

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **VBS OFFERING UPDATE:** Thanks to some generous donors our offering to Mission Haiti rose to \$936.00! Thank You!
- **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**
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**INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *Psalm 3, adapted; Luke 8:39*

**L:** Arise, O LORD!

**C:** Save me, O my God!

**L:** O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

**C:** many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.

**L:** Arise, O LORD!

**C:** Save me, O my God!

**L:** But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

**C:** I cried aloud to the LORD, and He answered me from His holy hill.

**L:** Arise, O LORD!

**C:** Save me, O my God!

**L:** I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

**C:** I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

**L:** Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people!

Arise, O LORD!

**C:** Save me, O my God!

- L:** Return to your home,  
**C:** and declare how much God has done for you.

#### **CONFESSION *Isaiah 65:8–9***

- L:** We come before our Lord in confession, no longer as slaves, but as God’s own children and as heirs of all He graciously gives.  
**C:** We confess we often remain captive and enslaved to our sin and have neglected the name You have given us as Your children.
- L:** Like those in Isaiah’s day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is neither good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.  
**C:** We, on our own, have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.
- L:** For the many times we forget Christ’s power and victory and all we ever need fear in this body and life,  
**C:** forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### **DECLARATION OF GRACE**

- L:** St. Paul assures us, “But if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.” Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our sinful nature and willful breaking of His Law given out of love, He calls us His children and His heirs. Because of Christ, our victory over sin, death and hell is guaranteed. Through Christ alone we have gained access to His grace by which we now stand. So let us stand firm in His forgiveness, and live in the freedom Christ has won for us; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** Amen.

#### **SHARING THE PEACE**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**                    “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me” CityAlight

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- L:** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, You are the victor over all we face in this world. You are the destroyer of all things eternally harmful.  
**C:** Free us from the power of sin, death, and Satan, and all that binds us.
- L:** Enable and equip us to serve You and our neighbors with joy and gladness, for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.    **C:** Amen.

The OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost is from the Prophet Isaiah,  
chapter 65. *(Isaiah 65:1–9)*

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that was not called by my name.

I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

Behold, it is written before me:

"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their lap

both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their lap

payment for their former deeds."

Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, 'Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it,'

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,

and from Judah possessors of my mountains;

my chosen shall possess it,

and my servants shall dwell there.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Romans 10:8b, 10*

L: The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,

C: the word of faith that we proclaim.

L: For with the heart one believes and is justified,

C: and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

HOLY GOSPEL      *Luke 8:26–39* (Jesus heals a man with demons.)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN No. 849      "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

**SERMON**

**"We Are All Beggars!"**

**John 8:26-39**

**Pastor Vern**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH****THE NICENE CREED***Please stand*

**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 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.**

**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.**

**OFFERING****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L: God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son  
C: to save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings  
through faith in Him.**

**L: As You have destroyed the lasting penalties of our sin, eternal death, and the power of  
the devil,**

**C: help us to live each day knowing the victory has been won by and through Christ, our  
Lord.**

- L: We pray for our families: On this celebratory weekend, we pray for fathers,  
C: that they faithfully lead their families and children in the way of Christ and peace;**
- L: for mothers,  
C: that they have strength and grace to manage their many responsibilities and to give them joy and fulfillment in their work and duties;**
- L: and for children,  
C: that they grow in the faith in which You have called them through Baptism, heirs of Your promises, and develop in all ways pleasing to You.**
- L: Lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage  
C: and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.**
- L: Lord, walk with all those who are valiantly facing life-threatening illnesses with a firmness of faith and trust, *especially* Gwen Kemp, Paul Kjosa, and April Witkowski. Bring them joy to overcome their moments of sorrow and depression. Grant comfort and healing to all on our prayer list. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Comfort the families of O'Fallon Alderman, Dan Witt who passed away last Sunday, and Dorothy Davis, whose brother was also tragically killed in a tractor accident. Grant to all hope of the resurrection to eternal life.  
C: Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.**
- L: Strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely.  
C: Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.**
- L: Lord of Life, we pray for happy birthday celebrations for Ralph Olson, Quinn Sterling, Olivia Siron, and Dan Schmidt. And bring Your continued blessings upon Bill and Merina Feldmann on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary this week.  
C: Remind them, and us, that full and lasting joy is found in You alone.**
- L: Embolden and enliven the faith You have given each one of us through Your Spirit.  
C: Empower us individually and as Your Community of faith to be Your witnesses in our relationships, our vocations, and among our neighbors, that all may know the power and the victory of Your Son's death and resurrection and rejoice in forgiveness, life, and salvation.**
- L: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.**

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

**PREFACE**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

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

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

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

**HYMN No. 790 "Praise to the Lord" (vss. 1 & 5)**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, Come now with praise before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Remember us in Your kingdom Lord, and teach us to pray, saying:**

**All: 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.**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

**P:** St Paul urges us to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament lest we eat and drink judgment upon ourselves. Let us prepare so that we truly recognize our sinful state, and have confident faith in His promise to forgive us in this meal.

**P:** We confess together:

- I am baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- I am truly aware of my condition as a sinner and need God's grace!
- I believe Jesus died to atone for all my sins, past, present and future!
- I believe that in eating and drinking this consecrated meal of bread and wine, God assures me of His forgiveness and feeds me mysteriously with the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
- I desire to amend my sinful ways and seek God's help so that I may grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ, my Savior!

**P:** Trusting in this affirmation of faith you are well prepared to receive this Sacrament.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**     *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;*  
*Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P:** Now with the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal together.

**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."

(For those communing from the pew;  
"Take, and eat the body of Jesus given for you.")

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."

(For those communing from the pew,  
"Drink of it, all of you, for the forgiveness of sins.)

**L:** Let those who are receiving Holy Communion from the altar  
come forward to receive God's gift of love,  
His sacred presence hidden in bread and wine.

**DISTRIBUTION**     "How Deep the Father's Love" (video)

**POST-COMMUNION “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB 633 vs. 2)**

Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

**BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26***

**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.

**HYMN No. 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

**SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**C:** Thanks be to God!