

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

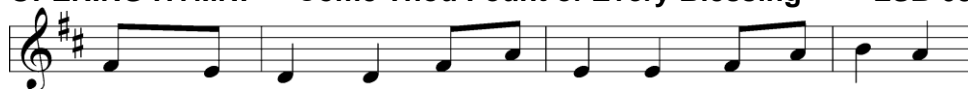
PRELUDE:

“Nettleton”
~Aaron David Miller

Organ

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **LSB 686**



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on Eph. 1:3-4)*

- L:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
P: **Who chose us to be holy and blameless in His sight. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(based on Eph. 4:1-4, 2:4-5, 10)*

- L:** Almighty God, You have commanded us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received, being completely humble and gentle, patient and bearing with one another in love.
- P:** **I confess that I have not continually lived such a life. I have often been haughty and proud, condescending and judgmental, impatient and irreverent. I have not let Your love, O Lord, have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. Forgive me of my sins, be gracious and merciful to me for Your own sake Lord Jesus; through the Spirit's power enable me to walk in Your ways and delight in Your will to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- L:** God is rich in mercy! He has made you alive in Christ even when you were dead in transgressions. By His grace you have been saved! Now, go as His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to live a life, in and for Him. Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN: "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" LSB 580



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and
6 May we in faith its mes - sage learn Nor thank - less -



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which
ly its bless - ings spurn; May we in faith its



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.
truth con - fess And praise the Lord, our righ - teous - ness.

EPISTLE READING: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through Christ, God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that heaven has to offer. Before the creation of the world, He chose us through Christ to be holy and perfect in His presence. Because of His love He had already decided to adopt us through Jesus Christ. He freely chose to do this so that the kindness He had given us in His dear Son would be praised and given glory.

Through the blood of His Son, we are set free from our sins. God forgives our failures because of His overflowing kindness. He poured out His kindness by giving us every kind of wisdom and insight when He revealed the mystery of His plan to us. He had decided to do this through Christ. He planned to bring all of history to its goal in Christ. Then Christ would be the head of everything in heaven and on earth. God also decided ahead of time to choose us through Christ according to His plan, which makes everything work the way He intends. He planned all of this so that we who had already focused our hope on Christ would praise Him and give Him glory.

You heard and believed the message of truth, the Good News that He has saved you. In Him you were sealed with the Holy Spirit whom He promised. This Holy Spirit is the guarantee that we will receive our inheritance. We have this guarantee until we are set free to belong to Him. God receives praise and glory for this. -GW®

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 6:14-29*

King Herod heard about Jesus, because Jesus' name had become well-known. Some people were saying, "John the Baptizer has come back to life. That's why he has the power to perform these miracles." Others said, "He is Elijah." Still others said, "He is a prophet like one of the other prophets." But when Herod heard about it, he said, "I had John's head cut off, and he has come back to life!"

Herod had sent men who had arrested John, tied him up, and put him in prison. Herod did that for Herodias, whom he had married. (She used to be his brother Philip's wife.) John had been telling Herod, "It's not right for you to be married to your brother's wife."

So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she wasn't allowed to do it because Herod was afraid of John. Herod knew that John was a fair and holy man, so he protected him. When he listened to John, he would become very disturbed, and yet he liked to listen to him.

An opportunity finally came on Herod's birthday. Herod gave a dinner for his top officials, army officers, and the most important people of Galilee. His daughter, that is, Herodias' daughter, came in and danced. Herod and his guests were delighted with her. The king told the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." He swore an oath to her: "I'll give you anything you ask for, up to half of my kingdom."

So she went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?"

Her mother said, "Ask for the head of John the Baptizer."

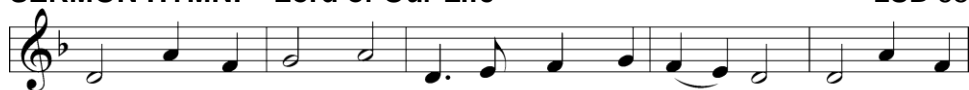
So the girl hurried back to the king with her request. She said, "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptizer on a platter at once."

The king deeply regretted his promise. But because of his oath and his guests, he didn't want to refuse her. Immediately, the king sent a guard and ordered him to bring John's head. The guard cut off John's head in prison. Then he brought the head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

When John's disciples heard about this, they came for his body and laid it in a tomb. -GW®

SERMON HYMN: "Lord of Our Life"

LSB 659



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

LSB 743



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,
6 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.
Though the storms may gath - er, Still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, Thou art still my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS: *(based on Eph. 1:17)*

- L:** Gracious God receive these our tithes and offerings and through them fund and support ministry here through which You
- P:** give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that we might know You better. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

P **hear our prayer.**

L May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

P **hear our prayer.**

L Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

P **hear our prayer.**

L Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

P **hear our prayer.**

L Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

P **hear our prayer.**

L Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

P **hear our prayer.**

L And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

P **hear our prayer.**

L We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P **Amen.**

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 10 with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free.
The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are gluten free.

At our 9:30 a.m. service, we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints: come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LSB 793



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
 3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
 frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



HOLY BAPTISM:

8:00

+ Sage Jenni Hungerford +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made Sage a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

People: **We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING: (based on Eph. 3:16-18)

[L]: The Lord strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”

LSB 667



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,
5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are send - ing,
6 You, Je - sus, You a - lone de - serve all glo - ry!



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;
On paths un - marked, eyes blind as to their end - ing;
Our lives un - fold, em-braced with - in Your sto - ry;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -
Not know - ing where we go, but that You
Past, pres - ent, fu - ture— You, the same for -



fer - vent: “Well done, My ser - vant!”
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.
lead us— With grace pre - cede us.
ev - er— You fail us nev - er!

POSTLUDE: Prelude on “Iste Confessor”

Organ

~Healey Willan

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LSB 686

“*Ebenezer*” means “*Thus far has the LORD helped us; This was the name given to the stone of remembrance that Samuel raised to God’s glory (1 Sam. 7:12).*”

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Crucifer 9:30...Timothy O' Conner

Lector 8:00...Greg Goebel

Liturgist...Karl Fink

Organist...Robert Bottoms

9:30...Vance Frederick

Preacher...Pastor Kyle Blake

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