



**August 3, 2025 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **AS WE GATHER**

Sometimes it is easy to think of baptism as a “one and done” thing. The Pastor pours water on someone’s head – or immerses a person in a pool, creek, or other body of water – and says the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” It seems ordinary. It seems done. And in a sense, it is done. That person is now crucified with Christ and raised with Him; forgiven, made new, and so forth. And yet, at the same time, Martin Luther rightly says that baptism “indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” This is what our epistle reading is all about – living the baptized life.

## **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

### **HYMN**

*LSB 596, “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized,” stanzas 1-3.*

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Rom. 6:3-6, 7:15*

**Pastor:** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**People:** **We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

**Pastor:** For if we have been united with him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like His.

**People:** **We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.**

**Pastor:** And yet, I do not understand my own actions.

**People:** **We do not do what we want, but we do the very thing that we hate, which is sin.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Truly, we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but God’s justice and punishment. Let us then take a moment of silence to reflect on God’s Word and on how we have fallen short this week.

**Pastor:** Most merciful God,

**People:** We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have set our minds on things of this world. We have failed to put to death what is earthly in us, and have not lived as Your baptized children. But we know that You are merciful and gracious. So we ask You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us. Forgive us. Renew us. Lead us. Put to death our sinful nature, and raise us with Christ.

**Pastor:** In baptism, your sinful nature was put to death and you were crucified with Christ. And in baptism you were raised with Christ. You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins – all of them gone – in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## ☩ WORD ☩

**INTROIT** *Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

**Pastor:** Hear this, all peoples!

**People:** Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!

**Pastor:** Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice.

**People:** This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

**Pastor:** Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd.

**People:** But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.

**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.**

**Pastor:** Hear this, all peoples!

**People:** Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!

## KYRIE

**Pastor:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Pastor:** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Pastor:** For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Pastor:** For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Pastor:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**      *"This is the Feast" (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 155)*

**People:**      **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation; Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:**      The Lord be with you.

**People:**      **And also with you.**

**Pastor:**      Let us pray. Gracious heavenly Father, through baptism You have united us with Christ in His death and resurrection and have made us new creatures. By Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may daily live in our baptism by putting to death what is earthly in us and putting on lives of holiness. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 42:1-9*      *(God's chosen servant).*

<sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

**Pastor:**      This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      *Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor:      Know that the LORD, He is God!

**People:**      **It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor:      Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:**      **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Pastor:      Come into His presence with singing!

**People:**      **Know that the LORD, He is God!**

Pastor:      It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**People:**      **Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!**

Pastor:      Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**People:**      **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor:      Know that the LORD, He is God!

**People:**      **It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

**EPISTLE**      *Colossians 3:1–17*      *(Live as the people you are in Christ.)*

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. <sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pastor:      This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**      **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Colossians 3:1*

**All:**      **Alleluia. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 12:13–21*

*(Be rich toward God who gives.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” <sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’” <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *LSB 596, “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized,” Stanzas 4-6.*

## SERMON

*Living as God’s Baptized People*

## CREED

*Nicene Creed*

**People:** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**Pastor:** Lord of Glory, You created this world and everything in it, and You continue to rule over it. We praise and thank You for being our Good Shepherd who daily and richly provides for us. Thank You for laying down Your life for us and taking it back up again. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we praise and thank You for all the blessings You generously give us. We thank You for our families, friends, opportunities, vocations, and possessions. Lead us to be good stewards of all that You place into our hands. Guard our hearts against selfishness, arrogance, and pride. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, we praise and thank You for the riches of Your Word and the forgiveness we graciously receive at Your Table. Empower us by Your love to care for the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the needy. We pray now for all who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Glorious Lord, we praise and thank You for calling us by the Gospel, enlightening us with Your gifts, and sanctifying and keeping us in the one true faith. We pray for those in our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods who are near to us but far from You. Pour Your love, mercy, and grace into their lives and bring them to faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we lift these prayers to You, trusting in Your mercy to hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will. In Your glorious name, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 192-193)*

**People: 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.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### THE COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**People: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. *(Augsburg Confession-Article X)***

### PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly, good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely give to us and to all creation. Above all, we give thanks for showing Your love to us when You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid our sin on Him, putting to death all that is earthly in us. As He died, we have died and our life is hidden in Him. As He is risen, we, too, shall rise and see Him when He appears again in glory. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 161)*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give You thanks, O Lord our God, King of the universe, that though You were seated at the right hand of God You descended to earth and put on our humanity to raise us to new life through Your divinity. You gave Your life and took it back again so that we might live life eternally.

As we gather in Your name, set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Forgive, renew, and strengthen us in knowledge after the image of our creator. Nourish and strengthen us as we gather at Your Table to dine on Your body and blood, which was given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Gather us together from every tribe, nation, language, and tongue as we wait for Your appearing. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**      *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**      *Lamb of God (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 163)*

**All:** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*LSB 611, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

*LSB 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

*LSB 653, "In Christ There Is No East or West"*

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**      *LSB 632 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee,"*

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us the gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation through Your one and only Son. Set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this earth, so that when Your Son appears again, we will also appear with Him in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen.

## **HYMN**      *LSB 869, "With the Lord Begin Your Task"*



**Family for the Week: James Sharp & Dane Arbuckle Families**  
**Trinity, Nevada - Rev. Johannes Brann**

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort:**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

**Prayers for Health and Healing:**

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**Complete Prayer List:**

**Temporary**

Carol Bresnick – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)  
Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)  
Treaa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)  
Zana Haley and Unborn baby Veda – (Kathy Munden's granddaughter)

Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing )  
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

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**Long Term**

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)  
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)  
Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)  
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)  
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)  
Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)  
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)  
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)  
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

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**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service with communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO Braille</b> <b>LWML - 6:00 pm (see note below)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm</b> <b>Ladies Bible study at Freistatt - 1:30 pm</b>

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**Birthdays: Marlo Springer-Aug. 4; Doug Goodman-Aug. 7; Linda Myers-Aug. 10**  
**Anniversaries: Jim & Betty Gordon-Aug. 4; David & Nancy Hoaglan-Aug. 10**

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## August

### Greeters

**03: Charlie & Edee Chambers**

10: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer

17: Stan & Sharon Crandall

24: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss

31: Bill & Joanne Michel

### Ushers

**03: Mitch Littler**

13: David Lampe

17: Bill Mitchel

24: Matt Miller

31: Doug Goodman



**The NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC** hosted by Grace is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, grilling, serving, game area and cake walk assistance, etc. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can talk with Harold Lampe or other members of the Outreach Ministry Team.

Please join us on August 4, 2025, for the **LWML** Salad Supper at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall in Freistatt. The guest speaker is Nicole Watson, RN, from Joplin, MO. Nicole has established the Medical Loan Closet - an organization that connects people to medical supplies that insurance may not cover. A flyer listing different items that can be donated to this organization is available in the narthex.

