

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 30, 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 (on screen)**

**“Onward Christian Soldiers”**

**\* 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 **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.****

### **First Lesson: Daniel 7:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

<sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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

### **Responsive Reading – Psalm 119:129-136**

L:<sup>129</sup> Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

**C:<sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

L:<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

**C:<sup>132</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**

L:<sup>133</sup> Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**C:<sup>134</sup> Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

L:<sup>135</sup> Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

**ALL:<sup>136</sup> My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

### **Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

**31** He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. **32** It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

**33** He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

**44** "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

**45** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, **46** who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**47** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. **48** When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. **49** So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous **50** and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**51** "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." **52** And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #73** (TOSB)

**"His Name Is Wonderful"**

**The Sermon**

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

**Part 7: "Looking For The Coming Of The Son Of Man"**

*(text: Daniel 7:1-28)*

**Pastor William Shields**

\* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #820**

**"O Savor, Precious Savior"**

**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 #671**

**“Shine Jesus Shine”**

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

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

	<b><u>Weekly Events:</u></b>
Tuesday, 8/1	1:00pm Library 8:45am Worship Committee <b>7:00pm Committee Night</b>
Wednesday, 8/2	6:00am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Group
Thursday, 8/3	8:30am Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers
Saturday, 8/5	7:00am Gideons
<b>Sunday, 8/6</b>	<b>9:30am Worship/Communion</b> <b>10:45 Coffee Fellowship</b> <b>3:00pm Family Fishing at Scruggs Pond</b>

**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 Brennehan, Eric David (brother-in-law of Rob & April Buchanan).  
  
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), Melissa Castro

**Mobile Food Pantry  
August 3, 2023**  
Bureau County Fairgrounds  
8:30 arrival time for volunteers.

**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.

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

**LUNCH-IN-THE-PARK  
LCW BAKE SALE  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
Please have your donations delivered to  
Soldiers & Sailor's Park by 10:30am.  
Sign-up in the back, please.

**LWR School Kits**  
Beginning today, July 30<sup>th</sup>, we are collecting items to complete Lutheran World Relief school kits. A complete display is in back showing all the items needed. School supply sales are beginning now and we ask that you consider donating to these kits. School kits give children the ability to attend school both here in our country and around the world. The most needed item is 70 page count spiral notebooks, crayons, and 12" rulers. Contact Karen May with questions.

**LCW Annual Road Trip  
Bishop Hill & Special Kneads Bakery  
Friday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Leave from church parking lot at 9:00am to carpool.  
10:00am coffee & a sweet @ the Bakery  
1:15pm lunch at PL Johnson's  
All LCW women & guests are welcome to attend.  
Please sign up in the back to attend this event.*

**Thank You!**  
If you volunteered to work, or came out to eat, thank you for supporting The LCW Culver's Share Night. \$847.90 was raised for Second Story!