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### **Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Send Us A Prophet, O Lord

July 7, 2024

**Creative Worship**



## **PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SERVANT PROCESSIONAL**

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today, we encounter a few people who faced difficulties and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth.

Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

**HYMN**                    **Jesus, Lead Thou On**  
*LSB 718*

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
    And although the way be  
cheerless,  
    We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
    Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
    Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe  
To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
    When temptations come alluring,  
    Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
    Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
    Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of God the Father,  
**C** **who created us and all things and invites us to worship Him in this place as His beloved children;**

**P** in the name of God the ✠ Son,  
**C** **who gave His life for our forgiveness and salvation;**

**P** in the name of God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** **who calls us in faith, gathers us together in His church, and enlightens our faith through the Word. Amen.**

## PSALM *Psalm 123*

**P** To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!  
**C** **Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.**

**P** Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
**C** **Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

**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.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 123; 124:8; 32:5; 123:4; Ezekiel 2:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Mark 6:12*

**P** Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though we lift up our eyes to You, our souls have had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

**C** **As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You call us in faith to trust in You, we face the contempt of others in the world around us. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**P** The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:

**C** **"Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them."**

**P** He sent the apostle Paul, along with a promise:

**C** **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."**

**P** He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our behalf. Though stricken, smitten, afflicted, and even rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:

**C** **"So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent."**

**P** Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**C** **Amen.**

## **HYMN FOR THE WORD**

Thy Strong Word *LSB* 578, sts. 1, 3, 4

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us  
righteous;

Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

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## ✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon:*  
*Psalm 34:8*

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is  
good! Blessed is the man who takes  
refuge in Him!

**C** **For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has  
desired it for His dwelling place:**

**P** (The LORD says) "This is My resting  
place forever; here I will dwell, for I  
have desired it.

**C** I will abundantly bless her provisions; I  
will satisfy her poor with bread.

**P** Her priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and her saints will shout for joy."

**C** **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.**

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness.

**C** **In our callings in faith and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ezekiel's call *Ezekiel 2:1–5*

**1** And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."

**2** And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. **3** And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. **4** The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send

you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'

**5** And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Romans 11:33, 36*

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

**C** **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

**P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

**C** **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE** Paul's vision and his thorn  
*2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

**1** I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. **2** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. **3** And I know that this man was caught up into paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--**4** and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. **5** On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. **6** Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. **7** So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing



greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE** *Mark 6:13*

**P** Alleluia. They cast out many demons

**C** **and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** Jesus rejected at Nazareth *Mark 6:1-13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** [Jesus] went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying,

**C** **"Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James**

**and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?"**

**P** And they took offense at Him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."

**C** **And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief.**

**P** And He went about among the villages teaching. And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF BLESSING**

God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets'  
Sons

*LSB 682*

**SERMON**      *Sent and Sustained in  
Grace*      2 Corinthians 12:1-10

**CREED** *The Third Article and  
Explanation and Small Catechism  
Questions 212–215*

**C** 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.

**What does this mean?**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

**This is most certainly true.**

**P** What are the identifying characteristics of the Church?

- C** The identifying marks that guarantee the presence of the Church are the pure proclamation of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments. Where these are, the Spirit creates faith. God's Word of promise is sure and does what it says.
- P** What are some other outward indications that the Church is present?
- C** Such things as gatherings for prayer and worship, the fruits of faith, and suffering for Christ also serve as good outward indications that the Church is present without guaranteeing it. The Church also uses the Office of the Keys to rebuke and to forgive sins, as well as to consecrate ministers to preach and teach on behalf of all.
- P** What is the mission of the Church on earth?
- C** The Church's mission is to confess and proclaim the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake by preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments, sending missionaries, and establishing new congregations and by the daily witness of the baptized children of God, His royal priesthood.
- P** What are some of the privileges and responsibilities of members of the Church?
- C** We should regularly receive the Word and Sacraments within the community of believers.
- P** We should belong to congregations that confess and teach the pure Word of God.

**C** We should beware of and avoid false teachings, false teachers, and organizations that promote false teaching.

**P** We should tell others about Jesus, participate in works of mercy and service, and support the ministry of the church with prayer and financial gifts.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in your mercy ...

**C** Hear our prayer!

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*LSB 159*

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

**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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who together unites us as one in Your Body, the church. By His forgiveness we are reconciled, and through His Spirit we are declared Your children, together as a family of faith. 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

*LSB 208*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on

those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

We thank You that You call us by name, and we pray we continually heed Your voice of invitation. Even as You call us now to this Table to receive our Savior's body and blood, let Your servants hear Your word of forgiveness and grace to strengthen and sustain us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28;*

*Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1*

*Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** 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*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** 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*

**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.

**PAX DOMINI**



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

**C** Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"God of Grace and God of Glory" *LSB*  
850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound  
us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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"Lift High the Cross" *LSB 837*

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ  
proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred  
name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our  
Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of  
God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant  
sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks  
combine. Refrain
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him  
who died. Refrain
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious  
tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to  
Thee. Refrain
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death  
and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Refrain

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"Let Me Be Thine Forever"

*LSB 689*

- 1 Let me be Thine forever,  
 My faithful God and Lord;  
 Let me forsake Thee never  
 Nor wander from Thy Word.  
 Lord, do not let me waver,  
 But give me steadfastness,  
 And for such grace forever  
 Thy holy name I'll bless.
- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation,  
 My light, my life divine,  
 My only consolation,  
 O make me wholly Thine!  
 For Thou hast dearly bought me  
 With blood and bitter pain.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me,  
 Eternal life obtain.
- 3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit,  
 My comforter and guide,  
 Grant that in Jesus' merit  
 I always may confide,  
 Him to the end confessing  
 Whom I have known by faith.  
 Give me Thy constant blessing  
 And grant a Christian death.

Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92; (sts. 2–3):  
 Gesang-Büchlein, 1688, Rudolstadt  
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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*LSB 211*

- ☐ 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
 Depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory  
 Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles  
 Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people,  
 Your chosen Israel.**
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
 All glory to the Son,**

**All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C** **His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** As we have been called, gathered, and enlightened through Your Spirit as Your church, You have sustained and nourished us that we may live as Your people in this present life and at Your time rejoice in life everlasting. Your grace is sufficient and Your forgiveness is assured.

**C** **Strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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

**P** Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* LSB 922

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love  
you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's  
story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His  
glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated during our worship service this morning. The Bible is clear about who is welcomed and prepared to receive Holy Communion. St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:28: *Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.*

Therefore those Christians who are prepared and "worthy" communicants have been led by the Holy Spirit to ...

- 1) Feel contrition and confess all sins to the LORD
- 2) Trust in Christ for the forgiveness of sins
- 3) Strive to turn away from unrepented sin and
- 4) Discern and believe in the real presence of Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the outward forms of bread and wine.

Therefore we welcome all confirmed adults to join us at the Table of the Lord. We do invite those adults and children who are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper to come to the communion table, cross your arms across your heart, and receive a blessing from the pastor. Thank you!

**GODLY MEN** is a group of guys who meet monthly for supper at a local bistro, study the Bible, and discuss what it means to be a godly man / husband / father / grandfather. The Godly Men's group will meet at the church on **Tuesday, July 9, at 6 pm**. Our fearless leader, Bill Hertel, will serve up supper around the Trinity Fire Pit - so all we need to bring is a camp chair. Everything else is provided at no cost. We always love to see NEW Godly Men at our gatherings - so if you are "man enough"

(pun intended) - just show up with a camp chair.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** on developing stronger Christian character ("Authentic Community") **will not meet** this coming Tuesday, July 9. Our Vacation Bible School will be in "full swing" at that time.

NEW SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY starts on **Sunday, July 21, 9 - 9:45 am**. This class is called *To Be a Disciple* and is based on the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew was a Jewish tax collector who worked for the pre-Christian Roman Empire. But Jesus called him to a new and exciting life as a disciple (committed follower) of Christ. This class is exegetical [verse-by-verse] and includes content outlines and prepared discussions.

**Our 2024 dynamic Vacation Bible School** is called *SCUBA!* Community and Congregational kiddos will be making spectacular *underwater discoveries in the Bible, working on aquatic crafts, and singing Christian songs* without a snorkel. *SCUBA* sessions for kids will be held on the Trinity campus on Monday - Friday, July 8 - 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Talk to Elizabeth Eppler or Heidi Swanson if you need more information.

**WE ARE COLLECTING MONETARY DONATIONS** for VBS snacks this year. Grab an envelope from the *SCUBA* display in the narthex. Give the envelope to Melissa or Elizabeth.



**We can always use more volunteers.**

**IF YOU LIKE QUILTING**, Trinity has started a new Quilting Group on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 10 am**. Bring Scissors! It's fun to gather and talk while sewing. You need not have special skills.

## **CHARTING OUR COURSE**

*Attendance week of June 30, 2024*

10:00 am Worship in Person: 65/ Online Views: 73

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 1

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: 14/Online Views: 131

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS July 7, 2024**

**Divine service**

**Elder:**

**Acolyte:** Daniel Eppler

**Usher:** Dan and Joanna Krueger

**Greeter:** Ben Ratliff, Luke Eppler

**Counting:** Dan and Joanna Krueger

**Altar:** Joanna Krueger, Barb Yek

## **MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sun Jul 7**

9 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – New Life with God: Church Membership

10 am Pentecost 7 Worship

### **Monday – Friday July 8-12**

VBS 9 am – 12 pm

### **Tues July 9**

6 pm GODLY MEN cookout and Bible Study at Hertel's

### **Thu July 11**

7 pm Elders

### **Fri Jul 12**

6 pm VBS Picnic



**Sun Jul 14**

9 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study –

10 am Pentecost 8 Worship

**LCMS FOUNDATION**

To create the appropriate estate plan requires the use of your personal attorney. However, for some, that prospect creates anxiety. That anxiety may be caused by fear of the unknown. Most people do not visit with attorneys on a regular basis. Knowing what to expect out of that visit and becoming generally familiar with the terms and tools they use can bring down some of that anxiety. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can provide education and explanations to assist with this. Contact Julie Burgess Gift Planning Counselor, Church Extension Fund of Michigan 713-822-5284

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