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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Divine Setting One ~ LSB 151
August 11, 2019

As We Gather ~ Beware of False Prophets

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. “You will recognize them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:20). The “fruits” of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father’s adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Announcements

Rite of Baptism (*Please follow along in the service folder in pew*)
Helen Harper Mahaffey

Entrance Hymn LSB 745
“In God, My Faithful God”

Kyrie LSB 152

Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

16Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

18For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

19Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

20The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

21“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

22But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

23“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. 25I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ 26How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, 27who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? 28Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. 29Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

- A This is the Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!
**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12–17

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, certainly, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to be back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, in whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—indeed, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since indeed we suffer with him in order that we also may be glorified with him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if able

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

15[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

21“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 596

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

Sermon

Romans 8:12-17

Please stand, if able

Prayer of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Offering

Please stand, if able

Offertory LSB 159

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface LSB 160

Proper Preface (Full) LSB 161

Sanctus LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord LSB 162

Pax Domini LSB 163

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"Jesus Loves Me" LSB 588

"Hear Us, Father, When We Pray" LSB 773

Please stand, if able

Post-Communion Canticle ~ Nunc Dimittis LSB 165

Post-Communion Collect LSB 166

Benediction LSB 166

Closing Hymn LSB 725

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

The Immanuel Spirit

Welcome to Immanuel! Welcome to the House of God. The Lord is always near to those who gather in His name. Let us eagerly call upon God and make a joyful noise with songs and prayers of praise. Glory be to God! Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Guests: Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: 2 Samuel 22:26–34, 1 Corinthians 10:6–13 and Luke 16:1-13.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God’s Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see *Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20* and *1 Cor. 11:17-34*. Thank you.

Stewardship: Matthew 7:17 – “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.” As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity – we are, as St. Paul says, the “new man in Christ.” Of course, on this side of glory we still have to wrestle the world, the devil, and the flesh. That means our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So, if it’s sometimes a struggle for you to be generous, don’t give up. Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

Building Healthy Families for Aug 11th: The elevation of Mount Everest is 29,029 feet. Does it ever feel as though there's a mountain standing in your way? *Matthew 17:20* states, "He replied, '...if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'" Lutheran Family Service counselors are ready and willing to talk through the challenges of life that you are facing. ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

Life Quote for Aug 11th: "We are to long for the Lord's coming and His presence. This longing can be cultivated through the Word and prayer. Immerse yourself in the Psalms. 'Taste and see that the Lord is good.' He will fill the hungry with good things." James M. Kushiner, *The Fellowship of St. James* ~ **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Life Thought in the Church Year for Aug 11th: The relaxing lies our culture prophesies cannot even approach our Lord's promises (*Jeremiah 23:16-18*). We speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and gladly (*Jeremiah 23:28-29*), though it earns us persecution, because He sets great joy before us. In this faith we will sit around His throne with the cloud of witnesses His Word saved. *Lamb of God, You have given me Your people's crown of life; forge in me Your prophets' faith. Amen.*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for August 18th: Hear "An Open Mind for the Future" based on Acts 17:18-32 by Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Closing our minds to spiritual fads and embracing the words of Jesus opens up a great future for all who believe. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 8/11—8/17 is **A. Carnine**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 8/18—8/24 is **Thorpe**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Stephen Hawking's Final Book "Brief Answers to Big Questions," Not Peace But Division, The Parable of the Dishonest Manager, The Spirit's Ministry of Love and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Adopt • A • Tree

The Board of Trustees is undergoing another project on our church grounds besides the new siding and we need your help! We have about 58 ash trees on our property that need removed. Each tree removal will cost around \$225.00. Please consider adopting a tree or two by donating to the Building Fund with 'Adopt a Tree' included on your payment.

Save the Date!

St. Paul in Mt. Vernon will be hosting an event on September 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to give LCMS youth an overview of the ways in which they can serve the Church both as a layperson and professionally. The goal of this event is to affirm our youth in their responsibilities as communicant members of the church and provide ideas on further opportunities to serve as a lay person. Additionally, the event will expose youth to the ways in which they can serve the Church in a professional capacity, should they feel called to do so. President Saunders will be speaking on the theme for the day as well as during the panel on the pastoral office. This event is suited for those youth currently in confirmation classes as well as those who have already been confirmed. There is no cost to this event. Please make plans for your Youth Group to attend this event on September 21st.

Sincerely,

Pastor Sean Hansen and the St. Paul Elders
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Mt. Vernon, Iowa

At July's Voters Meeting, proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws were submitted to begin the early review process. If anyone has questions on the proposed changes, you can submit them anonymously in the box on the entryway table and they will be answered in the bulletin the following week.

A question as been raised to the Bylaws, page 12, section 7.0 Committees. When a new committee is introduced, the indefinite article "a" or "an" is appropriate, as it describes a committee whose members will change from year to year. In the description of the tasks for each committee, it is then appropriate to use the definite article "the", as it is then referencing a specific committee already named.

Please continue to donate to the Building Fund for replacement siding for our church. Envelopes are on the entryway table.

We celebrate the birth of a grandchild for Rich and Barb Shell. Zoey Grace Shell, daughter of Adam and Kait Shell, was born on July 19th in Davenport.



Heavenly Father, we give thanks to God for the birth of Zoey Grace Shell, daughter of Adam and Kait Shell, grand-daughter of Rich and Barb Shell. As she has been added to the earthly family, may she be added to the heavenly family through the waters of Holy Baptism. By Your grace grant her and her family peace, health, and strength. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Our Lord welcomes into His kingdom of grace through the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism Helen Harper Mahaffey. Parents are Patrick & Richelle. Sponsors are Hannah Klecka and Ian Klecka. We look forward to receiving and growing in God's grace with the Mahaffey's.



Donations needed for Sunday School Supplies

Items needed.....

4 packs of dry erase markers

1 box of 72 pencils

6 rolls of Scotch tape

1 large box of assorted colored pencils

A Sign-Up Sheet is on the entryway table.

The Board of Education is also asking for donations (can be handmade or less than \$5) towards Birthday Box Trinkets for the children. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the entryway. Any questions, please see Markie, Megan or Sherry.



All items can be left on the tables
in the Sunday School wing

THANK YOU!!!!



Rally Day
will be
August 25

**There is a sign-up sheet for breakfast
after Divine Service that morning**

**Sunday School begins
September 8th**

JOIN US!!!

Serve
one another
Humbly

In **Love**
Galatians 5:13

TODAY

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl
Elder.....Darlo Kelting
Greeter.....Murken
Ushers.....Keith Thorpe & Richard Huedepohl
Servers.....Robin Marcinik & Cindy Cloyed
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Sophia & Lauren Louden

NEXT SUNDAY

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl
Elder.....Ken Mergen
Greeter.....Petersen
Ushers.....Tim Baker & Marvin Stone
Servers.....Miriam Schultz & Cheryl Christinson
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Sloane McDonough & Ellie Mintle

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

August 4, 2019

Attendance	58
Holy Communion	43
General Fund	\$2032.00
Missions	\$45.00
Building Fund-Siding	\$85.00
Adopt-A-Tree	\$225.00

Week Ahead

TODAY

Council Meeting.....8:00 a.m.
8th Sunday after Trinity.....9:00 a.m.

MONDAY

LWML.....11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

Greek Study.....8:30 a.m.
Board of Evangelism/Missions.....4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Windsor Manor Service.....10:30 a.m.
Grinnell Ministerial Association.....Noon

THURSDAY

Bible Study.....11:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

9th Sunday after Trinity.....9:00 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Today....Sloane McDonough
Thursday...Sophia Loudon

*May God bless you today and each day that follows.
May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, be
comforted by His care, and live in
His grace now and forever.*



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The Divine Service Introduction
Our Lutheran Heritage of Worship

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Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Pews

Does it really seem necessary to have such cold, hard, uncomfortable seating in church? Why can't the church just catch up with the times and ditch the pews? Don't we want people to feel comfortable and at home in the church? These questions may have drifted through our minds a time or two, but there is actually a reason why we still continue to sit in the pews of centuries past despite the many modern developments in chairs and seating.

To be honest, pews are truly a relatively new phenomenon. Ancient Israel never had a spot to take a load off in their places of worship. Our Nave in the Sanctuary is modeled after the Holy Place of the Tabernacle and Temple, which didn't have seating. Instead, everyone was expected to stand. After all, it was the closest place to God's earthly presence that the people could come, so it would have been very inappropriate to be in a relaxed position. Rather, standing was a reverent posture for the Lord's house as it demonstrated attentiveness and proper respect and admiration toward God. Think of when you're meeting someone of great honor for the first time. You usually wait for them to invite you to have a seat with them before making a bold move and getting too comfortable in a chair. How much more honor do we show to our holy, just, and omnipotent Lord? The early Church followed the tradition of standing for worship, recognizing that God is in the midst of His people through Word and Sacrament. Many Eastern Orthodox churches still practice this today, where seating is very sparse. Usually it is reserved only for the elderly and others with special needs. Not until the late medieval period did seating become integrated into the churches of the West.

For us, pews have a lot to say about where we are and what we do. They aren't the coziest, and this is intentional. We should never feel too comfortable in God's presence, but always have a healthy fear and awe of the of the Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. Pews thusly assist us in staying alert and attentive to the rich gifts that God gives us through the Word of His liturgy and the means of grace. We are ever focused on what that Word says about our sinfulness and the forgiveness of that sin through Christ Jesus.

Also, pews are meant to be communal. That is, their bench-like nature encourages Christian fellowship by having us all sit together in common pews. Instead of individual seating, which promotes individualism and division, we share the same pew with others, which illustrates that we, though many members, are still one body. We don't spend too much time sitting during worship, but when we do we are reminded of whose presence we are in and who we're with. As we meet Christ our Head at the Font, the Pulpit, and the Altar, the pews tell us that we receive Him together as His Body, the Church. Let us use every opportunity in our worship and practice to proclaim this fact, even when it comes to how we sit.

Does God Have a Plan and Purpose For My Life?

“You’re never alone or without help.”

That could be the opening line on the website of OnStar, a company offering to protect and assist you while you drive.

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Some people mistake God’s plan and purpose for them as a mode of transportation, something like a bus. They assume he takes you where he wants you to go—from point A to point B—while he drives. You climb aboard, and off he goes, without you even knowing where point B really is.

“Are we there yet?” isn’t a childish question asked out of impatience. For adults it is a probe into the reality of life’s meaning and destiny.

To better understand God’s plan and purpose for you, consider it to be less like transportation and more like communication. God makes himself available to keep in touch with you, diagnose your dilemmas, guide your decisions, and help you when you are lost.

More importantly, God is active in caring for you. God is not a passive servant, idly sitting and waiting for your prayers. He offers more than a place to call for assistance. In his Word he tells you about your Savior, Jesus, and he encourages, directs, and empowers you.

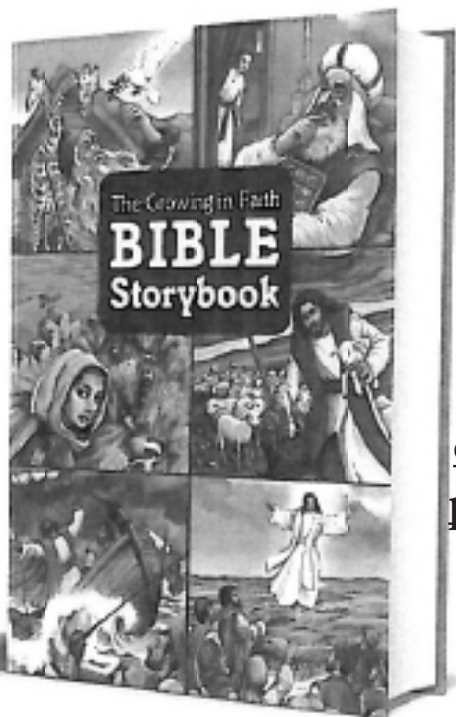
God wants you to join him in heaven.

God watches over his people with his angels. He also filters everything that happens to his people so that it accomplishes his eternal goal.

In the Bible God promised his people: “I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you” (Jeremiah 29:11-12).

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