

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



**Faith is being sure  
about what we hope for,  
being convinced  
about things we do not see.**

- Hebrews 11:1, EHV



Focused Living Properly Values  
Heavenly Treasure

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 31, 2022



## Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

## Service Notes For This Service



This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. He exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a shortage of earthly wealth. When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. But Jesus focuses us. He points to creatures that do not labor or toil, yet are daily fed and clothed. Even more, Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. We can pursue heavenly treasure wholeheartedly, confident that our Father knows all we need.

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# The Service: Setting Five

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## Welcome

## Hymn

868 By Faith

*The final refrain will be sung twice. Following that, the Song Leaders will sing the final lines.*

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Tune: MÜNICH*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

*In faith, Abram treasured the Lord's gracious promises.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Response

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives sts. 1–2, 4, 7–8

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| <p>1 I know that my Redeemer lives!<br/>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br/>He lives, he lives, who once was dead;<br/>he lives, my ever-living head!</p> <p>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br/>he lives eternally to save;<br/>he lives all-glorious in the sky;<br/>he lives exalted there on high.</p> <p>4 He lives to grant me rich supply;<br/>he lives to guide me with his eye;<br/>he lives to comfort me when faint;<br/>he lives to hear my soul's complaint.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>he lives to bring me safely there.</p> <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>He lives, my Jesus, still the same.<br/>Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br/>I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |
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## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

*The gift of faith allows us to believe the same things Abraham believed.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Luke 12:32*

Alleluia! Do not be afraid, little flock,  
**for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

*Luke 12:22–34*

*Through faith, we have a Father who knows us better than we know ourselves.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Children’s Message**

## **Hymn of the Day**

*800 How Firm a Foundation*

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.**

*Be seated*

## **Connect Card**

*Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.*

## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep children in the grace of their baptisms. Move their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel. Care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## Offering

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## Musical Offering

## Hymn

*803 Day by Day*

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **Hymn**

*835 Precious Lord, Take My Hand*



#### **Special Prayers This Week:**

- Janet Heister's sister Kathy has blood clots in her lungs caused by Covid.
- Ron Heibler's dad passed away
- For the souls of the lost
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# Take Home/Bible Study Questions

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1. Jesus is addressing feelings of fear and worry in Luke 12. In what ways does focusing on heavenly treasure solve this problem of worry?
  
2. Jesus completely exposes the folly of worry not only on a spiritual basis but also on an earthly basis. For what reasons is it foolish to worry even from an earthly perspective?
  
3. Genesis 15:6 is a critical passage in fully understanding Scripture. (Consider memorizing it!) The relationship between faith and righteousness expressed in this passage was the essence of apostolic teaching. It is explained both in Romans 4 and Galatians 3. Read Romans 4:17-25 alongside the selected verses from Hebrews 11 and make a list of the similarities between the two sections.
  - a. What do these verses together highlight about Abraham?
  - b. ...about us?
  - c. ...about this all-important relationship between faith and righteousness?
  
4. Hebrews 11:9 mentions that Abraham lived as a foreigner and stranger in a different land. Although we share the same faith as Abraham, we aren't literal foreigners as Abraham was. In what ways do we "confess that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth" as verse 13 says? Be as comprehensive as possible.
  
5. Living by faith doesn't only pertain to the heavenly city prepared by God. In what ways does living by faith align with Jesus' teaching in Luke 12?

# News & Announcements

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## **This Sunday's Bible Study: Sermon Deep Dive**

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM  
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

## **Donte. Volunteer. "Shop."**

*Aug. 2-6*

Our Clothing Drive & Giveaway is this week. Bring your clothing donations on Tuesday & Wednesday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed on these days to help people dropping off donations and to sort and fold clothes. Just stop in and stay as long as you are able. Volunteers are also needed on the giveaway days to keep the displays neat and to assist community members as needed.

The giveaway is open to everyone in our congregation and community. Those days and times are Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm; Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; and Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

## **New Day & Time for Willing Workers**

*Aug. 11 | 6:30 PM*

St. Paul's Willing Workers invite women of all ages to join them on their new day and time – the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The evening includes a devotion, a project or speaker, short business meeting, and dessert & fellowship. Come this Thursday to find out what Willing Workers is all about.

## **Help at the Food Pantry**

*August 15-19*

The next opportunity to serve at the local food pantry is August 15-19. The hours are 11:45-4:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Tuesday hours are 3:45-7:00 pm. Groceries are collected for clients from a predetermined list. There is no direct contact with recipients. If interested in helping with this, please contact Judy Anderson at 715-423-5922 or [5janderson@charter.net](mailto:5janderson@charter.net).

## **Wildcat Golf Open**

Support the athletic and engineering programs at Northland Lutheran High School while enjoying time on the golf course. The Wildcat Open will be held on Saturday at Pine Valley Gold Course in Marathon City. This is a four-person scramble with a 10:00 am shotgun start. Singles, doubles, and triples are welcome. Register at [NLHS.org](http://NLHS.org).

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	10:30 AM	Worship / VBS Celebration
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	10:00 AM	<b>Clothing Donation Day</b>
	6:30 PM	Unified Board Meetings
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Clothing Donation Day</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	3:00 PM	<b>Clothing Giveaway</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Clothing Giveaway</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	<b>Clothing Giveaway</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship
	5:05 PM	<b>WELS Night at Witter Field</b>

## Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 231

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 71,058

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 46,363

## Upcoming Events

Aug. 11 ~ St. Paul's at Farmers Market

Aug. 13 ~ Wildcat Golf Outing

Aug. 15-19 ~ St. Paul's serving at food pantry

Aug. 18 ~ School Parent Orientation

Aug. 24 ~ First Day of School at St. Paul's

WELS Night at Witter Field



Sunday, Aug 7 at 5:05 pm

**Buy Your Tickets Today!**

If you want to ensure you get a seat near other WELS members, be sure to buy your tickets today. See the Ministry Table for an order form.



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