



August 11, 2024 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

We are quick to lament when we have had enough—enough trouble, trial, temptation, and turmoil. In the midst of our despair and sorrow, the Lord comes to us with the promise: “I am enough.” All our lives we wrestle with that statement. Sometimes it is easy to answer what troubles us with “Jesus is enough.” Other times we fight against the sufficiency of Christ in a world of affliction, pain, sorrow, and doubt. Like Elijah of old, the only answer we have against the powers of the world and the devil is Christ, the living bread come down from heaven to give us strength for this life and the life which is eternal.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us look to Jesus to receive God’s help and encouragement in all our needs.

People: **I confess to You, Almighty God, that I have relied on my own weak wisdom and works and have neglected Your mercy, love, and deliverance. My sins have made me frustrated at myself and the world around me. Forgive me all my sins of thought, word and deed. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and feed me with the food of faith and eternal life. Amen.**

Pastor: Though the journey is too great for us on your own, firmly believe in these words: Jesus sinners doth receive. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His command and authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm: Psalm 34: 1-8, 18, 19, & 22

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: **I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People: **This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Pastor: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

People: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.**

Pastor: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
People: **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Pastor: The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.
All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: LSB 814 "O Bless The Lord, My Soul"

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, keep us from despairing amid the threats and afflictions of this mortal life, and direct our hearts to Your Word that we may know and rejoice in our Savior and in grace sufficient to answer all that troubles us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 19:1-8 (*Elijah flees from Jezebel and he falls into despair.*)

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Reading – Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (*Paul encourages us as dearly loved children, to live changed lives, lives of love.*)

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. ²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome

talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5 ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – John 6:35-51 (*Jesus continues His conversation about being the Bread of Life.*)

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." ⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" ⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles Creed

All: 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.

Hymn: LSB 754 "Entrust Your Days And Burdens" (*sung to Melody 672*)

Sermon: 1 Kings 19:1-8 "When Despair Sets In"

Offertory: "Create In Me" (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 192*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offerings

Hymn: LSB 752 "Be Still My Soul"

PRAYERS

Pastor: Gracious Redeemer, Your compassion reigns over all our trouble. Grant us grace that we show forth Your care to those in need and sustain all who are afflicted, [*especially . . .*]. Keep them through the day of their trouble until at last You deliver them into Your perfect peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mighty Lord, You manifest Your power over all things through the leaders in this and every land. By Your grace, make all those who serve us in government wise, just, and honest, and guide them toward the common good that we may serve You without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gentle Savior, You came not to condemn but to heal and save. Grant to us hearts of mercy that we may forgive as we have been forgiven, and by our acts of mercy display Your great compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Good Shepherd, raise up good and faithful shepherds for Your people that the church may be blessed with passionate preaching and faithful teaching. Bless President Harrison, our synod president; President Hagen, our district president; and guide our congregation as we continue with the calling process for a full-time pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, give guidance and counsel to those unemployed and underemployed, that they may be equipped to supply the bread of the day to their families and share with the hungry from their abundance. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Father, be with those who suffer any burden of the body or mind, and deliver them from all their sufferings according to Your mercy, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Any special petitions will be included here.)

Pastor: Almighty God, You have not withheld from us anything needful for this body and life. Help us now to trust in You for answer to our prayers, and give to us such confidence in Your fatherly wisdom that we may be content and at peace with Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 761 "Rock Of Ages"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of August 11, 2024

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families
Trinity, Nevada - Rev. Johannes Brann

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

The family of Tom Votra – (Son-in-law of Sue Doss – peace and comfort on his passing)
The family of Sally Lynn – (Mother of Joe Lynn – peace and comfort on her passing)

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Bill Thompson – (health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother - health and healing)
Billy Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – recovery from surgery)
Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold Lampe – recovery from frostbite)
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health & healing)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Jane Goodman – (Health and healing)
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
Randy Owensby – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing) Jeff
Tabatha Packwood - (health & healing)

Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Diane Smith – (Health and healing from eye problems)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health & healing)
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)

Long Term

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing, cancer)
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health and healing)
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health and healing)
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)
Ben Schumacher – (Peace and comfort from Parkinson's disease)
Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)
Bob Hess – (health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing, cancer)
Koopert Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health & healing)
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing, cancer)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday August 11th
9:00 am - Happy Half Hour
9:30 am - Fellowship
10:00 am – Service

Monday August 12th
NO Braille
Ladies Bible Study - 1:30 pm in Freistatt

Wednesday August 14th
Pastor in Office

Thursday August 15th
Pastor in Office

Sunday

August 18th

9:00 am - Happy Half Hour

9:30 am - Fellowship

10:00 am – Service with communion

Birthdays: Abbey Davis-Aug. 12; Matt Miller-Aug. 14; Nancy Hoaglan-Aug. 16;
Gladys Bauer-Aug. 17; Glenda Enlow-Aug.18

Anniversaries: Bob & Rachel Sanford-Aug. 18

A new Basic LERT certification class is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2024. It will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Aurora, Mo. The time will be from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training Event is for new or renewing/reviewing volunteer certification. Enables volunteers to be received at disaster clean up sites. Prepares groups to be on damage are in need of assistance. And to be prepared to conduct Local Missions of Mercy in their community. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A registration fee of \$35 per person will pay for lunch, training materials, certificate, LERT volunteer T-shirt. Your LERT Trainer will distribute all materials for the class.

Please send registration fees to "Grace Lutheran Church", 1120 S. Park Ave, Aurora, MO 65605.

Please note "LERT Training August 24, 2024" on your check. Questions? Please contact Kris Schuldt on pitchatent@centurytel.net.

To register for the class, create an account on the LCMS-LERT.org website by clicking on the green button in the upper right hand area of the home page that says "Sign Up" and then after you have created an account go back into the system, click on "Training & Deployments" and locate the class and register for the class and click on "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

August

GREETERS:

8/11: Charlie & Edee Chambers

8/18: Bob & Rachel Sanford

8/25: Bill & Joanne Michel

USHERS:

8/11: David Lampe

8/18: Harold Lampe

8/25: Rob Springer

Trinity Lutheran School – Freistatt: We are currently seeking funds for the Trinity Lutheran School scholarship program. In the last decade our enrollment has increased from 56 to 148 (projected for 24-25). Along with the blessed increase in enrollment, we have seen an increased need for scholarships. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by July 31. All funds raised for the scholarship program are used to insure a Lutheran Christian education is possible for all families who seek it. Checks can be mailed to TLS at 218 N Main St, Freistatt, MO 65654. Be sure to put "scholarship" in the memo. **Also:** We are currently searching for a part-time music and/or PE teacher for the 24-25 school year. See the flyer on the bulletin board.



150 year anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Freistatt, MO: Please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 7 and 8, 2024. There is a dinner on Sunday the 8th. See the flyer on the bulletin board for how to sign up. RSVP no later than August 15, 2024.