

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



**“We Preach Christ Crucified...”**

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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“I AM SETTING A  
**PLUMB LINE**  
*in the midst of my people Israel.*”

**AMOS 7:8, NRSV**



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## As We Gather

In today's Old Testament Reading, the prophet Amos, though previously a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs, must speak, for the Lord has called him. His word of judgment is only part of the message; in other places, he calls people to choose the Lord and live and also announces a great reversal. It is dangerous being a prophet, as John the Baptist learned in the Holy Gospel. But we know the end of the story: before creation, we were destined to salvation, as we read in the Epistle. Whatever we face, our faith tells us to listen to what the Lord has to say before paying attention to any other voice. "He will speak peace to His people" (Psalm 85:8).

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]*

#### Hymn

TLH 16 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

[Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** 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 by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**P** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85:8-13

**P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;

**C** but let them not turn back to folly.

**P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

**C** that glory may dwell in our land.

**P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

**C** righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

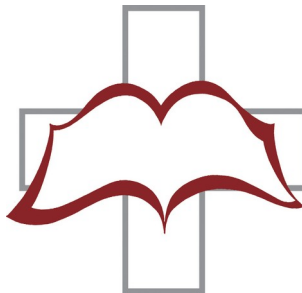
**C** and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

**C** and our land will yield its increase.

**P** Righteousness will go before him

**C** and make his footsteps a way.



## Gloria Patri


Glory be to the Father



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

## Kyrie


Lord, Have Mercy



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on High - Hymn 238, st. 1



All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,  
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to  
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All  
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup> For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted

to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup> And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup> And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup> and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

## Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

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.

## Hymn

TLH 445 – Am I a Soldier of the Cross

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> 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; <sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” <sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said, “ ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ ” <sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’



*Sermon*

## **God Stands Behind Us**


- I. He Stands Behind Our Station
- II. He Stands Behind Our Status
- III. He Stands Behind Our Statements

THE LORD  
STANDS BESIDE ME  
LIKE A GREAT

**WARRIOR.**

JEREMIAH 20:11, NLT

## Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with in me.  
Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence;  
and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion;  
and up hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

## Hymn

TLH 296 – Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

## General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

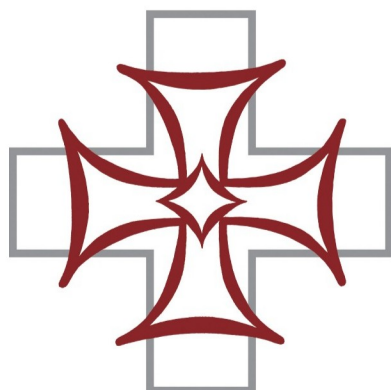
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn

TLH 52 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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# TLH 16 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Luke 11 : 28

7. 8. 7. 8. 8. 8.

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

St. 1-3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1667

St. 4, author unknown, 1707

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Tr., st. 4, unknown

Liebster Jesu

Johann R. Ahle, 1664

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Thy Word We are gath'-ered  
 2 All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
 3 Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part, Light of Light, from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to Thee and

all to hear Thee; Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark-ness shroud-ed Till Thy Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro - ceed - ing; O - pen Thou our ears and heart,  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we Thy Word may trust

Now to seek and love and fear Thee, By Thy teach - ings,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. Thou a - lone to  
 Help us by Thy Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry Thy  
 And ob - tain true con - so - la - tion While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love Thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; Thou must work all good with - in us.  
 peo - ple rais - es, Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Thy prais - es yon - der. A - men.

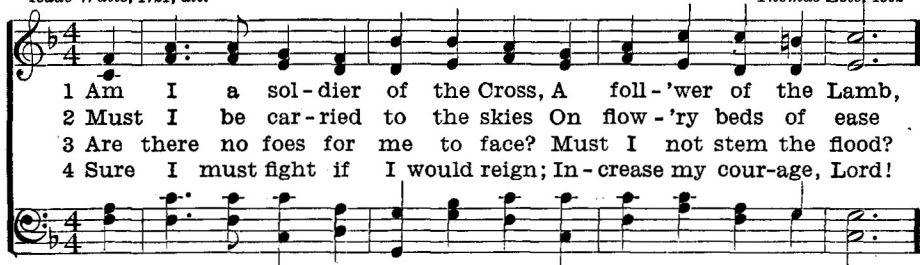
# TLH 445 – Am I a Soldier of the Cross

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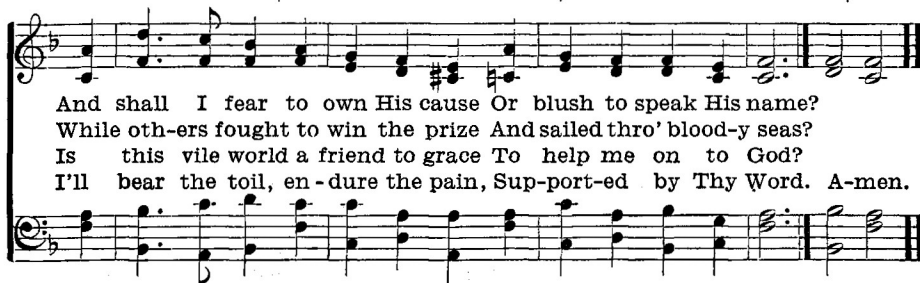
Winchester Old  
"Psalter"  
Thomas Este, 1592

1 Cor. 16: 13

Isaac Watts, 1721, alt.



1 Am I a sol-dier of the Cross, A foll-'wer of the Lamb,  
2 Must I be car-ried to the skies On flow-'ry beds of ease  
3 Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?  
4 Sure I must fight if I would reign; In-crease my cour-age, Lord!



And shall I fear to own His cause Or blush to speak His name?  
While oth-ers fought to win the prize And sailed thro' blood-y seas?  
Is this vile world a friend to grace To help me on to God?  
I'll bear the toil, en-dure the pain, Sup-port-ed by Thy Word. A-men.

5 Thy saints in all this glorious war  
Shall conquer though they die;  
They see the triumph from afar  
With faith's discerning eye.

6 When that illustrious Day shall rise  
And all Thine armies shine  
In robes of victory through the skies,  
The glory shall be Thine.

# TLH 296 – Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

1 Sam. 3 : 10

8. 7. 8. 7. 7. 8. 8.

Rede, liebster Jesus, rede  
*Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1658, ab.*  
*Tr., George T. Rygh, 1909*

Werde munter  
*Johann Schop, 1642*

1 Speak, O Lord, Thy ser - vant hear - eth, To Thy Word I  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near Thee And to hear - en  
 3 Lord, Thy words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 Pre - cious Je - sus, I be - seech Thee, May Thy words take

now give heed; Life and spir - it Thy Word bear - eth, All Thy  
 to Thy voice! May I ev - er love and fear Thee That Thy  
 thirst - y need; Lord, Thy words are bread life - giv - ing, On Thy  
 root in me; May this gift from heav'n en - rich me So that

Word is true in - deed. Death's dread pow'r in me is rife;  
 Word may be my choice! Oft were har - dened sin - ners, Lord,  
 words my soul doth feed. Lord, Thy words shall be my light  
 I bear fruit for Thee! Take them nev - er from my heart

Je - sus, may Thy Word of Life Fill my soul with love's strong  
 Struck with ter - ror by Thy Word; But to him who for sin  
 Thro' death's vale and drear - y night; Yea, they are my sword pre -  
 Till I see Thee as Thou art, When in heav'n - ly bliss and

fer - vor That I cling to Thee for - ev - er.  
 griev - eth Com - fort sweet and Hope it giv - eth.  
 vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 glo - ry I shall greet Thee and a - dore Thee. A - men.

## TLH 52 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Luke 8 : 8  
 From the Scandinavian  
 Author unknown

L. M.

Old Hundredth  
 "Genevan Psalter," 1551

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which thro' Thy  
 2 We praise Thee for the means of grace As home - ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed take  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor - shiped

root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear. A - men.

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

### OUR SCHEDULE:

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

\*Online calendar at [FDLlutheran.com](http://FDLlutheran.com) or go to [facebook.com/FDL.lutheran](https://facebook.com/FDL.lutheran)

July 11	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Youth Group
July 12	6:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
July 13	6:00 pm	Council
July 14	9, 10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services
July 18	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
July 19-23	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Family VBS
July 25	9:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Church Picnic @ McDermott Park

**Pastoral Visits:** During the summer months, Pastor would like to visit with each member of the congregation. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please sign up on the bulletin board or from the front page of our website: [www.fdllutheran.com](http://www.fdllutheran.com)

**Youth Group:** The Youth group will meet today following the worship service.

**VBS:** This year's VBS is July 19-23 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be a meal served at 6:00 pm on July 19. There will be activities and classes for the whole family. Please register by filling out a registration sheet in the narthex on from the front page of our website.

**CLC Convention:** The CLC Convention met on June 24-27. Much hard work was done for our efforts together in the LORD's kingdom. A summary of the Convention (from the daily "Convention Chronicles") can be found at [tinyurl.com/convchron-21](http://tinyurl.com/convchron-21) (see page 6 for the Convention resolution on the "Joint Statement"). The full Convention Proceedings will be published later this summer. There were two excellent essays delivered; the first, by Pastor Luke Bernthal, can be seen at [tinyurl.com/conv-essay-1](http://tinyurl.com/conv-essay-1). The second, by Michael Schierenbeck, can be seen at [tinyurl.com/conv-essay-2](http://tinyurl.com/conv-essay-2). You may

see a selection of Convention photos at [tinyurl.com/conv-pics-21](http://tinyurl.com/conv-pics-21). Paper copies of these documents are available in our narthex. We thank the LORD for His blessing on our work in the CLC!

**Women's Retreat West:** Plans are being made for the 2021 Women's Retreat West. The dates are September 17-19, 2021, at Chadron State Park near Chadron, Nebraska. We will be sending out more information in the near future, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen Kalblinger ([womensretreatwest@gmail.com](mailto:womensretreatwest@gmail.com)) or Candy Ohlmann ([ocandice@hotmail.com](mailto:ocandice@hotmail.com)) We look forward to welcoming you back to Nebraska for a weekend of Christian inspiration, fun, and fellowship.

**Men's Retreat:** The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). You will also find additional information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

**Grade School Volleyball Camp:** The annual Grade School Volleyball Camp will be held July 18-21 at Immanuel High School in Eau Claire, WI. It is for girls entering grades 4-8. The deadline for registration is July 1. For more information and to register online, visit [tinyurl.com/ilc-vballcamp](http://tinyurl.com/ilc-vballcamp).

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Mrs. Shantel Hocum, a member of St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA has received and accepted the call to be the primary teacher at Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran.

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<b><i>Budgetary</i></b>		<b><i>Budgetary</i></b>	
\$2,256.00	LM General Budget (06/27)	\$657.00	CLC General Budget (06/27)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$461.54	Weekly Need
-\$820.92	-Under / +Over	+\$195.46	-Under / +Over
\$69,754.23	Year to Date Offerings	\$17,600.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$79,999.92	Year to Date Need	\$24,000.00	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$10,245.69	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$6,400.00	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$20.00	LM M & I	\$100.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$550.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
\$100.00	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

