

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

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

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #853**

“When Morning Gilds The Skies”

*** Greeting p. 138** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

*** Kyrie p. 138** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** Glory to God p. 139**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray) Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: Daniel 6:1-10

⁶ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ² and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³ Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵ Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

⁶ Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 86:11-17

L: ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

C: ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

L: ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

C: ¹⁴ O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

L: ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

C: ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.

ALL: ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs

of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'""

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

VBS Song Medley

Hymn #821

"Shout To The Lord"

The Sermon

**Summer Sermon Series - The Book of Daniel
"Keeping The Faith In An Unfaithful World"**

Part 6: "Stay Loyal To God When The Lions Roar"

Pastor William Shields

(text: Daniel 6:1-28)

* Apostle's Creed p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #787

"On Eagle's Wings"

Offering

* Offering Response #186

Prayers

* The Lord's Prayer p. 154 **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.**

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn #805

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

* Dismissal *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Announcements:

	<u>Weekly Events:</u>
Tuesday, 7/25	10-12 Prayer Shawl 5-8 LCW Culver's Night for Second Story
Wednesday, 7/26	6:00am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Group
Thursday, 7/27	1:00pm Quilters
Saturday, 7/29	7:00am Gideons
Sunday, 7/30	Worship Coffee Fellowship

<p>Continued prayers for: Those with cancer: Karen May, Loren Cook, Linda Kloc, Shawn (co-worker of Dave Little), Nancy O'Connor (mother of Pam & Jerry Zibert's son-in-law, Chad Errio), Natalie Radtke (cousin of Mary Lee Twidell), Jeff Jaques, Trudy Kreiling (friend of Gay Kyle), Kim Brenneman, Eric David (brother-in-law of Rob & April Buchanan).</p> <p>Others: Nick & Sandi Smith & daughter Melissa, Gary & Laureen Schaille, Anne Gripp (friend of Nancy Hartz), Sue Eggers, Alice Schindel (aunt of Gayle Little & Jennifer Jaques)</p>

<p>Mobile Food Pantry August 3, 2023 Bureau County Fairgrounds 8:30 arrival time for volunteers.</p>

<p><u>Thank You Volunteers</u> Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. It was a great week of learning and fun for our kids.</p>

<p>Family Fishing at Scruggs Pond August 6, 2023 3-6pm Bring swimsuits & fishing poles. An adult must accompany youth. Supper will be provided. Sign up in the back of church.</p>

<p>Old Wheels Meeting 8:00am Saturday, August 5th At Scruggs' Pond - Breakfast served We will discuss the last Old Wheels Event.</p>
