

your word
is a lamp
to my feet
and a light
to my path.

psalm 119.105



LUTHER SAID

Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.

Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

July 15, 2018 | 10:00 am

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's focus - *Ever feel like John the Baptist?*
 We actually have a lot in common.

Mark plunks us down squarely in the world of Real Politik in this week's gospel. It is the only story in the Gospel of any length that is not about Jesus; and it is no accident that Mark places it where he does. Jesus has just finished giving instructions to His disciples about how they are to embody God's love in the world. Expect opposition and trouble, He tells them, but the only thing you need to take with you is the gospel and a confident faith. And then, Mark, recounts in sordid detail the death of John the Baptist in order not just to explain the fate of John but to foreshadow that of Jesus. Mark's larger purpose is to encourage Jesus' disciples and members of his own church with a reminder of how the rulers of this world are always haunted by their own dark deeds, thereby giving hope to all who dare to wear the prophetic mantle that their work is not in vain.

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "Prayer Request" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER: It's not easy giving a faithful proclamation of God's Word. Public ministers serve as God's representative to a sinful world, and the world is often not willing to accept God's message of truth. St. Paul found that out; John the Baptist found that out, and Jesus' newly-called apostles would find that out as well. Yet the joys of proclaiming the Good News move faithful Christians so the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed to all nations.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC and WELCOME

THE INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" **LSB 583**

(Tune: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying" **LSB 826**)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

GOD'S PROMISE

HYMN OF PRAISE "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" **LSB 821**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Amos 7:7-15** **ESV**

EPISTLE LESSON **Ephesians 1:3-14** **ESV**

THE GOSPEL ANTHEM "You Are My All in All" **D. Jernigan**

GOSPEL LESSON **Mark 6:14-29** **ESV**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

HYMN OF THE DAY "Following the Way of Christ" **Tune: LSB 878**

SERMON "Powerful Words" **Mark 6:14-29**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY "Create in Me" **Composer Unknown**

THE OFFERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI **Tune: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** **LSB 702**

THE DISTRIBUTION - DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" **K & K Getty**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" **LSB 917**

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

July 15 "My Feelings, Meet God's Word!" (Mark 6:14-29)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Emotions often drive our lives. When we think about our feelings in light of the Word of God, we are led to Jesus our Savior, but ignoring God's Word makes life a soap opera mess.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

July 22 "You Feed Them" (Mark 6:37)

Speaker Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Every job looks like it's easy if you don't have to do it. That was certainly the case when Jesus told His disciples to feed the crowd. With no McDonald's in the area, they came back and asked Jesus to do what they couldn't. We would be wise if we did the same.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: July 15 "We need to embrace the God Who is found in suffering. He is the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He's the Lord who was impaled on a cross. We'd rather Jesus be mild-mannered and mild-tempered, and we'd rather listen to Him preach about lilies in a field of flowers. We don't want to go down that hard path of Calvary. But once we do, I think then we can gain compassion. Because compassion means 'with suffering.' Christian compassion means suffering with the sufferings of Christ." *Joni Eareckson Tada • www.lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP: July 15 (Proper 10)

Amos 7:8 – "And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them." One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that's no surprise when we consider how God's activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord's own nature.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

7/15 Sun	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA
7/16 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
7/17 Tues	6:30 pm Council meeting
7/18 Wed	10:00 am Bible Study
7/19 Thurs	11:30 am KOA/50+ DQ Lunch
7/20 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
7/21 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
7/22 Sun	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morellis

Counters: Derald and Chris Hadrath

Altar Care: Morellis

Attendance: 7/08/2018: 37

Offerings -- Regular \$2,350; Loose Plate \$50; Memorials \$2,000; Candles \$6; Rental \$1,035; Church Lawn \$240; FCBH \$25

Total: \$5,706

Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87

Love Your Enemies

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.*

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you; and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. - Matthew 5:9, Luke 6:27-31

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Proverbs

Sunday Bible Study: Next class – September 8th

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,
Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson
Carin Anderson - knee replacement surgery July 18 at Methodist

IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) in rehab for broken hip

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Doris Rixe, (Nanc's mother) – heart related recovery

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.

Those Battling Cancer

Lynn & Edith Engel (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) Cancer and
Reconstructive surgery (w/chemo and radiation to follow)

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know.

2018 Salo Park Summer Concert Series

Thursday evenings, 7 pm

July 19: The Fabulous Fairlanes

July 26: Ecuador Manta

August 2: Brio Brass

August 9: Everett Smithson Band, Music of the Mississippi

The Amphitheater is located on 39th Ave. NE between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard, in St. Anthony Village. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road.

Info: saloparkconcertseries.com.

Meeting about the Future of Locks and Dams

July 16 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a public meeting about the future of Minneapolis Locks and Dams, Monday, July 16, 6-8 pm, at Mill City Museum, 704 Second St. S. The purpose of the meeting is to help inform the public about the Corps' disposition study, the properties owned by the Corps, and the potential process of transferring or selling them. The Corps expects to complete the environmental assessment and plans to invite the public mid/late 2019. Info: <https://fmr.org/news/2018/future-mpls-locks-and-dams-uncertain> or <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/MplsLocksDisposition/>.

Minneapolis Summer Food Program

This summer, Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary and Wellness Services is providing no-cost meals to all youth ages 18 years and younger through the USDA's Summer Food Service Program.

Local sites include: Edison High School, Mondays-Thursdays, breakfast 8-9 am, lunch noon-1 pm; Northeast Middle School, Mondays-Thursdays, breakfast 8:30-9:30 am, lunch 11:45 am-2:15 pm; and Pillsbury Elementary School, Mondays-Thursdays, breakfast, 7:30-8:30 am, lunch 11 am-1 pm. Info:

http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/summer_program_overview
or download the app: summereatsmn.org/mobile-app

Casa de Dios Carnival

July 21 @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Held at St. Timothy's Lutheran front parking lot, 825 51st Ave. NE, on Saturday, July 21, 4-8 pm. Includes food, games, entertainment for all ages, music, dunk tank, and more.

Catechesis Note for the Week

How are Predestination & Election connected with Foreknowledge?

Certainly, since God knows everything, it would have been possible for God to base His predestination and election of individuals upon His foreknowledge of the future. The problem is that it really is not what the Bible teaches about predestination, election, and foreknowledge. Consider a couple of verses that speak to the reason God elected or predestined people to salvation.

Ephesians 1:5 tells us that God ***"predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."*** Then again in Ephesians 1:11 we see that people are ***"chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will."*** Romans 9:15-16 says, ***"I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."*** It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. Accordingly, the basis of our being predestined is not something that we do or will do, but is based solely on the will of God for His own pleasure. God predetermined or predestined this from before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4) based solely on His will and not because of anything that He knew people would do.

Romans 8:29 does say that those ***"He foreknew, He also predestined."*** The problem is that the word foreknew is not speaking of God's knowing the future. The word foreknowledge is never used in terms of knowing about future events, times or actions (God's omniscience). What it does describe is a predetermined relationship in the knowledge of God whereby God brings the salvation relationship into existence by decreeing it into existence ahead of time. God knew His elect in a personal way and chose them to be His sheep, not because they would someday follow Him. His knowing them and choosing them is the reason they follow Him, not the other way around.

If it meant "based upon God's knowledge of the future," meaning God simply looks down through the future and sees who will believe the gospel message and then predestines or elects them, then it would contradict the verses above from Romans and Ephesians that make it very clear election is not based on anything man does or will do.

Today's Scripture Readings

AMOS 7:7-15: After the death of King Solomon, the land of Israel was divided into two kingdoms, the Southern Kingdom with Jerusalem the capital, and the Northern Kingdom with Bethel (at the time of this prophecy) its capital. Amos's vision of God presents him as a master builder checking with a plumbline. This suggests that both the religious and political structures of the Northern Kingdom were so 'out of line with true' that a major demolition and restructure was called for. The 'high places' were religious shrines for perverted cultic Baal worship. Bethel was the political and religious centre for King Jeroboam. The prophesied destruction of these places evokes the intensity of the priest Amaziah's response to Amos's prophecy. He tells Amos to go and make his living in the Southern Kingdom. Amos politely answers that he is not a prophet by training or profession but rather by the special choice and act of the Lord.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14: Here St Paul breaks out into praise as he treats the doctrine of election. This deep mystery is not meant to bewilder the Christian but rather to reassure and comfort. It shows how precious is our relationship with God by faith in Christ through the intricate workings of God, that he chose us from eternity and made us his own in time. All this hinges on God's central historical act of Christ's sacrificial death for our sin, verse 7. While the whole universe finds its ultimate rationale in Christ's work for God the Father, yet God's purpose for us is to reflect our election in the way our lives come into harmony with him and in living to his praise. The Spirit gives us all of this as a guarantee of the full and final glory of the heavenly redemption still to come.

MARK 6:14-29: Herod was in reality not a king but a puppet ruler under the Romans in the northern areas above Judea. His imprisonment of John the Baptist afforded him the opportunity to hear John, although without belief. His wife, Herodias, resented the Baptist's criticism of the religiously unlawful marriage between Herod and herself. The same blackness of soul which later brought silence from Jesus (Luke 23: 7-11) caused the rashness of a lustful promise to combine with weakness of will to give in to Herodias's vengeful bloodthirsty demand. Hence, when reports of Jesus' ministry with his miracles reached him, Herod's conscience allowed superstitious guilt-images to take hold in his mind that John the Baptist had come back to life embodied in Jesus.

Lessons for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

