

July 23, 2017



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 119:57-64: You are my portion, O LORD; I have said that I would keep Your words. I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; Be merciful to me according to Your word. I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies. I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments. The cords of the wicked have bound me, But I have not forgotten Your law. At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, Because of Your righteous judgments. I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts. The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Hymn 462 – I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

c A-men.


CONFESSION OF SINS


p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

c Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

c  A-men.

c  Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

c  Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

p Let us pray . . . O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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.


THE WORD

Isaiah 44:6-8 “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God. And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, Since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show these to them. Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.’ “

Romans 8:18-27 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was

subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

c  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

all I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will
come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Hymn 481 – Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

SERMON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; “but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. “But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. “So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ “He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ “But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ‘Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will

say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ‘ ‘

Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. “The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. “The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. “Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, “and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. “Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

THE LORD PRESERVES HIS CHURCH DESPITE MAN’S SIN

Are you surprised that there are weeds in your garden? Of course not. In the same way we should not be surprised that there is sin and unbelief even in the church. Jesus sows what is good, but satan sows what is bad. Instead of being offended that there is sin in the church, we should be thankful that our sins are forgiven in Jesus. Instead of relying on human organizations which will fail, we should rely on Christ who will not.

c Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit free.

Hymn CW 367 – Christ Be My Leader

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Irish Folk Tune



1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by
 2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in
 3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in

4 day, Safe through the dark-ness, for he is the
 youth, Drift - ing or doubt-ing, for he is the
 strife; Death can - not hold me, for he is the


8 way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 truth. Grant me to trust him, through
 life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

11 fu - ture his care; Dark - ness is
 shift - ing as sand. Doubt can - not
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal -

14 day - light when Je - sus is there.
 daunt me in Je - sus I stand!
 va - tion with Je - sus I reign!

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Offering and Offering Hymn: 572 vs. 4

- c  As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all our best And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- all 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 BENEDICTION

- p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- c A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn 54 – Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Calendar:

SUNDAY 7/23

9am Worship Service

MONDAY 7/24

9am VBS Begins

7pm Worship Service

FRIDAY 7/28

2pm Directory Photos

SUNDAY 7/30

9am Worship Service (Communion)

1pm Devil's Lake Church Picnic

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #1: Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

Next Week: Team #2: Russ Denson, Dan Dumke

JULY USHERS:

Sundays: Paul Eserhut, Bob Kirst, Blaine Kempenaar, Mark Brown-Kempenaar

Mondays: Greg Jones, Gary Brown, Jim Kok, Dennis Jones

FRUITS OF FAITH LAST WEEK

Attendance: 68 / 22

General Fund: \$3530.25

Mission Fund: \$695

\$50 to Building Fund in memory of Deborah Ude

\$20 to School Fund in memory of Verlyn Jahnke

UPCOMING DATES:

July 24 – 28 VBS here at Faith, we are looking for volunteers for teaching, arts and crafts, singing, and recess.

July 25 – 27 Ark Encounter / Creation Museum Visit

July 30 - Devil's Lake Outing

Aug 19, 20 - Church Camp Outing

Aug 22 - 29 - Pastor's Vacation

Sept 1 - School Begins

Sept 1 - Timber Rattlers Game

Announcements:

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

VOTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Marie Muehlenhaupt was called as our 3rd - 5th grade teacher

Barry Hay was called as principal (in addition to his current call)

Kindergarten was extended to full time (5 days, all day) starting this fall

Church Camp outing was scheduled for the August 19, 20

Sherm and Kacie and family were transferred to Mankato

CHURCH CAMP OUTING

August 19th and 20th at Lynn and Lisa Dumke's campground

Watch the bulletin for more information

VBS

July 24th – 28th Starts tomorrow, there is still time to let the Pastor know that your children are coming.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Let Pastor know if you are available/interested to help out with Sunday School this year.

COMMUNION

On communion Sunday's the left front row in the church will be reserved for those who would rather not walk up to the altar to receive communion. Sit in the left front row and the pastor will bring communion to you.

VIDEO SERVICES

The full worship service is now on our website as a video. Take a look at it and let me know if you have any problems.

INMATES CHURCH CLEANING

Inmates are coming to clean the church August 18th. We are looking for someone to supervise.

DEVIL'S LAKE CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, July 30th Peace thru Christ in Middleton is planning a picnic lunch/supper at Devil's Lake starting around 1 p.m. Bring a meat to grill and your own food—chips, potato salad, drinks, etc. If you have a small grill, please bring it along. Congregations from Fond du Lac, Markesan, Appleton, Hales Corners, Cambridge, Middleton and Batavia have been invited. Kayaking, canoeing, hiking, yard games, etc.

TIMBER RATTLERS' BASEBALL GAME

Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI will be hosting an outing to the home run deck of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Single A team of the Milwaukee Brewers) on Friday September 1st at 7:05 PM. There is room for up to 200 people. It includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and two drinks per person. The total cost is \$23 per adult and \$19

for children under 12. Parking is \$10. There is fun for all ages, a good view of the game and a casual atmosphere for Christian conversation and fellowship! If interested please let Pastor David Ude at david.m.ude@gmail.com.

FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS

North Hall Update and Cleaning: The boys dormitory at the Immanuel campus, North Hall, is being updated this summer. Parts of the solar heating system had to be removed in order to install a more efficient natural gas boiler system. New windows are also being installed. The project is progressing as planned. Because of this project occurring over summer, there will be a small window of opportunity to clean it appropriately prior to the opening of the school year. Those willing to help with cleaning during the first two weeks of August are encouraged to contact the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).

CLC CONTRACTORS:

Our ILC Facilities Manager is seeking contractors within the CLC willing to be on a list available to the Immanuel Maintenance Department. The list could include contractors for roofing/building, electrical, plumbing, concrete, etc., who could be called upon for expertise or to submit bids on large projects to save money for Immanuel. Some of the work would require the contractor to be licensed and bonded. But such a list would still obviously be helpful. Those interested can contact Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).

SECOND SHOT DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Another day for directory photos has been set up for Friday July 28th from 2 – 9 pm for those who missed or weren't able to come last weekend. Talk to Lisa Reyes (920-229-9322) for more information.



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