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6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + July 20, 2025

HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” LSB 892

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

**All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.**

**2 All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.**

**First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3 For the Lord our God, shall come and shall take His harvest home,
from His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.**

**4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in Thy garner to abide;
come with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

L: This is the Day the Lord hath made, we are the people of the Lord, come let us adore Him.

We begin in the Name of God the Father, **C: Who has made us and cares for us,**

L: And in the Name of God the Son, **C: Who has redeemed us.**

L: And in the Name of God the Holy Spirit, **C: Who brings us to faith and renews our faith.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

L: Dear Friends in Christ: Whereas Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, among whom we are numbered, let us come before our gracious God and openly confess our sins to Him, asking Him to grant us forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

All: Heavenly Father, although you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear his cross. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Wash us thoroughly from our sinful filth and empower us to conform our lives to your holy will, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 27

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, because you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding, pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LSB 686

**1 Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand’ring heart to Thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

**4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom’d soul away;
send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 19:14-21

¹⁴ He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.

²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him. L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

AUGSBURG CONFESSION CONCERNING THE NEW OBEDIENCE

We teach that the Christian faith is bound to yield good fruits and that it ought to do good works commanded by God on account of God's will and not so that we may trust in these works to merit justification before God. For forgiveness of sins and justification are taken hold of by faith, as the saying of Christ also testifies: "When you have done all things say, 'We are worthless slaves.'" The authors of the ancient church teach the same. For Ambrose says: "It is established by God that whoever believes in Christ shall be saved without work, by faith alone, receiving the forgiveness of sins as a gift."

SERMON “Follow Me” text: Luke 9:51-62

HYMN “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” LSB 697

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
so learn His love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth He came to bring from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit’s unity, the very bond of peace.
- 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that He might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
- 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, and conquered in the strife;
awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG AFTER THE OFFERING “Now Thank We All Our God” LSB 895 (vs. 1 & 3)

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: ...Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

L: Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until, with all Your saints, we inherit eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace. C: Amen.

HYMN “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth here after.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; where You live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly, living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

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FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP. Parents, our Family Room is open for you with quiet toys, one way glass, changing table, and bathroom.

BIBLE BAGS are available for small children to use during the service. They are located on tree coat racks by each entrance. Please remember to put back on the coat rack when finished so someone else can use them too. If you accidentally took one home please bring it back to church for future children to enjoy.

ATTENDANCE Last Week Sunday Early—121 + Late—87 + Monday - 20 = 228

USHERS Early: Scott Spiegelberg, Bill Sitter & Heli Acevedo
Late: Roger Suehs & Tim Drath, Monday: Bruce Scheller

STUDENT USHERS Early: Jensen Timm & Alyssa Zemple
Late: Mina Reichle & Hudson Drummond

GREETERS Early: LuAnn & Greg Kamke, Late: Scott & Sharon Spiegelberg

CAMERA Megan Timm

FELLOWSHIP Linda Much

SPECIAL VBS MISSION OFFERING this Sunday in Narthex.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD July 14th deposit \$13,447.00. General—\$7,179.50; Loose Offering - \$545.00; Missions - \$163.50; PALS - \$3,159.00; School - \$2,400.00; EFTs General - \$275.00; Thrivent Choice School - \$82.00; & Thrivent Choice Church - \$40.00.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the Glory of God in remembrance of Kristin Jones.

MEMORIAL in memory of **Dale Wachholz** \$1,200.00 was given to School Sponsor a Student.

HELP WANTED! St. Paul Sunday School is looking for teachers for the upcoming school year. We're looking for somebody to share a job in the 3K-Kindergarten room. We are also looking for people interested in substituting. Anybody from high school age on up is welcome. Special thanks go out to Gail Schertz and Alexa Korotka for their years of service to our congregation's children. Contact the church office or Jim Roenz — 920-538-2374.

PACKER GAME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Volunteers needed to work at Lambeau Field concession stand for Family Night Saturday, August 2nd & Saturday, August 9th, leave church parking lot at 3:30 p.m. If interested in volunteering contact Principal Brian Elmhurst for more information. All games are listed on sign-up sheet on the windows in the back of church.

SCRIP PROGRAM has gift cards for sale in the church office during office hours.

ST. PAUL 150TH ANNIVERSARY will include special worship services and meals. We will celebrate our first worship service on October 19, 2025 and the organization of our church on March 15, 2026. Mark your calendars. Note that there will be no church picnic in September.

SUMMER CHURCH SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS July & August the church secretary will be in Monday, Thursday & Friday morning from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

THRIVENT CHOICE deposited \$82.00 into our school account. Thrivent Financial members directing Choice Dollars to our school were Karen & Tom Helpap & Brenda Jenks. We also had a deposit of \$40.00 into our church account. Thrivent member directing Choice Dollars to our church was Jean Seeger. Thank you to these Thrivent members for using Thrivent Choice. Choice Dollars expire, so each year before March 31st you need to contact Thrivent to direct your Choice Dollars. Check your eligibility. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and saying "Thrivent Choice."

LADIES AID/LWML will go out to lunch for annual picnic at Bear Lake 11:30 a.m. Thursday, August 14th. This is "Dutch treat". Order your meal and pay for it. Come join us for lunch and fellowship. Please let Nancy Ferg know if you plan to attend.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from July 9th are available in back of church.

AMISH HAYSTACK SUPPER July 25th 5:00-7:30 p.m. Neitzke Road, Marion.

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 25TH

This Week's Opportunities (July 20th – July 27th)

Sunday..... Worship 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Monday Worship 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Quilting 9:00 a.m.
Next Sunday..... Worship w/Communion 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
.....Proverbs Bible Study 9:30-10:15 a.m.