

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 4, 2021

Service Notes:

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Hymns: 589, 682, 586, 688, 618, 619, 631, 681
Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-21
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Sermon: "Catching Men" Luke 5:1-11

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	06/24	6:30 p.m.	55
Sunday	06/27	8:00 a.m.	62
		10:00 a.m.	54

FLOWERS are given by Marlene Hanson in memory of her parents, Gloria Carr and Ralph Hanson.

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.

RITE OF EARLY COMMUNION William Janetzke will be admitted to the altar through the rite of early communion at the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday. May God continue to strengthen him in the one true faith as he eats and drinks at the Lord's table.

THANK YOU The Class of 2022 would like to thank everyone who supported them at the 2021 Our Father's Day Car Show. This year they were able to raise almost \$3,300.00!

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 (sjohnson@repete.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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	07/04	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Thursday	07/08	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	07/11	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Scrip Orders Due			

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.

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

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, **July 11**. 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 (7/1/19-6/28/20)	\$569,469.56
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-6/29/21)	\$586,477.61
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$593,900.00
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$7,422.39)

**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:11-21 (ESV)

¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." ¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11 (ESV)

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 16:1-11 (ESV)

¹ A Miktam of David. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

INTROIT

Hear, O Lord, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!
O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!
The Lord is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?
Teach me your way, | O Lord,*
and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out |
violence.
Wait | for the Lord;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the Lord!
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.
Hear, O Lord, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

Psalm 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: vv. 7, 9b

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

“Catching Men”

July 4 through July 10, 2021

Following upon the discussion of God’s mercy is this week’s account of that mercy at work in the office of the holy ministry. God has ordained that this office be His means of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. In fact, immediately after confessing the doctrine of justification we Lutherans confess, “That we may obtain this faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Ghost is given, who works faith, where and when it pleases God, in them that hear the Gospel” Through this Office, the fish are drawn into the boat of the Church. From Peter’s own words, we learn that it is not the man but the Office of the Preaching of the Gospel which bestows faith. Yet God has appointed that weak vessels should be the means for Him to accomplish the work of creating faith that we are saved not for our own merits, but for Christ’s sake.

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

THE CREED

VERSE: ²³ We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **1 Corinthians 1:23-24 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: 16

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, defend me from the power of death and comfort me in the hour of my own death. My soul and my flesh take comfort in You alone. Keep my lips and heart from sin and show me the path of life. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Romans 15:1-21
Tuesday	Romans 15:22-33
Wednesday	Romans 16:1-27
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Saturday	Matthew 5:17-26

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK:

How Christians Should Be Taught To Confess

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent. *Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *John 20:22-23*

Luther, Large Catechism, Sixth Commandment: Let us, therefore, first of all note carefully how very highly God honors and extols married life by giving it His sanction and protection in the Ten Commandments. He sanctioned it earlier in the Fourth Commandment, “You shall honor your father and your mother.” But here, as I said, he safeguards and protects it. Therefore, he wants to see it honored, upheld, and treated also by us as being divinely instituted and full of blessing. For He established it as the first one of all His institutions, and He created man and woman with obvious differences, not for wickedness, but that they may be and remain attracted to each other, be fruitful, have children, care for them, and bring them up to the glory of God. God has, therefore, most richly blessed marriage above all other estates. In addition, everything that the world contains He has assigned and devoted to providing marriage amply and richly with all that it needs. . . . Therefore, I have always taught that we should not look down upon marriage or undervalue it as the blind world and the false clergy are doing. We are rather to view it in the light of the Word of God, which adorns and sanctifies it. Marriage is not merely to be placed on a level with other estates; it is to be put ahead and above them all, whether that be emperor, princes, bishops, or anyone else. . . . Remember, in the second place, that marriage is not only an honorable but also a necessary estate, one that is solemnly commanded by God. In general, men and women of every circumstance, having been created for it, belong in marriage. . . . Where nature as implanted by God has its way, it is not possible to remain chaste except within marriage. For flesh and blood remain flesh and blood, and the natural tendencies and attractions proceed without restraint or hindrance, as everyone can see and sense.

Therefore, in order that it might be easier to avoid unchastity in some measure, God has established marriage so that everyone may have his assigned portion and be happy with it, although even here the grace of God is needed to keep the heart pure. I am saying this in order that young people may be urged to acquire a love for married life and know that it is a blessed estate pleasing to God. Thus in time one might again turn the situation around to the point where marriage would again be honored and there would be a reduction of wild, disorderly conduct, such as is now everywhere prevalent in public prostitution and other disgraceful vices resulting from contempt for married life. Parents and civil authorities, therefore, have the duty of supervising the young so that they are brought up to live disciplined and respectable lives and, when they are grown, become honorably married in the fear of God. God will then add his blessing and grace so that people find joy and happiness in marriage. (LC, 46-47, St. Louis: Concordia, 1978)

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 688 “*Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*” (stanza 5)

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

July 11, 2021
“Righteousness That Matters”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 563, 562, 582, 581, 636, 622, 623, 575

READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 5:17-26

These verses remind us that it is not our righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ that is enough. The Law always condemns us. Any other use of the Law to soften its effect or to make us feel better about ourselves is a false use. The Law and the Prophets teach us that all our righteousness is as filthy rags. The Law and the Prophets are not the old message that has been replaced by the new and improved message of the New Testament. They were inspired by the Spirit and preach Christ as the only salvation for sinful men. In other words, the Old Testament really preaches the righteousness of Christ. Christ does not abolish the message of the Law for it is necessary to kill the Old Adam. It is Jesus who is killed by that same Law for our sakes and in our place. Therefore, it is Jesus who does and teaches the commandments for He has borne the full punishment of the Law for us. Through Baptism the Old Adam is drowned and the New Man, Christ, lives in us. Through Baptism the righteousness of Christ is freely bestowed upon us that dressed in the blood of Christ we might stand before the Father. Baptism is justification at work as the sinner is declared righteous by the Father for the sake of His Son.