

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota**

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 14, 2024**

***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; Profuse are the kisses of an enemy.  
- Proverbs 27:6

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

What things have you learned in life that were hard at first?

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn: “Lord of Our Life”**

**LSB 659**

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and hope of ev’ry nation:  
Hear and receive Your Church’s supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling  
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,  
O Lord, preserve us.
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;  
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;  
And in the day when hell itself assails us,  
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,  
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,  
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,  
Peace in Your heaven.

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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

### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



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

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*



**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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 7:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
 in the midst of my people Israel;  
 I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
 and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

““Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.””

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 85:8–13*

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

## Gloria Patri

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**C** **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.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he

predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



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



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



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



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

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:14-29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

**Hymn of the Day: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

**LSB 743**

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| <p>1 Jesus, priceless treasure,<br/>Fount of purest pleasure,<br/>    Truest friend to me,<br/>Ah, how long in anguish<br/>Shall my spirit languish,<br/>    Yearning, Lord, for Thee?<br/>    Thou art mine,<br/>    O Lamb divine!<br/>I will suffer naught to hide Thee;<br/>Naught I ask beside Thee.</p>   | <p>4 Hence, all earthly treasure!<br/>Jesus is my pleasure,<br/>    Jesus is my choice.<br/>Hence, all empty glory!<br/>Naught to me thy story<br/>    Told with tempting voice.<br/>    Pain or loss,<br/>    Or shame or cross,<br/>Shall not from my Savior move me<br/>Since He deigns to love me.</p>            |
| <p>2 In Thine arms I rest me;<br/>Foes who would molest me<br/>    Cannot reach me here.<br/>Though the earth be shaking,<br/>Ev’ry heart be quaking,<br/>    Jesus calms my fear.<br/>    Lightnings flash<br/>    And thunders crash;<br/>Yet, though sin and hell assail me,<br/>Jesus will not fail me.</p> | <p>5 Evil world, I leave thee;<br/>Thou canst not deceive me,<br/>    Thine appeal is vain.<br/>Sin that once did blind me,<br/>Get thee far behind me,<br/>    Come not forth again.<br/>    Past thy hour,<br/>    O pride and pow’r;<br/>Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,<br/>Leave thee now forever.</p>           |
| <p>3 Satan, I defy thee;<br/>Death, I now decry thee;<br/>    Fear, I bid thee cease.<br/>World, thou shalt not harm me<br/>Nor thy threats alarm me<br/>    While I sing of peace.<br/>    God’s great pow’r<br/>    Guards ev’ry hour;<br/>Earth and all its depths adore Him,<br/>Silent bow before Him.</p> | <p>6 Hence, all fear and sadness!<br/>For the Lord of gladness,<br/>    Jesus, enters in.<br/>Those who love the Father,<br/>Though the storms may gather,<br/>    Still have peace within.<br/>    Yea, whate’er<br/>    I here must bear,<br/>Thou art still my purest pleasure,<br/>Jesus, priceless treasure!</p> |

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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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

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

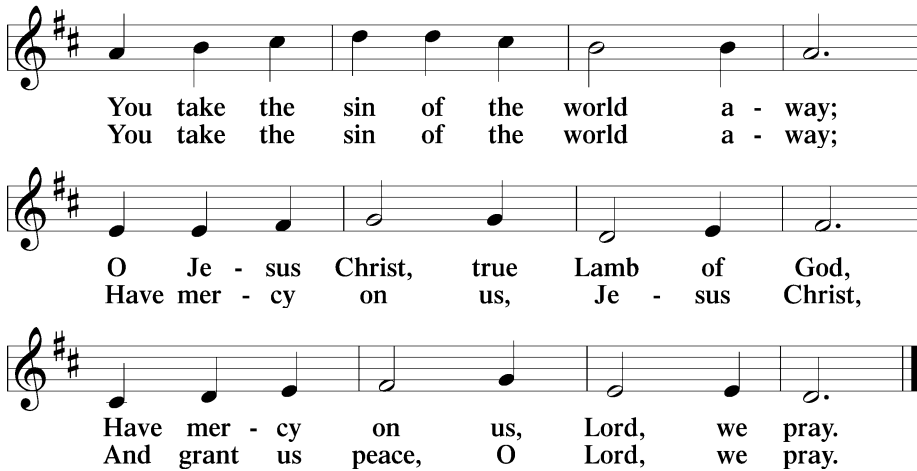
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 210



**C** 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

## Distribution Hymns:

### “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”

LSB 682

- 1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ sons;  
 Elijah’s mantle o’er Elisha cast.  
 Each age its solemn task may claim but once;  
 Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.
- 2 Anoint them prophets, men who are intent  
 To be Your witnesses in word and deed,  
 Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,  
 Their eyes awake to ev’ry human need.
- 3 Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,  
 For pardon and for love and hope and peace,  
 That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may  
 Find Jesus’ mercy and from sin release.
- 4 Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.  
 Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.  
 Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained sword;  
 Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.
- 5 Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;  
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.  
 Inspired by You, may they count all but loss  
 And stand at last with joy before Your face.

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## “Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”

LSB 667

- 1 Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;  
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.  
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:  
“Well done, My servant!”
- 2 These saints of old received God’s commendation;  
They lived as pilgrim-heirs of His salvation.  
Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows,  
God’s name to hallow.
- 3 They call to us, “Your timid footsteps lengthen;  
Throw off sin’s weight, your halting weakness strengthen.  
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were martyred;  
Our lives we bartered.”
- 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,  
He faced the cross, His sinless life He offered;  
He scorned the shame, He died, our death enduring,  
Our hope securing.
- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
With grace precede us.
- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
You fail us never!

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## “The Clouds of Judgment Gather”

LSB 513

- 1 The clouds of judgment gather,  
The time is growing late;  
Be sober and be watchful,  
Our judge is at the gate:  
The judge who comes in mercy,  
The judge who comes in might  
To put an end to evil  
And diadem the right.

- 2 Arise, O true disciples;  
 Let wrong give way to right,  
 And penitential shadow  
 To Jesus' blessed light:  
 The light that has no evening,  
 That knows no moon or sun,  
 The light so new and golden,  
 The light that is but one.
- 3 The home of fadeless splendor,  
 Of blooms that bear no thorn,  
 Where they shall dwell as children  
 Who here as exiles mourn;  
 The peace of all the faithful,  
 The calm of all the blest,  
 Inviolable, unfading,  
 Divinest, sweetest, best.
- 4 Oh, happy, holy portion,  
 Relief for all distressed,  
 True vision of true beauty,  
 Refreshment for the blest!  
 Strive now to win that glory,  
 Toil now to gain that light;  
 Send hope ahead to grasp it  
 Till hope be lost in sight.

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## **“I Know My Faith Is Founded”**

**LSB 587**

- 1 I know my faith is founded  
 On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
 And this my faith confessing,  
 Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
 Our reason cannot fathom  
 The truth of God profound;  
 Who trusts in human wisdom  
 Relies on shifting ground.  
 God's Word is all-sufficient,  
 It makes divinely sure;  
 And trusting in its wisdom,  
 My faith shall rest secure.

- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
 For Satan seeks by night and day  
 To rob me of this treasure  
 And take my hope of bliss away.  
 But, Lord, with You beside me,  
 I shall be undismayed;  
 And led by Your good Spirit,  
 I shall be unafraid.  
 Abide with me, O Savior,  
 A firmer faith bestow;  
 Then I shall bid defiance  
 To ev'ry evil foe.
- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
 Though persecution, grief, and pain  
 Should seek to overwhelm me,  
 Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
 And then at my departure,  
 Lord, take me home to You,  
 Your riches to inherit  
 As all You said holds true.  
 In life and death, Lord, keep me  
 Until Your heav'n I gain,  
 Where I by Your great mercy  
 The end of faith attain.

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

*LSB 212*

**A** 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.

### Closing Hymn: “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

**LSB 819**

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,  
 The author of creation,  
 The God of love who understood  
 Our need for His salvation.  
 With healing balm our souls He fills  
 And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:  
 To God all praise and glory!

- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,  
In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade  
His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might  
All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress;  
O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness  
And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock,  
His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock,  
Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name,  
Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,  
For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

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