

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Comes Today with Healing" (LSB 620)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto 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 unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 34:4-8; (antiphon: Ps. 34:1)

P I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

P Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

C This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

C O, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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.

P I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

KYRIE



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



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 5:1-19 see page 16 (Naaman Healed of Leprosy)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Shall We Gather at the River" (*HANSON PLACE, setting by Don Busarow*)
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

EPISTLE 1 Peter 3:18-22 see page 17 (The Righteous for the Unrighteous)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:11-17 see page 18 (Jesus Begins to Preach)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" (LSB 687)

SERMON "Naaman is Healed" (2 Kings 5:1-19)
Pastor Sam Handschke

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11:00 Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERTORY



C 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty God, You laid the foundations of the earth and set bounds and limits to all things. We give You thanks for Your glorious creation, including our own bodies and souls. In our sin, we have earned for ourselves death, and Your creation has been subjected to futility; yet in Your Son, You grant us forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, Your Word is near to the hearts of Your people. Grant them courage to speak the Gospel faithfully before the world. Let those who hear confess Jesus Christ as Lord and be saved. Remember all who endure persecution for His name, and strengthen them for a bold witness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, we ask You to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and new congregations that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them. Do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us to trust in You at all times, Father, that we may not doubt or fear. Grant us confidence in all that You have promised to bestow daily and richly upon Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You supported Peter in his doubts and fears. Keep us from sinking into despair when we suffer the trials of this mortal life. Be with those who are in need [*especially* _____]. Grant us Your Spirit, that our hearts may not waver, and keep us in the grasp of Your grace, that we may not lose our way or be overcome by weariness and struggle. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that we who come to Your table may receive Christ's body and blood in faith. Let us truly be united in confession, even as we are one at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of Your people and lead us to trust in Your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that You will grant to us all things needful to us and our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

The 8:30 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

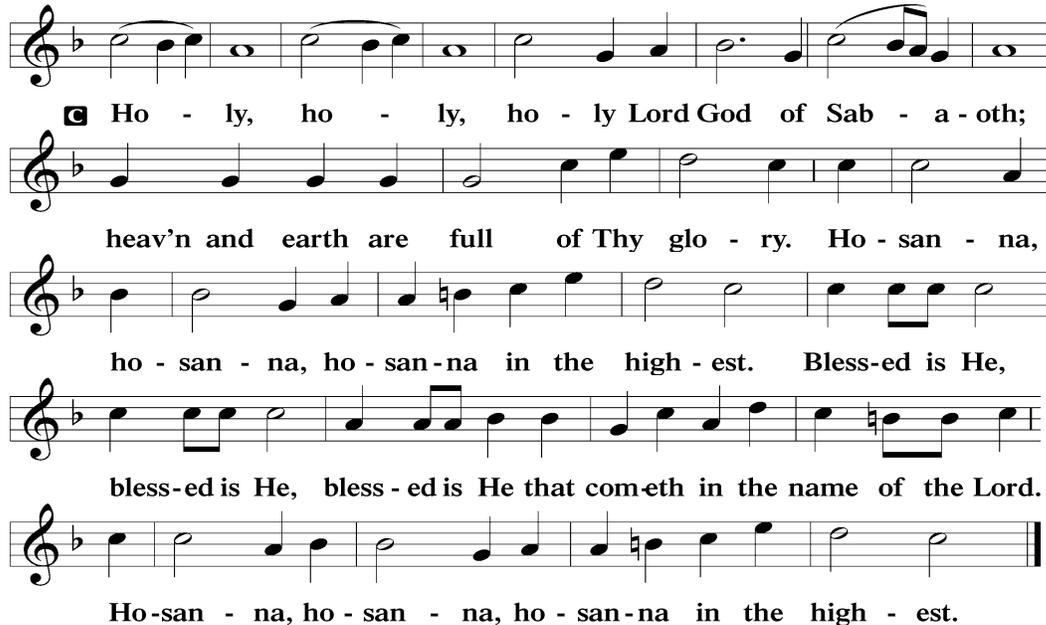
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

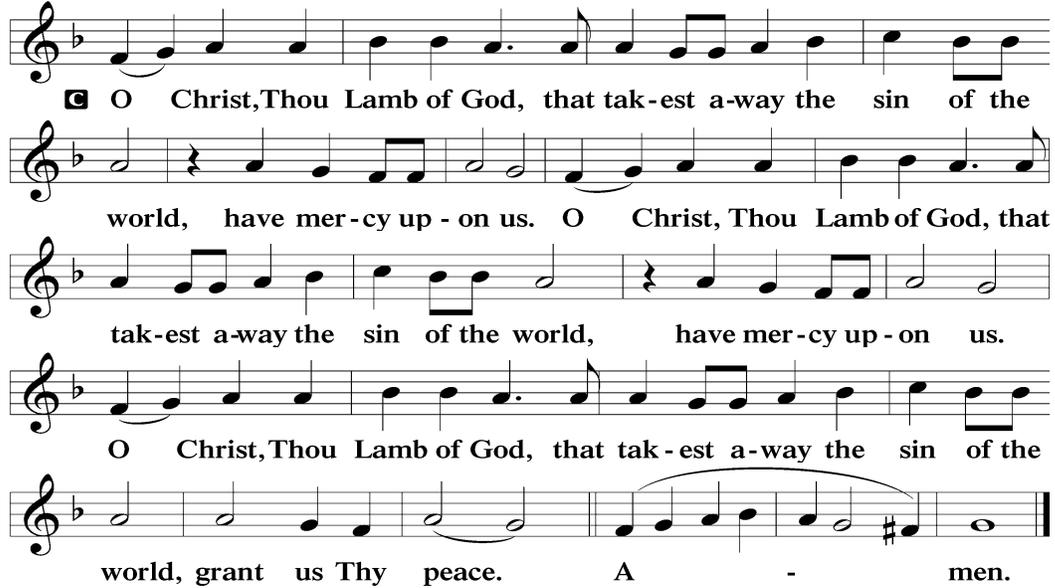
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

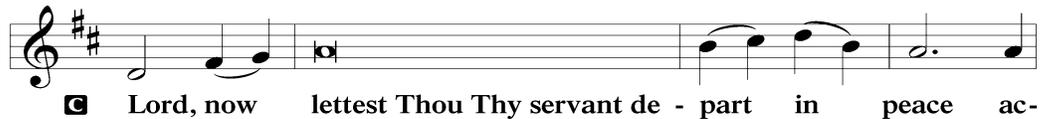
"When Peace, like a River" (LSB 763)

"Jesus Loves Me" (LSB 588)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

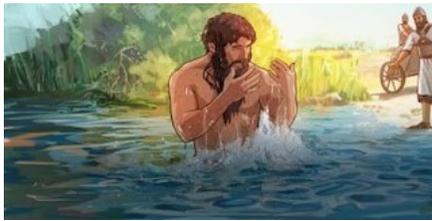
CLOSING HYMN

“Earth and All Stars”

(LSB 817)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER Today, we see God using water to wash the leprosy from a Gentile military leader in the Jordan River. Though Naaman hesitates to obey the prophet's word, his servants convince him to go and be healed. Jesus cleanses us from our sin by washing us in the waters of Baptism.

So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 2 Kings 5:18

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Aug. 2, Att. 23; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Aug. 6, Att. 237;** General Fund \$13,865.28; Sunday School Offering \$1.73; Building Fund \$25.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$2,500.00; Bach Fest \$780.00; Endowment Fund (Foundations) in memory of Darwin Ripley \$25.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Ladies Night Out All ladies of the congregation are requested to come for Ladies Night Out **TOMORROW**, Monday, August 14, at the Branding Iron Bistro, 6pm for a night of food, friendship and fun. **Please sign up in the Narthex at the information table so we can have a head count for food preparation.** Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dinner roll and dessert. Invite a friend or two. An evening of great Christian fellowship.

Forever Young Potluck This Thursday noon, August 17th, will be our Forever Young Potluck. Those who are retired or semi-retired or 55 years young and older are welcome to join us. Please bring a dish to



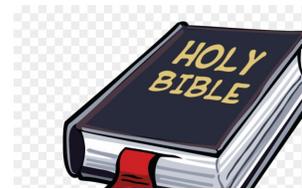
share and a friend or visiting family members. Great food and fellowship!



Help Wanted The Lord tells us in 3 John 1:4, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” Our Daycare and Preschool ministries bless children daily with God’s good Word and love so that prayerfully the Holy Spirit will work faith in them and they will walk in the truth. You or someone you tell can be a part of this important teaching. The following staff openings are currently available. Apply by submitting your resume to the church office or complete an employment application. More information is on the church website: www.faithluth.com

- Preschool Teacher Assistant
- Daycare Cook
- Daycare Early Childhood Teacher – Part Time and Full Time

Fall and Winter Bible Studies If you are planning on leading a Bible study this Fall and/or Winter please let us know all the details by August 18 so we can include this information in the September newsletter. Titles, days, dates, times and a synopsis of what the study includes would be very helpful.

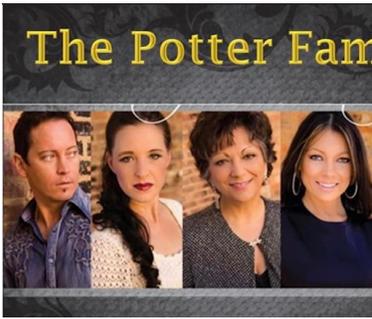


Beginning **next Sunday** our Adult Bible Study will begin its study of the Gospel of Luke. Class will normally meet Sunday mornings between Church Services (9:45 ish until 10:45 ish), in the St. Matthew Room, upstairs in the Christian Family Life Center. Class members will learn some things that were not taught in Sunday School.

Why is a study of the Gospel of Luke appropriate for me?

Luke's Gospel is written for those who do not have a background in the Jewish faith. Luke provides more detail on Old Testament laws and prophecies to help the student better understand relevant aspects of Jewish culture and Jewish faith. Matthew's and Mark's Gospels were written primarily for Jews, who already had a good background in the Old Testament Scriptures.

Rally Day Meal A “summertime” themed meal after the late service on August 20th will consist of hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, and sides such as macaroni and cheese or a meat-free option. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish to share.



Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 4pm

Steamboat Park Amphitheater

Pulled Pork with all the fixin's

Music and food free & open to the public

Faith Lutheran Church is the sponsor for this event for the whole community. Our Board of Missions and

Evangelism is spearheading the planning. Volunteers are

needed to help set-up, serve, and take-down. All volunteers would be much appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer call Cheryl Brull at 605-280-0690 or Dean

VanDeWiele at 605-295-1528.

Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "My Husband, My Sorrow" - A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

10:30 AM - Rev. Dr. Dale Sattgast, SD District President Emeritus, presents a message titled "Why Do You Doubt?" The sermon is based on Matthew 14:22-33. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit:

www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words 'Christ is risen' are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel." *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth 

Rally Day is August 20th. We will welcome back all members, young and not so young for another year of Christian education and growth. Please prayerfully consider joining a Bible study and make sure your youth are enrolled in our Midweek/Catechism classes and Sunday School classes. Midweek/Catechism classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 5th.



The Board of Education is recruiting teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Sunday School and Midweek/Catechism teachers are needed. Please pray about this opportunity to teach the children of our congregation. If you are interested please contact one of the Board of Education members: Ellen Blauert, Rebecca Denke, Mark Koch or Jessica Paul.

Midweek/Catechism and Sunday School Parent's meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm with the Teacher's meeting prior at 6:30 pm**. At least one parent or guardian of our 2nd-8th grade students is expected to attend. The youth are not required to attend this meeting. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, and cover expectations for the year. Midweek/Catechism will begin Wednesday, September 6.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study begins Sunday, August 20.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Aug. 13

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

2:00 pm Board of Education

7:30 pm Board of Missions

Mon: Aug. 14

12:30-4:30 pm Blood Drive

6:00 pm Ladies Night Out @ B. I. Bistro

6-9 pm Pickleball

Tues: Aug. 15

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Aug. 16

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Aug. 17 Public School Begins

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

Sun: Aug. 20 RALLY DAY

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Rally Day Meal

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow.

5:00 pm Board of Education

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

Old Testament *2 Kings 5:1-19*

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.^[a] **2** Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. **3** She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." **4** So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." **5** And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels^[a] of gold, and ten changes of clothing. **6** And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." **7** And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill

and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." **9** So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. **10** And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." **11** But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. **12** Are not Abana^[a] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. **13** But his servants came near and said to

him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Gehazi's Greed and Punishment

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶ But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷ Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. ¹⁸ In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow

myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." ¹⁹ He said to him, "Go in peace."

Epistle *1 Peter 3:18-22*

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered[Ⓛ] once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which[Ⓛ] he went and proclaimed[Ⓛ] to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because[Ⓛ] they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:11-17

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by

him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,^[a] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son,^[a] with whom I am well pleased."

