

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 18, 2021

Service Notes:

Hymns: 790, 819, 617, 627, 639, 624, 625, 811
Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:7-17
Epistle: Romans 6:19-23
Holy Gospel: Mark 8:1-9
Sermon: "Food in a Desolate Place" Mark 8:1-9

Divine Service Setting Three, page 184

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	07/08	6:30 p.m.	72
Sunday	07/11	8:00 a.m.	65
		10:00 a.m.	36

FLOWERS are given by Anna Rose Consigny in loving memory of Ed Consigny. Flowers are also given in celebration of Michael and Arlene Borchardt's 50th wedding anniversary.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

INTERESTED IN PLAYING HANDBELLS? Even if you haven't played bells before, you are invited to join us as we ring this summer and (hopefully) beyond. Rehearsal time is currently between services on Sunday and the occasional Saturday morning - but that will be changing depending on interest and availability. If you are interested, let Stephen Johnson know via email (steveo236@gmail.com).

FASTER THAN MY PASTOR Are you faster than your pastor? Find out at the Faster Than My Pastor 1K, 5K, Run/Walk at Martin Luther High School on Thursday, August 19, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. Run, walk, and party all night with the Lutheran churches, grade schools, and community of runners. Join us for music, food, games, and more! There is something for all ages and fitness levels. Gather your team. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Shari DeBaal at sdebaal@lhsagm.org. Registration is open now at www.FasterThanMyPastor.org!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for the church and school are Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	07/18	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Thursday	07/22	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	07/25	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Barbara Blue, Kathleen Brook, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, John and Sandra Daley, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, David Gottschalk, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Linda Hojnacki, Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Delrose Krueger, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Linda Metzfeld (sister-in-law of Don Metzfeld), Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Jan Wicks.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on July 25, the *last* Sunday of the month. Mite boxes can be left at any time in the mite box in the narthex.

SCRIP The next order due date is Sunday, August 1. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/20-7/13/20)	\$21,932.25
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/21-7/12/21)	\$17,967.89
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$23,246.15
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$5,278.26)

**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
July 18, 2021**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:7-17 (ESV)

⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:19-23 (ESV)

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:1-9 (ESV)

¹ In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them,

² "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." ⁴ And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" ⁵ And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁶ And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd.

⁷ And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 33:1-11 (ESV)

¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. ¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

INTROIT

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

He subdued peoples | under us,*

and nations un- | der our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*

Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

For God is the King of | all the earth;*

sing praises | with a psalm!

God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

Psalm 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: vv. 1-2

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“Food in a Desolate Place”

July 18 through July 24, 2021

*What are home devotions and how do I go about it? Home devotions or private prayer with your family does not have to be a scary thing. **The Congregation at Prayer** is given to you each week as a resource for family or individual prayer and meditation upon God’s Word. If you are a single adult, you could easily use the entire order. If you have small children, you may wish to follow only the readings, preceded by invocation and Creed and followed by the catechism and the Lord’s Prayer. The most important part of family devotions is the hearing and pondering of God’s Word. God’s Word is heard in the Bible reading and in the portions of the catechism each week. Meditation on the Word of God is also contained in the hymn each week. Prayer arises out of the Christian heart which has been seized by the promises of God’s Word. We call upon Him in prayer, asking for Him to give us help and comfort He has promised in His Word. Don’t let home devotions frighten you! Take up your Bible, catechism, and Hymnal, and just get started. And tell the devil to leave you alone! Remember, he doesn’t like God’s Word at all and will use all kinds of lies and excuses to keep you away from it.*

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 33

PSALMODY PRAYER: Let all the earth rejoice that He who made Her now breathes out His life-giving Spirit upon the earth. Fashion us by Your Spirit, O Lord, and deliver us in body and soul from the power of death. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Thursday	1 Corinthians 9:1-27
Friday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Saturday	Matthew 7:15-23

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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 cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Luther, The Holy and Blessed Sacrament of Baptism (1519): The

significance of baptism is a blessed dying unto sin and a resurrection in the grace of God, so that the old man, conceived and born in sin, is there drowned, and a new man, born in grace, comes forth and rises. Thus St. Paul, in Titus 3[:5], calls baptism a “washing of regeneration,” since in this washing a person is born again and made new. As Christ also says, in John 3[:3, 5], “Unless you are born again of water and the Spirit (of grace), you may not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” For just as a child is drawn out of his mother’s womb and is born, and through this fleshly birth is a sinful person and a child of wrath [Eph. 2:3], so one is drawn out of baptism and is born spiritually. Through this spiritual birth he is a child of grace and a justified person. Therefore sins are drowned in baptism, and in place of sin, righteousness comes forth. This significance of baptism—the dying or drowning of sin—is not fulfilled completely in this life. Indeed this does not happen until man passes through bodily death and completely decays to dust. As we can plainly see, the sacrament or sign of baptism is quickly over. But the spiritual baptism, the drowning of sin, which it signifies, lasts as long as we live and is completed only in death. Then it is that a person is completely sunk in baptism, and that which baptism signifies comes to pass. Therefore this whole life is nothing else than a spiritual baptism which does not cease till death, and he who is baptized is condemned to die. It is as if the priest, when he baptizes, were to say, “Lo, you are sinful flesh. Therefore I drown you in God’s name and in his name condemn you to death, so that with you all your sins” may die and be

destroyed.” Wherefore St. Paul, in Romans 6[:4], says, “We were buried with Christ by baptism into death.” The sooner a person dies after baptism, the sooner is his baptism completed. For sin never ceases entirely while the body lives, which is so wholly conceived in sin that sin is its very nature, as the prophet says [Ps. 51:5], “Behold I was conceived in sin, and in iniquity did my mother bear me.” There is no help for the sinful nature unless it dies and is destroyed with all its sin. Therefore the life of a Christian, from baptism to the grave, is nothing else than the beginning of a blessed death. For at the Last Day God will make him altogether new. Similarly the lifting up out of the baptismal water is quickly done, but the thing it signifies—the spiritual birth and the increase of grace and righteousness—even though it begins in baptism, lasts until death, indeed, until the Last Day. Only then will that be finished which the lifting up out of baptism signifies. Then shall we arise from death, from sins, and from all evil, pure in body and soul, and then shall we live eternally. Then shall we be truly lifted up out of baptism and be completely born, and we shall put on the true baptismal garment of immortal life in heaven. (LW 35:30-31)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR
LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 819 “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” (stanza 3)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

July 25, 2021
“Recognize Them By Their Fruits”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 685, 745, 689, 636, 635, 640, 637, 750

READINGS

Jeremiah 23:16-29
Acts 20:27-38
Matthew 7:15-23

Hear the warning Jesus gives about false prophets, that is, those who preach a message which is not really the Gospel. False prophets never advertise their deception, but cover themselves in the outward clothing of Christianity. They speak about Jesus and about God’s Word, but they distort that teaching. Sometimes they proclaim Jesus to be a new Moses, as if Jesus gives a new set of laws that we must keep to be saved. This is often seen in those who preach agendas for social action and change. Some preach Jesus as an example that we must follow, which once more turns Him into a harsh Law-Giver for we could never follow His example completely. Other false prophets preach a “loving Jesus” who never calls anyone to repentance. Jesus takes all of this back to the language of the Garden of Eden by talking about trees and thorns. In the end, the only good tree is the tree of the cross upon which Christ will offer Himself for the sins of the world. All good fruit comes from the tree of the cross, for all life comes from the crucified Lord. False prophets never center upon Christ, the good tree, and will always yield bad fruit, that is, those who do not trust in Christ alone. Indeed, false prophets will do many of the same things that preachers of the Gospel do, but they will not proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins, that is, Christ’s death and resurrection.

***OUR FATHER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH, SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER***

6025 South 27th Street
Greenfield, WI 53221
www.ofls.org

Rev. Dr. Karl F. Fabrizio, Pastor
prfabrizius@ourfatherslutheran.org
Church Phone: (414) 282-8220
Pastor's Phone: (414) 529-3999

Mr. Nathan Wingfield, Principal
Office Phone: (414) 282-7500

Mrs. Lori Bolger, Director
Office Phone: (414) 282-9057