

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Community Transformed By Christ To Be Christ In The World 501 East 23rd Street Hibbing, MN 55746 (218) 263-7422

+Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

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 When Morning Gilds the Skies

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Greeting

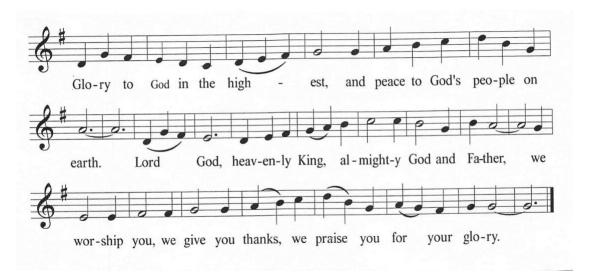
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy



*Hymn of Praise

Glory to God



*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel John 6:56-69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Kara Ronning

*Hymn of the Day

O Word of God Incarnate

#514 (ELW)

*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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering Teach Me Thy Way Nadine Berg

*Offertory Response We Give Thee But Thine Own #686 vs. 1&2 (ELW)

*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 p. 154b

*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 You are the Way #758 (ELW)

*Dismissal

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

Postlude To God Be the Glory Nadine Berg

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Altar Guild: Betty Wilson

NEWS & NOTES



Today's radio broadcast is in honor of Helga Nelson's Birthday. Thank you.

Best wishes to Sylvia Lehman, Helga Nelson, Frank Kangas, and Phyllis Fawkes who are celebrating their birthday's this week. Sylvia today, Helga on Tuesday, Frank on Wednesday, and Phyllis on Friday. Happy Birthday!!!

Sharík/Farseth Scholarshíp applications are being accepted – deadline is August 31st. Our selection criteria would include the following – Member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; must have completed 1 year (minimum of 30 credits) of post-secondary education within the past 3 years (include transcript); volunteer activities in school, church and community; and, academic performance. Applications are available in the office, via mail or e-mail (oslchibb@mchsi.com)

Altar Guild

We are in need of volunteers to join our Altar Guild!!! If you are interested in learning more about the duties please call Suzanne Clark...218-969-9456. This is a 1-month commitment annually. It involves dusting the altar, setting up communion, and cleaning up after worship on communion Sunday's.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 25th

9am Worship 10am Coffee & Fellowship 9am Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG 11:15am Side Lake Chapel

Monday, 26th 9am Quilting

Tuesday,27th

10am Staff 6:00 TV Broadcast channel 802

Wednesday, 28th

8:00 TV Broadcast channel 802 8:30am Bible Study 1pm Food shelf 7pm Choir starts

Friday, 30th

1pm Food shelf

Sunday, Sept 1st

9am Worship/Communion 10amCoffee & Fellowship 9am Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG 11:15am Side Lake Chapel

<u>Items needed for Project Care:</u>

Project Care has identified a need for men's work clothes and boots for some of their clients. They would appreciate donations of work boots, boot socks, jeans, carharts, and work gloves. Please check your closets and donate items that still have a useful life. A bin has been pt in the narthex and will be there through the month of August. No dress clothes please.

Pam Rundell

Come one, come all!!!

We have reached that time of year for signing up for activities. Please sign up for:

Choir practice starts Wednesday, August 28th at 7pm.

Start tuning those voices!!!! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Handbells practice starts on Wednesday, September 11th at 6pm.

Confirmation starts on Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm.

Please call the office at 218-263-7422 to sign up for any of these activities.



Good Luck on this academic year to all college students. May your year be filled with lots of memories, new adventures and fulfilling learning opportunities.



Would you like our congregation to pray for any issues, problems, or health concerns you have? We believe in the power of prayer and know that our petitions are heard and answered. Please call the church office at 218-263-7422 and we will pass your request on to the Prayer Chain.

<u>The Columbarium</u> at Our Savior's offers perpetually endowed care for the remains of those members and their family who choose cremation. It is a place of peace, solitude, and prayer restoring the ancient practice of church burial. If you would like to learn more about the columbarium, please make an appointment with Cindy in the church office 218-263-7422.