

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Welcome to worship, sisters and brothers in Christ. May you hear God's voice in a special way today. There are welcome pads at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, July 8, 2018, 10:30am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

*Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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*Greeting and Kyrie

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*Canticle of Praise

"Glory to God"

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*Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Deb Toth

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Madeline Claire Stager, infant daughter of Alan & Kerry Stager

Sponsors: Adam & Jill Bechen

Bryson David Flemming, infant son of Kristi Koll & Craig Flemming

Sponsors: Brian &Christie Ruml and Allison Stadheim

Psalm

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Children's Sermon

***Gospel**

John 6:1-15

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The 5,000 and a Little Boy’s Lunch” Pastor Kent Stillson

God takes what is _____ and makes it _____.

Jesus is not in the _____ business.

Jesus came to _____ and _____ the _____.

Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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Offering

***Offertory Response**

“Create in Me”

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***Prayers of the Church**

Hospitalized/ill: Annette Gugel, Vera Sunne, Kathy Hibbert,
 Laurel Storbakken, Drake Rounds, Carol VanHeel,
 Kathy Carstens, Stan Peterson,
 Barb Iverson, *friend of Ken & Renae Madison*
 Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) lechner*
 Cheryl Olson, *sister of Marshall (Tiffany) Olson*
 Sheri Bowersox, *daughter of Phyllis Bowersox*
 Joshua Anderson, *grandson of Merle & Teri Bruner*

Birth: Camdyn Allen to Jeremy & Carley Shepherd on June 27, 2018

***The Lord’s Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn**

“This is My Father’s World”

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***Call to Service**

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Serving Sunday Morning

Pianist: Mary Wika

Head Usher: Kevin Luoma

Sound & Projection: Robyn VanMeter

Coffee Servers:

Greeters: Lana Ronning, Lucille Olson

Ushers: Larry & Marlys Lenning, Harlow & Gloria Ostenvik

Lector:

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