

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17-18, 2021

Rooted in Christ, Growing Together in Christ, Branching Out in Christ



Music of Preparation
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ROOTED in Christ, GROWING TOGETHER in Christ, BRANCHING OUT in Christ!

Welcome! Jesus urged his disciples, "Come away ... and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

Devotions & Publications are available in the Main Entryway.
(Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate, **not in the envelope basket.**)

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

***Communion: The Lord's Supper - A Reverent Sacrament**
The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, "Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord's cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord's body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks." In view of the serious nature of the Lord's Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord's Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.
NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, The two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Please sign our guest book found in the main entryway. Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare to receive the Lord's Supper this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for use before and after receiving the Lord's Supper (page 308 as well as on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer

Most merciful God, You desire everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given the wisdom that leads to salvation. By the working of Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path that neither the pleasures nor the honors nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the fullness of life that is found only in You. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB, hymn #809

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *(Refrain)*

Refrain

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

Refrain

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b*

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

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

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. Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.

(Moment of silent reflection)

P: 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. *Luke 18:13*

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

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,

C: 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. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung) *Mark 10:47*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung) *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have not abandoned Your creation but have sent Your Son to be our Shepherd and our righteousness. Give us the strength of faith to follow Him who calls us by name that we may dwell in safety as Your redeemed people now and forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, and our eternal King, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

(Please be Seated)

THE READING OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

(One In Christ)

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men) - remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31

C: **(Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30-44

(Jesus Feeds Five Thousand)

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet

place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be Seated)

Sermon Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB, hymn #821

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
 Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
 Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
 Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
 As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
 Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Sermon: "What Will We Do?"

Mark 6:30-44

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Rejoicing that God supplies our every need through His Son, we come before the Lord with prayers for all the people of God in Christ and for all people as they have need. . . . Merciful Father, You have compassion upon Your people and supply our needs from the riches of Your grace. Grant to us hearts that trust in Your mercy and thankful spirits that we may acknowledge Your many blessings with a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: When we face challenges, give us hearts of faith that we may see Your hand at work in our lives. Give us a contented spirit that we may not be anxious about our wants. Help us learn that You supply all we need for this body and this life and that You lead us through death to the eternal life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Have mercy on those who serve You in Your Church and provide them with gifts for the fulfillment of the responsibilities entrusted to them. Bless Matthew, our Synodical President, Allan, our District President, all the Pastors and church workers and those preparing for full-time service to the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Guide those who lead us in this and every place; make them love peace and work to end violence and injustice wherever it is found. Bless the armed forces and support personnel who guard our freedom and bless those who protect us, from police to firefighters to emergency personnel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Raise up strong and faithful leaders in our congregation that we may all be inspired and encouraged in daily witness to Your Gospel and in daily service to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Guide husband and wife, parent and child, that they may trust in You for all things, show forth a forgiving heart in their relationships, and keep our homes as places of blessing and love in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be the strength of the weak, the relief of the suffering, the comfort of the grieving, and the peace of the dying. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Epecially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). May all who cry to You for mercy find healing, relief, and peace in Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Make us strong in faith, that we may receive the gifts of Your table to our benefit, confessing Jesus Christ with our mouths and serving Him with our lives. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our worship and bring us at last to the day when we and all Your people will be one in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards

LSB, Hymn # 955

C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

HOLY COMMUNION

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Colossians 3:1

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Psalm 136

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord. We praise and thank You for Your love for us for You have conquered sin and death and You give to us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray as we come to the feast of His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins:

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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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 + 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 is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB629 - What Is This Bread

What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I,

That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

LSB642 - O Living Bread from Heaven

O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

LSB861 - Christ Be My Leader

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1

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.**

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB, hymn #842

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
 Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
 By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
 Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

See You In Worship Next Week!

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of my parents August & Edna Nietfeldt, and my brothers, Orville, Milton, and Roger Nietfeldt, by Betty & Loren Scharp; also in loving memory of our mother, Mildred Vilt, on her birthday, July 18th, by Jeanne Vilt and Kathy Goers.

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Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss grew up in Watertown, Wisconsin. He attended high school at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. In 1986, he graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin. In 1990, he graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana (He vicared in Corning and Red Bluff, California). He has been Pastor in the NID for almost 30 years, having served two parishes,

St. Peter Lutheran Church in Gilberts, Illinois (1990-2000) and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Belvidere, Illinois as Senior Pastor (2000-2018). He has served on various boards and committees of the Northern Illinois District, including West Region Vice-President, and for nine years, as First Vice-President. In 2018, he was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Concordia University Wisconsin.

After 28 years as a parish pastor in the LCMS Northern Illinois District, Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss was elected president of the LCMS Northern Illinois District in 2018. During his presidency, the one thing everything we do will serve in "keeping the main thing the main thing", faithfully serving the Gospel of Jesus Christ and sharing it in our community and the world.

Allan has been married to Marie for 31 years. They have four children: Josiah, Marjorie, Naomi and Jesse. His service in the community includes Chaplain of the Belvidere Fire Department. For fun he cheers on the Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers. He also loves to read, enjoys family and friends and deeply appreciates time on his bicycle and at the YMCA.