

God of all hope, sometimes it seems like everything around us is futile. Help us to rely on faith instead of feelings, upon what we know to be true because of your promises, instead of the false signals given through the sorrows of this present time. Cause us to consider these trials in light of the glory that awaits us through Christ. Give the hopeless courage to wait with patience for what they do not see, yet know to be true because of the witness of your Spirit. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the sower of good seed in our lives. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon that the seed of your holy Word would fall on fertile soil within us and take root and grow. Grant us the amazing gift of faith, that we would follow Jesus in obedience, joy, and love. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
"Lamb of God"
The Distribution

"Thank the Lord and sing ..."

Prayer and Blessing

LBW #407 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

Come, you thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield.

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home.

From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,

but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home.

Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there, forever purified, in your garner to abide.

Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Benediction and Dismissal

"Alleluia"



July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

In Our Prayers

BEREAVEMENT: Marsha Burke's mother, Gwen Schmidt, died Sunday. Her funeral was Thursday at St. Paul's Lutheran, Wisner.

HEALTH AND HEALING: Sharon Koeppe, Dorothy Beaudette

ASSISTED LIVING/LONG-TERM CARE: Arlis Lind, Mona Jean Roberts

MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT: Brandon and Annemarie Cyboron, Joe Rystrom, Jared and Sau Man Weich, Msaranga Mandaka Parish in Tanzania

Watchword for the Week

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Isaiah 44:6

Anniversaries

Louise and Charlie Skoglund, July 20

Birthdays

Jerry Hayes, July 22

Lu Carter, July 23

Michelle Anderson, July 24

Bill Thoendel, July 24

Stuff the Bus

A list of needed school items is on the box under the coat rack. Donations will be collected through the end of the month.

LBW #453 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*If you but trust in God to guide you
and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you,
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.*

*What gain is there in futile weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.*

*In patient trust await his leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er your Father's pleasure
and all-discerning love have sent;
doubt not your inmost wants are known
to him who chose you for his own.*

*Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully,
and trust his word; though undeserving,
you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
the soul that trusts in him indeed.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Greeting and Kyrie

“Glory to God in the highest ...”

Prayer of the Day

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peace-makers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Isaiah 44:6-8

New Testament Romans 8:12-25

“Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go ...”

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Message

Pastor Dennis Reich

LBW #459 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

*O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts your work begin,
And make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
Your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance Life from heaven
Now is given Overflowing,
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.*

*Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us;
And give us steadfastness, that we
May follow you forever free,
No matter who derides us.
Gently heal those Hearts now broken;
Give some token You are near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.*

*O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let your good Word in doubt and strife
Be in us strongly burning,
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy On us shower;
By your power Christ confessing,
We will cherish all your blessing.*

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, there is no one like you. You alone are God. As you have called the whole Church to be your witnesses, proclaiming to the world the good news of him who has been prophesied since ancient times, give us all boldness to declare your salvation and sow the seeds of your Word wherever we go. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, give your holy Church a heart for you alone, that we may keep your commandments, and bring you honor so that your glorious name may be praised in all the earth. May the lives of your people mirror your own steadfast love and mercy. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**