.*

*Faithful God, when we are fearful of our enemies and weary of the struggle, You have been our shield and our strength. Grant to us the full measure of Your grace to sustain us against all who are against us, and help us to endure the trials and temptations of this mortal life and be faithful unto death.*

☐ A - men.

*Be Seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

*<sup>6</sup>“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

for Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,  
the word of faith that we proclaim.*

*For with the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

**EPISTLE:**

Romans 8:28–39

*<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:44–52

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

### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to You, O Christ.

*Be Seated*

## HYMN: LSB 689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

**SERMON:** "THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO BE A PEOPLE FOR HIS TREASURED POSSESSION"  
PASTOR STEVE BREITBARTH

*Stand*

## 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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** congregation response “Lord have Mercy”

*Be Seated*

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE:

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

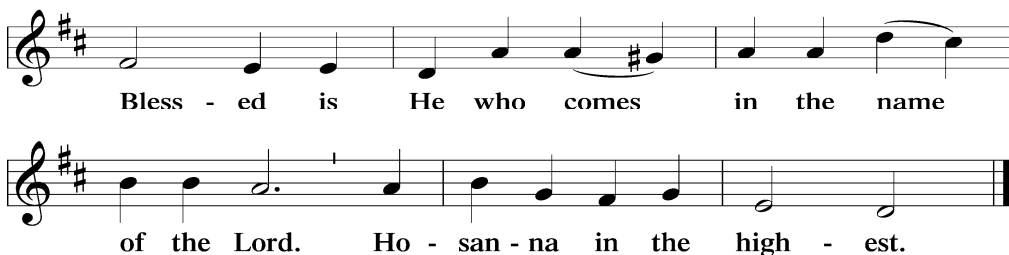
#### PROPER PREFACE

*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. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

#### SANCTUS:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.





### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

*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.*

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (†) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (†) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

### **PAX DOMINI:**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



**C** A - men.

**AGNUS DEI:**



**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, grant us peace.

*Be Seated*

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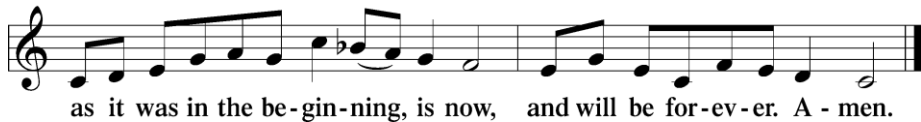
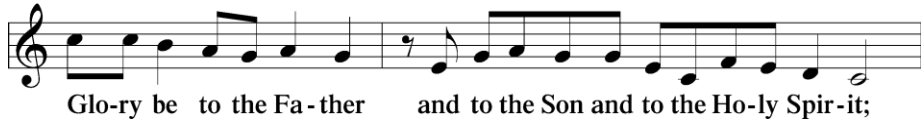
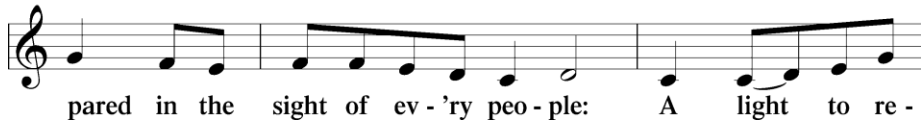
**NUNC DIMITTIS**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*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.*

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION:

*May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love Of God and Fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.*

**Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

**Closing Hymn LSB 744 Amazing Grace**

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