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SNACKS
OUTDOOR GAMES
REGISTRATION

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!

Pick the place you feel more comfortable doing, the time and date you are available, your choice.

Dates: Wednesday, July 26
 Thursday, July 27
 Friday, July 28

Time: 9:30am till 12pm each day with an 11am Family Picnic on the 28th

PLEASE SIGN UP!

For more info contact either Jason Hartman, Salena Laskowski and/or Sharon Hopkins



Welcome to
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*By the love of Christ,
our vision is to work together,
reaching out to all people,
through the Gospel,
in our various activities and events.
As we encourage each other to worship
and grow in God's Word,
we will be a Christian influence
in our community.*

*July 9, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Rev. Ken Bernthal*

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping “squirmy” kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as God says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:17-34).

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, who is in doubt, or who hold a confession different than God's Word and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desires to receive the sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor before taking communion. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from the Pastor, by crossing their arms over their chest.

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July 9

9:30am
11am

July 10

5pm

July 11

9:30am
10:30am
1pm

July 12

July 13

July 14

July 15

July 16

9:30am
11am

Sunday

“Wonderfully Made” Bible Study
Worship Service w/ Noisy Offering
Potluck-Choir

Monday

Family Game Night

Tuesday

Bible Study
Quilting
Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Young Adult Bible Study/Youth Bible Study
Worship Service w/ Communion

SERVING in GODS HOUSE NEXT WEEK 7/16/2023

Pastor: Rev. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Jeff Pregler**

Ushers:

Greeters:

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Martha Pregler**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

BIRTHDAYS:

ANNIVERSARIES:
Tom & Jan Smith~8th

MESSAGES

MEMBER & GUEST CARDS: If you have not filled out a member/guest card, please take the time to fill one out and place it in the plate behind the back pews in our sanctuary.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Schneider meets from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU: *to the musicians for their contribution to the service*

HELP WANTED: If anyone is interested in **ushering, greeting or doing coffee hour**, please contact Pastor Paul. He will provide the information and training you need.

NOISY OFFERING: Noisy Offering for July will go to Toys for Tots.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING FOOD TRUCKS: Food Truck Saturdays for the rest of the year are: July 22nd, September 23rd, October 7th

CRAWFORD COUNTY CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Items needed for kids: *socks, underwear, pajamas, hats, gloves, hygiene items*. Items needed for household: *cleaning supplies, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaners, sponges, etc* Contact Terry Tody for more information.

Greeting

P Peace be with you.
C And also with you

Divine Service - Setting Four LSB 203

Opening Hymn

801 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cle-ma-tion And take me
all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-
thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing He bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion And there pro-claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee, How great Thou
art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Exhortation

LSB 203

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, 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Prayer for Forgiveness

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal
Elder: **Jack Owens**
Ushers:
Greeters:
Coffee:
Counters:
Altar Care: **Judi Mesack**
Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright
Bible Study:

PRAYERS

*Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks** before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Lynn informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.*

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: Members: Steve Koch (funeral 6/25/23) **Friends:** Robert Howden (death 5/27/23--Vicki's husband), Larry Albrecht (former member), Tom Smith (son of Tom & Jan Smith), Kay Gregg (former Member), Kendra Daschner (daughter of Frank & Suzie Moore), Edith Joy Schneider, (Rev. Paul & Karen's great granddaughter who the Lord took home during birth)
Hospice-- Member: Paul Musselman (Palliative Care) **Friend:** Joan Nugent (Shirley Koch's sister)
Those with upcoming surgery, tests, and medical conditions: Members: Friends: Don Kernstock (hand/finger surgery), Brody Robison (Cari's husband), Carl's Niece's baby, Angie DeVries, Marilyn Welti, Chris Flores (upcoming surgery)
Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: Members: Roxie Chumack **Friends:**
Those with health concerns: Members: Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker **Friends:** Patrick Lewis--Terry Tody's nephew
Those diagnosed with Cancer: Members: Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro **Friends:** Don Kernstock, Robyn--Barb Mauro's friend
We celebrate the following: Members: Friends: Pat Gray (Shirley Koch's brother) who has improved and returned to all activities
Those with difficult life challenges: Members: Friends: Drew Stirgis
Those in Military Service: Members: Friends: Chris Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

Closing Hymn

763 When Peace, like a River

Musical notation for the hymn 'When Peace, like a River'. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul. Refrain It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Closing Statement

P We go to live for Jesus.
C We go to share His love.

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Service of the Word

Introit

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
C my God, in whom I trust.”

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
C the Most High, who is my refuge—

P no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
C no plague come near your tent.

A 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 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Kyrie

Musical notation for the Kyrie. It consists of a single staff of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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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-shiped 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benedicamus

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

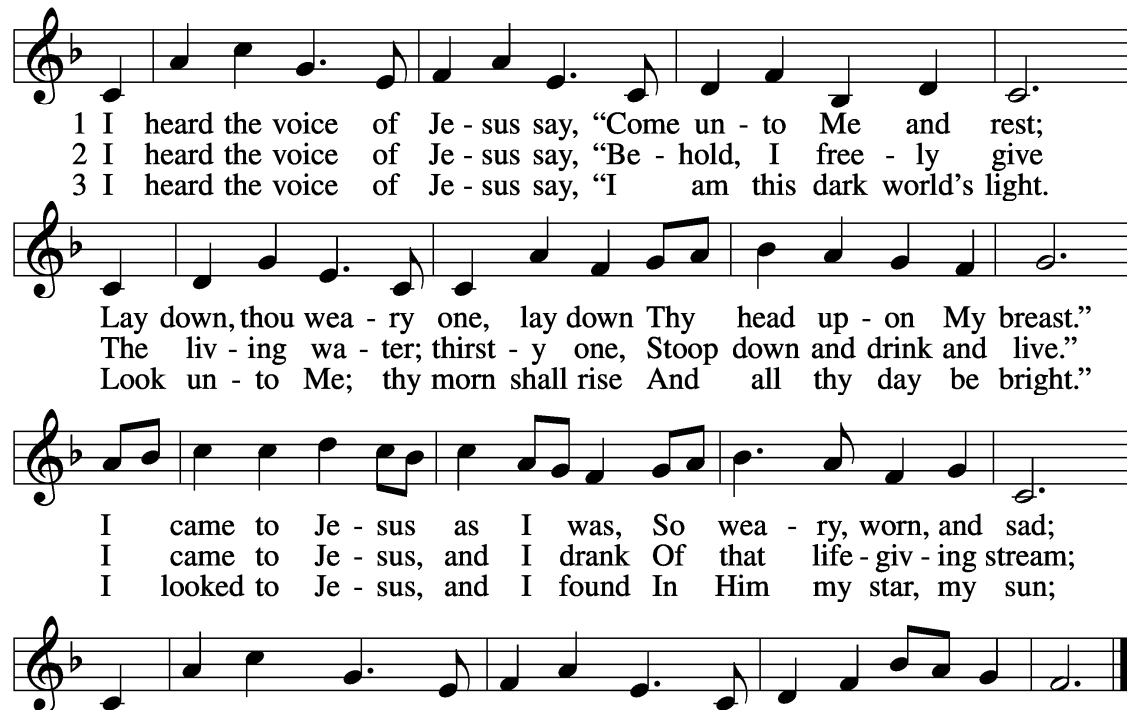
Benediction

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.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.

Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;

I found in Him a rest-ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-'ling days are done.

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Prayer Response

After each segment:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

After prayers:

- P In the name of Jesus, who has also taught us to pray:

Sit

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

- ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

- ¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand


Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia LSB 205




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

Verse LSB 205



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia LSB 205



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

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.**

**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.**

Sit