

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship
July 9, 2023 – Hymn Sing
9:30 a.m

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* **Confession & Forgiveness** ELW pgs. 116-118

*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** # _____ # _____ # _____

* **The Prayer of the Day** (all pray): You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson: Daniel 4:13-18

¹³“I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. ¹⁴He proclaimed aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. ¹⁶Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him. ¹⁷The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.’ ¹⁸This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation, but you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 145:8-14

L:⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C:⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

L:¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

C:¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

L:¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C:¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]

ALL:¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. **16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. **17** So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Announcement:**

* P: The Holy Gospel is heard according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

* P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Hymn: # _____

The Sermon

Summer Sermon Series

The Book of Daniel

“Keeping The Faith In An Unfaithful World”

“Don’t Forget The Lord When Times Are Good”

Pastor William Shields

(Daniel 4:1-37)

* **The Apostle’s Creed**

* **The Hymn of the Day** # _____

The Offering

* **Offering Response**

“Doxology”

* **The Prayers of God’s People**

* **The Lord’s Prayer**

* **Benediction**

* **The Sending Hymn** # _____ # _____ # _____

* **The Dismissal**

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

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

Announcements:

<u>Weekly Events:</u>	
Tues. July 11 –	10:00am – Prayer Shawl 3:30pm – Council Meeting
Wed. July 12 –	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 1:00pm – Prayers
Sat. July 15 –	7:00am – Gideons
Sunday, July 16 –	9:30 am Sunday Worship & Communion 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 5:00pm Bible School Begins

<p align="center">Altar Flowers Given in memory of Gene Scruggs (<i>Jim’s Dad</i>) By Jim & Sue Scruggs</p>
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<p align="center">VBS July 16-20 from 5-7:30pm.</p> <p>Additional registration forms are in the back of church or register on line. Sign-ups are in the back for donations of food items for the meals.</p>
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<p>Continued Prayers for: Cancer patients: Loren Cook, Karen May, Linda Kloc, Natalie Radtke (cousin of Mary Lee Twidell), Shawn (former co-worker of Dave Little), Nancy O’Connor (mother of Pam & Jerry Zibert’s son-in-law, Chad Errio), Jeff Jaques, Trudy Kreiling (daughter-in-law of Gay Kyle’s friend Dorothy Kreiling)</p> <p>Others: Nick & Sandy Smith and daughter Melissa, Gary & Lauren Schail, Ann Gripp (friend of Nancy Hartz)</p>

<p align="center">Baby Bottles We are missing 2 bottles. Please turn them in to the church office.</p>
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