



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

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+The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

*Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.*

(\*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

**Prelude**

*A Song in Summer*

Nadine Berg

**Welcome and Announcements**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



**\*Gathering Hymn**      *Oh, Worship the King*

#842 (ELW) vs. 1-3

**\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie**

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1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and here our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

**\*Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

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1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord above, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Reading

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.*

A reading from **Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.  
The word of the Lord



The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music** **Lord I Lift Your Name On High**  
**Performed by Chuck Johnson, Danica, Josie & Georgia Reub**

**Children's Message**

Pastor Brian Birk

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **\*Gospel**

*Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew **13:24-30, 36-43**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**



[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Brian Birk

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*O, Christ Our Hope*

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### **\*Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

*Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.*

O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed, so that we live into that same hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Reception of Offering**

*"Meditation on Joy" Garrett Parker*

Nadine Berg

**\*Offertory Response**      *This is My Father's World*

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This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the  
Morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
Rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'ry-where

**\*Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



**\* Lord's Prayer**

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**\*Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**      *"Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

#765 (ELW)

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      *"Postludium in F" Louise E. Stairs*

Nadine Berg

## **ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Pastor: Brian Birk  
Acolytes: Naomi Ronning & Gretchen Hoertsch  
Lector: Peggy Graham  
Choir Director : Roy Berg  
Organist: Nadine Berg  
Ushers: Mike and Pam Finco & Jim McDonald  
Videographer: Dustin Davidson & John Law  
Tellers: Greg Kujala & Tim Rasch  
Altar Guild: Patty Rediske & Peggy Vidmar

## **NEWS & NOTES**

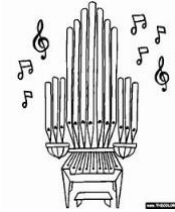
### **RADIO BROADCAST**

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Arlene Pascuzzi in honor of Allie (Little Miss Chisholm).



We offer our deepest sympathies, condolences and prayers to the family of Terry Lee. May God Bless you.

Organs in Revue continues its 39<sup>th</sup> Summer Recital Series 2023 July 26, 2023 with organist Tom Hamilton at 12:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (501 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Hibbing). All recitals are approx. ½ hour and are free and open to the public. Lunch will be served following most church recitals at a cost of \$8.00.



## **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

### **Today, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 Worship  
Radio Broadcast  
1240 AM WMFG  
11:15 Chapel of the Pines

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 Hymn Planning

### **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 TV Broadcast  
Chanel 805  
8:30 Bible Study  
10:00 Staff Meeting



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**Get Ready For Day Camp!** OSLC along with First Lutheran Church is hosting a Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Day Camp for grades K-5. The day camp will be at First Lutheran Church Monday-Thursday, August 7-10 from 9:00am-3:00pm each day. Registration sheets are available at the Church Office. If you have any questions feel free to give us a call (218) 263-7422. Please register by July 24th.

Camp Vermillion's Bluegrass Festival is now  
*Sounds of the Northwoods*

This summer the festival will happen  
on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Come and participate in many of the activities  
You've enjoyed previous years.

There will be music (of course), food, fellowship,  
auctions, the silent auction, the Church Basket Raffle, and more.

Our Savior's "Basket" is entitled  
*"Everything but the Kitchen Sink."*

If you'd like to contribute items to our "Basket,"  
We'll be collecting them in the Com Room.

