

Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 20

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Three

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INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: Three Preludes on "Praise to the Lord"

The CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Sisters and brothers,
bear with one another in love,
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,
and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God,
**we confess that we have not led a life
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not acted according to your will.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive us according to the riches of your grace.
Make us holy and blameless before you in love,
so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.
You who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his command and 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.
Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW 858

The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:
The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son,
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The assembly is seated

WORD

The FIRST READIG

Proverbs 9:1–6

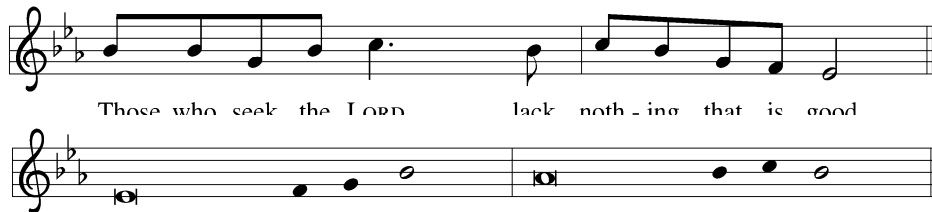
Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The PSALMODY

Psalms 34:9–14



⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. Refrain
¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.
¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life**
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.
¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;**
seek peace | and pursue it. Refrain

The SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15–20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51–58

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

The Rev. Peter Shults

Silence for reflection

The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

The HYMN OF THE DAY

"I am the Bread of Life"

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The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING: "Be Thou My Vision"

The assembly stands

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 your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

You are indeed holy,
 almighty and merciful God...*The prayer continues*

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The prayer continues and concludes...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The LORD'S PRAYER (Right column)

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the rail. Please kneel as you are able** _Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Be Thou my vision"

ELW 793

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Let us pray... Gracious God, in this meal
you have rained down the true bread from heaven,
the body and blood of your beloved Son.
So by his promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

The BLESSING

The SENDING HYMN

“When in our music God is glorified”

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The SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The SENDING MUSIC: “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

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PRAYER CONCERNS—Judy Himes, Steve Hite (brother of Carol Himes), and all nursing home residents.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Debbie Larson in loving memory of my husband Chuck and what would have been our 33rd anniversary on the 20th.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Don & Linda Weber in memory of Helen Pingstock's 100th birthday on Aug. 18th.



Senior Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00PM in the Choir Room. We would love to have some new voices join our established choir, so please join us.



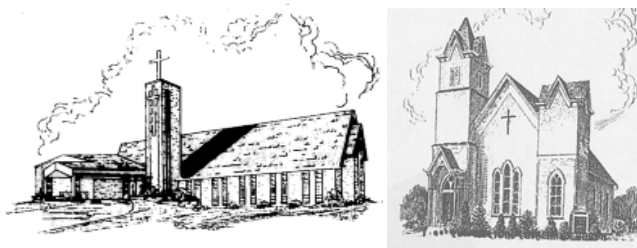
**SUNDAY, AUG. 16TH - AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN
BBQ – MALCUIT'S PARKING LOT – DON'T MISS OUT ON SOME GREAT
CHICKEN !!**

MARTHA CIRCLE - The Martha Circle is still collecting coupons to help men and women serving overseas. You may place your coupons in the box located in the Narthex.

LOOK What's New!

First Lutheran, through a donation, has received and had installed two new handicap accessible toilets. The Ladies restroom is now a Men's/Women's handicap accessible restroom with a lock on the door. The Men's restroom has one of the new toilets installed. We are grateful – thank you so much!

St. John's UCC's Christ Mission's Team is hosting a Fifth Sunday Strasburg Community worship and meal in which all are welcome. Gary Garber's band will be playing Gospel music. This is a new community mission out reach program for our congregation. Our first Fifth Sunday will be August 30th starting at 5:00 PM please come join us in worshipping God and having fellowship.



Strasburg-Beach City Shared Ministry

Pr. David Craig will be retiring from First, Beach City at the end of August. As recognition for his 3 years of service and to celebrate our joint partnership there will be a joint liturgy **Sunday, August 30, 9:30am at Beach City**. Pr. Craig will be preaching and Pr. Steven will preside. A celebration luncheon will be held after worship in the Social Hall at **Strasburg**. The use of the two locations will accommodate seating as well as our partnership in ministry and mission.



A Special Message from Mr. Spock!!

Pr. Steven got a new phone as a birthday gift. It's the latest in technology that makes him feel like a crew member of the Starship *Enterprise*. To synchronize his calendar appointments and contacts into his new toy he needed to change his email. Pr. Steven's new email is revrevwoyen@gmail.com Please update your records accordingly. Live long and prosper.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 8/16—8/23)

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| Sunday | <u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 20</u>
9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |
| Monday | 7 PM—Beach City Church Council |
| Tuesday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Wednesday | 7 PM—Strasburg Senior Choir (Choir Room) |
| Thursday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | No Scheduled activities |
| Sunday | <u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 21</u>
9:30 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM—Acolyte Training (Sanctuary) |

Pastor Steven is a voting member for the Churchwide Assembly this week. Pastor Mike Pozzuto from St. Paul, Bolivar is available for any pastoral emergencies (330) 874-4540.

A special thanks to Pr. Peter Shults for presiding at today's liturgy.