



***SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014***

***10:00 AM WORSHIP***



**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
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**OUR SUMMER HOURS:**

Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10 am

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**Our Mission Statement**

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need, while giving glory to God.

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**TO OUR GUESTS:** Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

# ***“Easter In August”***

## ***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost***

*August 17, 2014 – 10:00 am*

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**The Pre-service Music**

**The Chimes**

**The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements, Prayer**

**Opening Hymn**                      *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*                      **457**

**The Invocation** (Please rise)

*Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,*

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: We come this morning, Lord,*

**People: Just as we are.**

*Pastor: You seek us to come Lord,*

**All: That we may be yours forever.**

*Pastor: Teach us to understand being blessed,*

**People: That we might rejoice in your promises.**

*Pastor: Let your Holy Spirit guide us,*

**People: To see the abundant life you give.**

*Pastor: To all who trust in Jesus,*

**All: Amen.**

**The Confession and Absolution**

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*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**



<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

<sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who ascended into Heaven, we rise to sing*

**All Sing:** *“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”*

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He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
 Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
 The gates of heav'n are open.  
 My Jesus did triumphant die,  
 And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
 Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
 O hear what cheer!  
 Christ victorious,  
 Rising glorious,  
 Life is giving.  
 He was dead but now is living!

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 15:21-28**(Bible Page 1043)

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

<sup>21</sup> Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.  
<sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."  
<sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."  
<sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."  
<sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."  
<sup>26</sup>And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."  
<sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."  
<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.** (spoken)

**The Greeting** *(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)*

**The Children's Talk** *As the children go to the CLC, the congregation sings:*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

**The Sermon Hymn** *"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"* **464**

**The Sermon: "Blessed are the Pure In Heart"** **Matthew 5:8**(Bible page 1,029)

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**The Nicene Creed** (Please rise) *(back of hymnal)*

**The Gathering of the Offerings** *(Please be seated)*

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation will rise to sing:*

✠ **The Offertory**

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

**781 v 1, 2**

1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our firstfruits give!

**The Prayers** (The Pastor will end each petition with *"Lord, in your mercy ..."* and the congregation will respond with **"hear our prayer."**)

**Lord's Prayer**

✠ **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you. (spoken)**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift Them to the Lord (spoken).**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him Thanks and Praise (spoken).**

*Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we sing your unending hymn:*

**The Sanctus**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

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**The Words of Institution**

*Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: And also with you. (spoken)**

**The Agnus Dei**

*"Lamb of God"*

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**An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.**

**"White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers"**

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## **Distribution** (please be seated)

- ✠ Faith's statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✠ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers' instructions.
- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✠ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

## **The Distribution Hymns**

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* **461**  
*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* **465 v 1-3**

✠ *Please rise*

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

*"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"* **633 v 7+8**

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Pastor: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in 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.*

**People: Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

## The Proclamation

*Pastor: Christ is Risen!*

**People: He Is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

## The Closing Hymn

*“He’s Risen. He’s Risen”*

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### Those Serving Today:

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

Assisting Elder	Tim Burkee
Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Brittany Morrison
Altar Care	Mary Oles & June Svensson
Lay Reader	Neil Finkenstadt
Audio Assistant	Bob Behnke
Video Assistant	Mike Muetzel
Ushers	Ray LaVallee, Jack Greenlee, Marian Malmgren and Ruth Bolduc
Altar flowers	Given to the glory of God by Mary Oles for blessings received
Flower Angels	Bob & Mickie Ferguson
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber

**Stewardship Sentence:** Since God never goes on vacation and stops providing for you, be sure to maintain your weekly offering to the Lord this summer when on your vacation.

## This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, Aug. 17	9:30 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, Aug. 18	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Staff meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 19	6:00 pm	Parent/Student meeting for confirmands; also Acolyte training
	7:00 pm	Sr. Youth Staff meeting
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday, Aug. 20	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	12:00 pm	Genealogy Society in the CLC
Thursday, Aug. 21	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
Friday, Aug. 22	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, Aug. 23	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study at the Oasis Coffee Spot
	7:30 pm	Faith Factor at the Oasis Coffee Spot

### A Measure of Our Devotion

August 10, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014	111
Worship Attendance 2013	139
SS/Confirmation	3/1
Receipts for August 10, 2014	\$2,507.02

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.**

- **FAITH FACTOR:** If you've missed hearing Faith Factor sing during the summer months, we have good news for you. Faith Factor will be performing at the Oasis Coffee Spot again on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:30. Join us for an hour of fun, fellowship, and some awesome sweets and drinks. Oasis Coffee Spot is located at the corner of Little Rd and Embassy Blvd in Port Richey. See you there and bring a friend!
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Next Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a free pancake breakfast in the CLC starting at 9:00 am. Come join us for breakfast.

- **COMING IN SEPTEMBER: "IMPROVING YOUR SERVE"** is the title of the sermon series by Pastor Kuehn in the month of September. You are encouraged to read the whole book of Mark during the month. Copies of that book of the Bible are in your mail boxes. Also consider memorizing the central verse of Mark:

*"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."* Mark 10:45

- **PROMOTION SUNDAY / RALLY DAY IS COMING:** Next Sunday. All students will receive their certificates during the 10:00 am worship service. We will also be having an "Open, House" for parents to see their child's new classroom for the fall quarter. All ages are invited.
- **VACATIONING?** Don't let your giving go on vacation. Let's not forget that giving is not an obligation, but rather an *act of obedience*. It is our way of thanking God for what He has already given us. May God bless you as you express your gratitude to Him for all that He has already given you.
- **HANDS AND FEET:** The Sunday School staff and the Board of Outreach are collecting personal hygiene items, clothing, lap pads, shoes, slippers, etc. for residents in our area nursing homes. These donated items will be delivered just in time for "Grandparents Day" on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please put your donations in the decorated boxes in Narthex II or in the Christian Life Center. Your "gift" can make a huge difference to someone who doesn't even have the basic items for daily care. Let's put some smiles on the faces of some of our nursing home friends on their very special day.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**
- **Health/Unspoken:** Gary Ahl, Robbie Baumgartner, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, Bob Gould, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, Stew Mallinson, Peter Mohler, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Connie Roach, Francisco Sabo, Pat Steinbach, Tom Springer, John Stevenson, Jean Terkowski, Mike Terkowski, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, Karen Young.
- **Military:** Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.



➤ **Homebound:** Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Marge LaVallee, Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Ginny Pohlman, Carl Schoebel, Brenda Serena, Hank & Jan Whitt.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS/ THIS WEEK**

**Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:**

(18) Ginny Polhman (20) Elly McCarthy, Evelyn Waters (21) Mildred Jeffers  
(21) Mike Muetzel (23) Florine Catt, Jackie Christopher

Food Pantry Item for the month of August	<i>Macaroni &amp; Cheese</i>
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES:**

<b>August 19</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mandatory parent/student meeting for this year's confirmation students</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>"Faith Factor" appearing at the Oasis Coffee Spot</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast in the Christian Life Center</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Promotion Sunday / Rally Day / Open House</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Praise Services resume</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School Classes / Confirmation Classes Adult Bible Study: <i>"Improving Your Serve"</i></b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>Collection of donated items for the local Nursing Home</b>

