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Rev. Bill & Judy Norton in thanksgiving for 63 years of marriage. (7/19/1963)*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (arr. Jacob B. Weber)

LSB 713 - From God Can Nothing Move Me [verses 1 – 3]

Confession and Absolution p. 167

Stand (as you are able)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word *p. 168*

Introit

Tone 3

Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1



Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Kyrie *p. 168*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

This Is the Feast *p. 171*

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading - Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle - Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *p. 173*



Holy Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LSB 656 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed *p. 175*

[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

We pray for all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: **Kitty Petzoldt** (*still awaiting surgery which should be scheduled soon*), **Paul Benadum, Bob Schoessler, Debbie Hayes, Jan Hayward, Erik Simpson, Carolyn Stephens, Jean Collinson, Pat Skinner, Don Haas, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke**, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: **Jim & Susan Kaiser** with Lutheran Bible Translators.

Offertory *p. 176*

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament *p. 177*

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.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *p. 178*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C 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 Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei *p. 180*

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

*We believe, teach, and confess that the Lord's Supper is the **true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ**, given under the forms of bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink in a meal instituted by Christ Himself. Baptized Christians who have been instructed and share this faith and understanding are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. If you are unsure, please speak with the Pastor prior to communing.*

LSB 619 - Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 625 - Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Stand

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C** Amen.

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Thank the Lord *p. 181*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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.

Sit

LSB 713 - From God Can Nothing Move Me *[verses 4 – 7]*

Postlude

“From God Can Nothing Move Me”

(arr. Ryan Edinger)

Church Picnic – Sun. Aug. 16th

(After VBS & following the 2nd service in the Fellowship Hall)

Bring a side dish to share and plan to come and enjoy great food and fellowship. The LWML is coordinating this event, and will provide brats & hot dogs.



THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Greeters:** (8:30) Jon & Ellen Wendt; (11:00) Sylvia Baxter
Lectors: (8:30) Ed Schilke; (11:00) Judy Norton; **Cantor:** Ryan Stites
Audio Visual: Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, George Haslett, Rev. Mark Smith
Altar Care: Jan Harmann & Diane Jones; **Counters:** Lynn & Jane Thompson
Elders: (8:30) Frank Jones & Don Brueckner; (11:00) Gary Meier & Victor Vardanega
Ushers: (8:30) Bill Eichler, Roger Harmann; (11:00) Lynn & Jane Thompson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK: [Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 am]

TODAY: 9:45 am Coffee & Fellowship; 10 am Bible Class

MONDAY: 10–12 pm Laundry Mission; 1 pm Line Dancing

TUESDAY: 10:15 am Games Day

THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group; 5 – 7 pm Women's AA Group



Our LWM will collect "mites" or coins in support of missions, on the 1st Sunday of every month.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE: Our Trustees continue to be engaged with many special and labor-intensive projects this summer season. Power washing and paint prep work for the exterior of the church are underway and will continue through August.

FALL NEWSLETTER ISSUE: The deadline for our next Faith Hi-lights will be after VBS & the church Picnic, on Mon., Aug. 17th, and will cover topics for Sept., Oct. & Nov.

BULLETINS: Just a reminder that Sunday bulletins may be kept (*or viewed on-line*) and used as a handy reference for remembering the week's activity schedule, and other announcements.

DECORATIONS for VBS: Coordinator Autumn Stites is looking for the following items: columns, gold plates/chargers, metal/gold goblet, fountain, fake fruit, large boxes, wooden boxes, canopies (2), magnolia wreath, leaf crown, Roman busts. Please bring items to room #5 and be sure to mark it with your name if you want the item returned to you after VBS.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: is 3-days, **Aug. 11th – 13th**, 9 am – 12 pm We plan to go back to the days of **Rome** – and learn about how the Apostle Paul, and the underground church spread the Good News about Jesus. To **volunteer**, (*we will need lots of help*), please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **A decorations list has been posted & a snack list will be up soon.** To **register**, pick up a registration form in the narthex and share it with your friends or grandkids. Especially for kids ages 4 -10. Registration will also be available on-line from our website. Contact our Director, Traci Kaiser, with any questions.

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