

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “Battle Hymn Tribute” setting by John A. Behnke

Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation: “Before You, Lord, We Bow”**

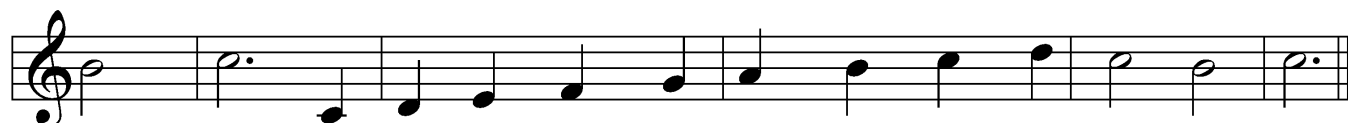
LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Tune: John Darwall, 1731–89

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and

deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**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.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

**For the LORD has chosen | Zion;\***  
**he has desired it for his | dwelling place:**

“This is my resting place for- | ever;\*

here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.

**I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;\***  
**I will satisfy her | poor with bread.**

Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,\*

and her saints will | shout for joy.”

**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.**

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

#### Pew Edition

#### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



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



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Proper 9 (Year B)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### First Reading

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 123; antiphon: v. 1*

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

## 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



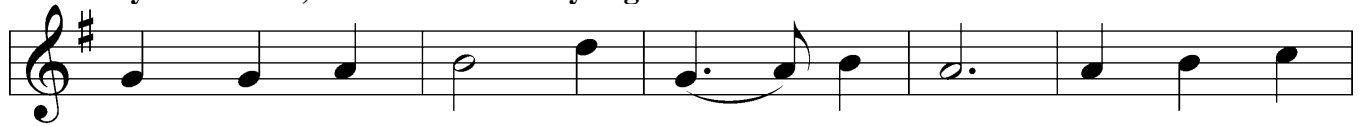
## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:1-13*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg

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### Sermon “A Weak(ness) Vision” 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

#### I. Luther's Vision

- What did Luther see? How did he respond?

#### II. Paul's Vision

- What was the charge against Paul?
- Why does he speak in the third person?
- What are the two reasons why Paul boasts in weakness?

#### III. Weaknesses

- What do you boast in?
- Where do we see God work in weakness? What is the greatest example?
- How does God use weaknesses?

### Holy Baptism of Levi Jade Ma

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples in the last chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." The holy apostles of the Lord have written: "The promise is for you and for your children," and: "Baptism now saves you."

We also learn from the Word of God that we are all conceived and born sinful and so are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Receive the sign of the holy cross upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Hear how our Lord Jesus Christ has opened the kingdom of God to little children: "People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**CONG: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Dear parents and sponsors: It is your task as parents and sponsors to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized. After this child has been baptized, you are at all times to remember him in your prayers, put him in mind of his Baptism, and faithfully bring him to the services of God's house. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, provide for him further instruction in the Christian faith, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, that living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. This, then, you intend gladly and willingly to do?

**Parents and Sponsors: Yes.**

Pastor: God enable you all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do. In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of this child into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer he gave us.

**CONG: 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.**

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

**CONG: Amen.**

Pastor: Because this child cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with his parents and sponsors, faithfully speak on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**CONG: I do renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**CONG: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**CONG: Yes, I believe 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**CONG: Yes, 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.**

Pastor: Who brings this child to be baptized?

**Parents: We do.**

Pastor: How is this child named?

**Parents: Levi Jade Ma**

Pastor: Levi Jade Ma, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**CONG: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

**CONG: Amen.**

Pastor: Receive this burning light. Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Levi Jade the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**CONG: Amen.**

Pastor: Through Baptism, God has added Levi Jade to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**CONG: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

Pastor: And you, Levi Jade, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forward and even forevermore. Peace be with you.

**CONG: Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** "O God of Love, O King of Peace" setting by J. Wayne Kerr (*For reflection with this music, please read the words of hymn 751.*)

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### **Preface**

*LSB 208*

**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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

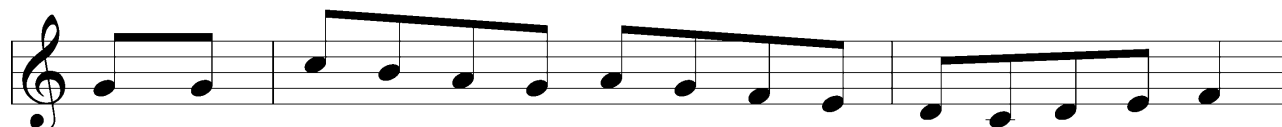




**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
...

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\nabla$  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  $\nabla$  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** Amen.

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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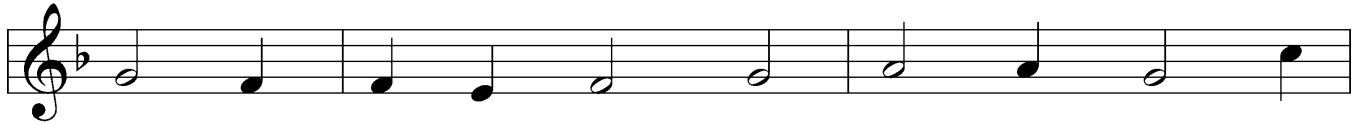
*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

**Special Music:** "The Swan" by Camille Saint-Saens (Magdalena Brown, oboe)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt.

Tune: Cationale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim

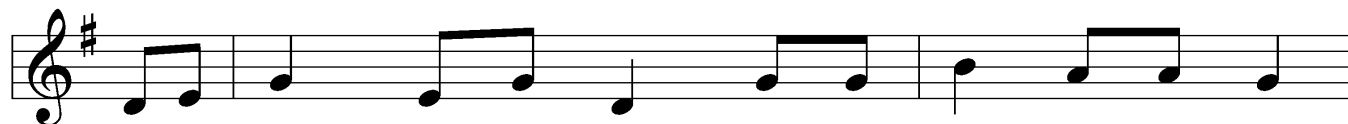
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Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.

Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester

Text and tune: Public domain

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
 ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

LSB 212

- 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn: "May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

LSB 824



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -  
2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry  
△ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -  
vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face  
na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,  
To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing  
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the  
Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,  
health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!  
And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out  
Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -  
mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

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**Postlude** “God Bless Our Native Land” setting by J. Wayne Kerr

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *2 Corinthians 12:10* – “*For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.*” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time, knowing that it is from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities and insults will turn out for a blessing; but since Paul found contentment in Christ, and not in his own wisdom, he could be content through all hardships and calamities.

**HEARTLAND LCMS SINGLES RETREAT:** Join us at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (near Iowa City, Iowa) the weekend of July 19-21 for a time of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet other Lutheran singles from the Midwestern states. The conference is open to ages 21-41. \$100 per person for two nights and four meals. Please register at <https://www.faithwinterset.org/registration/>

**PASTORAL CARE FOR JULY:** In the month of July, Pastor Kooi will be gone from July 8th to July 20th. If you need pastoral care in the case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Joshua Miller from Jehovah, and he will be happy to help and serve you.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Words of Grace Build Us Up” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family. (Acts 20:32)

**CIRCUIT YOUTH EVENTS** for middle school and high school: Meet at Emmaus at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. RSVP for both by July 19th!!!! Each event is \$10 and includes a pizza lunch.

- July 23: Service at Options for Women (Pregnancy Shelter) and Fun at Two-Bit Arcade
- July 30: Service at Trinity First Lutheran school and Fun at Liliputt or Grandslam (based on weather)



## St. Paul Outreach News

**July 26** join other St. Paul Outreach center partners as we host a Summer Social (free frozen treats!) and Sampler. All partners will be invited to bring information and people from their site(s), and Jehovah will host, show off our SPOC facilities. Come to meet partners and neighbors to share the love of Jesus by reaching out and meeting physical, social, and spiritual needs.

How can *you* partner?

**Mark your calendar and join the party!**

**Pray** for those served by the SPOC and all the partners!

**Learn more** about the SPOC by contacting coordinator David Mennicke or checking out the SPOC website:

**Tell others** about the SPOC and all its ways to connect to the community



**Chai Dosti with SPOC partner, CSP** Chai Dosti is a program of conversation and fellowship with international students at Concordia University, St. Paul. We will meet occasionally over the summer. Everyone is welcome to stop by and meet students and be a welcoming presence during their time in the US. Meet in the Buenger Education Center (BEC) at 4:30 p.m. **Planned summer dates are July 31 and August 28.** Contact Anna Gruen (gruen@csp.edu) with questions or visit the CSP hospitality website for more details about this and other volunteer opportunities: [www.thehospitalitycenter.org/events](http://www.thehospitalitycenter.org/events)

**Food Distribution with SPOC partner St. Stephanus** - Each month a truck from Second Harvest comes to deliver many pounds of fresh produce for us to give out to neighbors in need. Food is paid for through gifts to Second Harvest or St. Stephanus. You're invited to join the team of volunteers to sort food, bag it, and distribute it to our neighbors. We have a dedicated team of volunteers that help each month, but we would love, and need, some new hands to help this summer as people travel. There is a job for everyone! **Volunteers are needed each 3rd Thursday, 2:30-6:45** with the sign-up for slots at: <https://tinyurl.com/4xuevwy9> **The remaining dates this summer are: July 18, August 15.** For questions, contact Megan at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org).

**Life Match Grant Initiative** Great news! Life Match Met! The SPOC partners have already exceeded the \$4,500 LCMS Life Match Grant with \$5,230 in pledges and gifts, more than meeting the \$9,000 total to support the three women in their pre-natal care at Options for Women East. The excess donations (and any more that come in) will go into the SPOC budget for more ministry. We also continue to seek mentors to connect with the three women clients. Please contact David Mennicke at [spoc@jehovahlutheran.com](mailto:spoc@jehovahlutheran.com) if you are interested in this mentorship.



**THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Service event (SH)

Mon: Office closed

Tues: 11:30 a.m. Worship Meeting

6 p.m. Spiritual Life Meeting

7 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

Thurs: 4-9 p.m. Quilting Queens (SH)

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

**SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn P

ORGANIST: Barb B

SOUND TECH: Monty S

VIDEO TECH: Don V

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Mark G

USHERS: Gary Brand, Greg W

COUNTERS: Gary B, Roxann M

LECTOR: Kjersti D

GREETER: Jan N

ACOLYTES: Marit D, Espen D