

PENTECOST 13

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(Wisconsin Synod)

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WORSHIP NOTES “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will to serve with a singular purpose. Help us to serve willingly and to build each other up. Every part of the body of Christ is to be engage, empowered and equipped for works of service that you prepare in advance for us to do. May we love what you command and desire what you promise, so that our friendships might last into eternity. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CW, # 331

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer, Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

ORDER OF SERVICE Service of the Word

CW, p. 38

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

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: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are
they who take ref-uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-
-ter-nal; it stands firm in the heav-
-ens. Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-
-ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(top of page 1)*

C: A - men.

THE FIRST READING **Acts 6:1-7**

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 1 (p.7)

GOSPEL **JOHN 6:51-58**



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

CW, #185

O Holy Spirit, grant us grace
That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace
And truly serve him ever,
So that when death is near at hand

We at his cross may firmly stand
And there find our salvation.

Help us that we your saving Word
In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that bread of life afford
New grace in richest measure.
Make us to die to ev'ry sin;
Each day create us new within
That fruits of faith may flourish.

Then when our earthly race is run,
Death's bitter hour impending,
May your good work in us begun
Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend
Our souls into our Savior's hand
To rest in peace eternal.

SERMON

ACTS 6:1-7

“Be Brave to Empower & Equip”

APOSTLES' CREED

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

OFFERING

Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

HYMN

“Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus”

CW, #348:1-4

Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus
Can my heartfelt longing still.
Lo, I pledge myself to Jesus,
What he wills alone to will,
For my heart, which he hath filled,
Ever cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."

One there is for whom I'm living,
Whom I love most tenderly;
Unto Jesus I am giving
What in love he gave to me.
Jesus' blood hides all my guilt--
Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.

What to me may seem a treasure
But displeasing is to thee --
Oh, remove such harmful pleasure;
Give instead what profits me.
Let my heart by thee be stilled;
Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.

Let me earnestly endeavor
Thy good pleasure to fulfill;
In me, through me, with me ever,
Lord, accomplish thou thy will.
In thy holy image built,
Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"

CW, #348:5

Jesus, constant be my praises,
For thou unto me didst bring
Thine own self and all thy graces
That I joyfully may sing:
Be it unto me, my Shield,
As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psalm 1

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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.**

Refrain

Intro: We discover that life has “stages,” some of which we’re not ready for! Crawling, diapers, training wheels, to school, driving, leading. We go from under authority to in authority and hopefully, from taking to giving.

Brave to E_____ & E_____

1. **Even in the church, with expansion of God’s kingdom comes**
g_____ p_____. (Acts 6:1)
2. **The primary purpose of the Church is to share the Good News of**
J_____. **We need to watch for mission d_____.** (Acts 6:2)
3. **The 12 were bold to take fellow Christians on a journey from E_____**
to M_____. (Acts 6:3-4)
 - From ME to _____
 - From serve us to _____.
 - From consumer to _____.
 - From observer to _____.
4. **The disciples gave the responsibility and power to trusted people who had**
the s_____ to perform the task. (Acts 6:5-6)
 - S_____ G_____
 - H_____
 - A_____
 - P_____
 - E_____
5. **In God’s kingdom, “Teamwork makes the dream work!” We “Work**
T_____, Sharing the C_____. (Acts 6:7)

Conclusion: Note that the church cuts across culture and tradition to bring sight to the blind, food to the widows, release to the captives (Isaiah 61) Jesus entrusted his kingdom to his 12 disciples, which, given their shortcomings, seems amazing. Until we look in the mirror and realize... he does the same with us!

Refs in Acts about the Word of the Lord spreading – Acts 4:4; 12:24; 13:49; 16:5; 19:20

3K & 4K Parents are invited to Our Savior Lutheran School's Preschool Open House



3K and 4K

Early Childhood Education Event

Parents are invited to attend
and meet Mrs. DiGangi

Preschool begins after Labor Day

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Christian Faith – Christian Service –
Christian Witness – Academic Readiness



School & Church Picnic



Sunday, August 22nd immediately following 10 am worship
Remember: Thursday worship at 7 pm and Sunday at 10 am!



Hamburgers, hot-dogs & brats served off the grill @ 11:15
Lemonade Ice cream Games

FREE WILL OFFERING

Join us for delicious food and fellowship!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (8/22)	10:00	AM	Worship
	11:15	AM	Church Picnic
Wednesday	8:20	AM	Children's Church
Thursday	7:00	PM	Worship Service
Sunday (8/29)	8:00	AM	Worship Service
	9:15	AM	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	AM	Worship Service

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	Ez 37:1-14
2nd Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel	John 14:25-27
Psalm	Psalm 51b

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**BE BRAVE
SERVICE THEME**

PASTOR

Mark Wagner

ORGANIST

Ann Peterman

HYMNS 331, 185,
348:1-4, 348:5

FIRST READING

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