A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and purple hues. The person's head is tilted back, and their arms are spread wide to the sides.

And He said to me, “Son of
man, stand on your feet, and I
will speak to you.”

Ezekiel 2:1

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: As the United States pauses this weekend to commemorate its anniversary, we think of the many blessings You have made a reality for us, sovereign Lord. Forgive us our many complaints and our negligence in asking Your blessing upon our land. Continue to allow us peace and bless all honest endeavors. Do not let our wonderful freedoms be abused or removed. Let justice and right prevail. Place loyalty in the hearts of our citizenry so that all may take an active role to do away with wrong and foster what is right. Above all, preserve our freedom to call upon You and to praise You. Bless our native land! Amen.

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As We Gather: NOT GLEE AND GRATITUDE, BUT REJECTION AND RESENTMENT

If ministry involves serving others with love and compassion, you would think that people would respond only with glee and gratitude for the help they received. Sometimes, but not always. If you offer to help a family member who is having trouble paying their bills, they might be offended, wondering if you are implying that they are not a good provider. Likewise, if you try and share the gospel with someone, they might resent the message that they are a sinner in need of salvation. You are trying to minister to this person's greatest need. Your intentions are loving. Yet they respond with rejection and resentment.

When our ministry efforts are met not with glee and gratitude but rejection and resentment, we are in good company. The prophets, apostles, and even Jesus Himself all had those who responded negatively to their ministries. When that happens to us, it doesn't mean our ministry is no longer meaningful. For if others do not appreciate our efforts to serve them, God still appreciates our efforts to serve Him.

Pastor's Welcome

HYMN **CW 900** "Lift High the Cross" (CW93 579)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,
People: **who created us and all things and invites us to worship Him in this place as His beloved children;**

Pastor: in the name of God the ✠ Son,
People: **who gave His life for our forgiveness and salvation;**

Pastor: in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
People: **who calls us in faith, gathers us together in His church, and enlightens our faith through the Word. Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 123

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to You, to You who sit enthroned in heaven.
People: **As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He shows us His mercy.**

Pastor: Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.
People: **We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 123; 124:8; 32:5; 123:4; Ezekiel 2:5;
2 Timothy 2:8; Mark 6:12*

Pastor: Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the LORD,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though we lift up our eyes to You, our souls have had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.
People: **As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You call us in faith to trust in You, we face the contempt of others in the world around us. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:

People: **"Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them."**

Pastor: He sent the apostle Paul, along with a reminder:

People: **"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David."**

Pastor: He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our behalf. Though stricken, smitten, afflicted, and even rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:

People: **"So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent."**

Pastor: Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

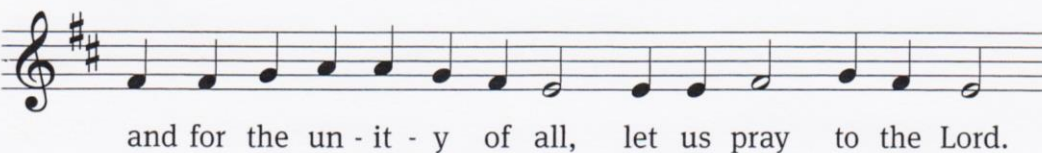
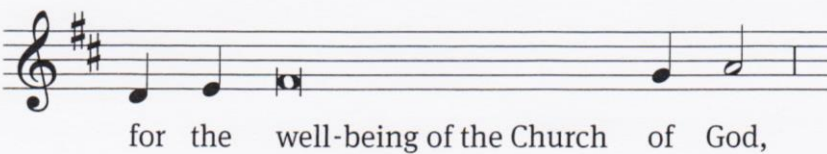
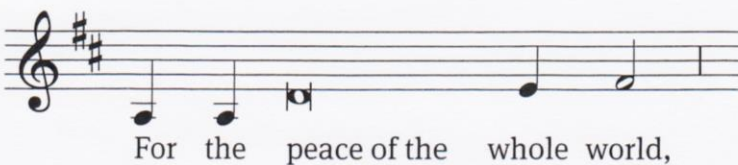
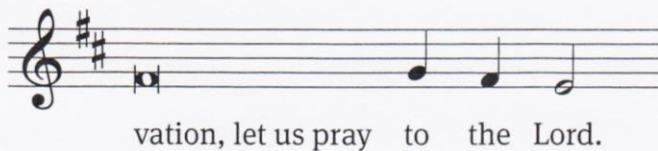
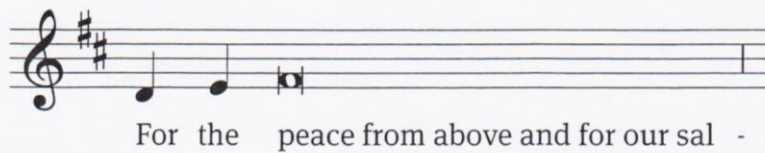
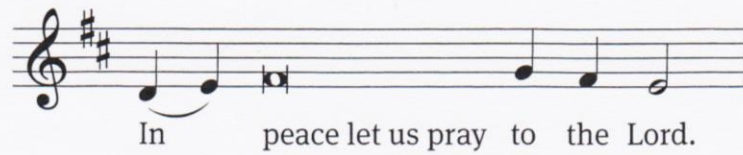
People: **Amen.**



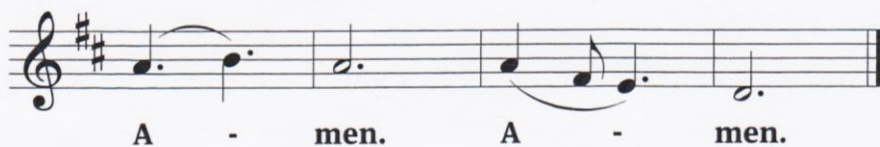
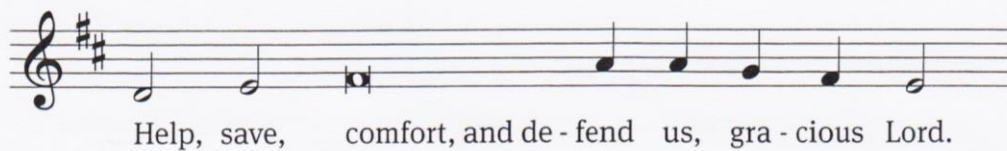
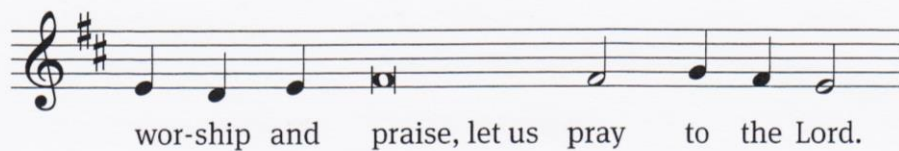
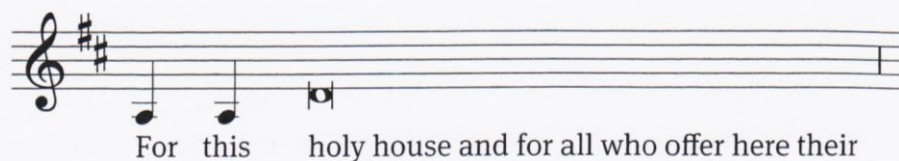
**"YOU MUST SPEAK
My Words
TO THEM,
WHETHER THEY LISTEN
OR FAIL TO LISTEN..."**

EZEKIEL 2.7

LORD, HAVE MERCY (The congregation sings the words in bold print.)



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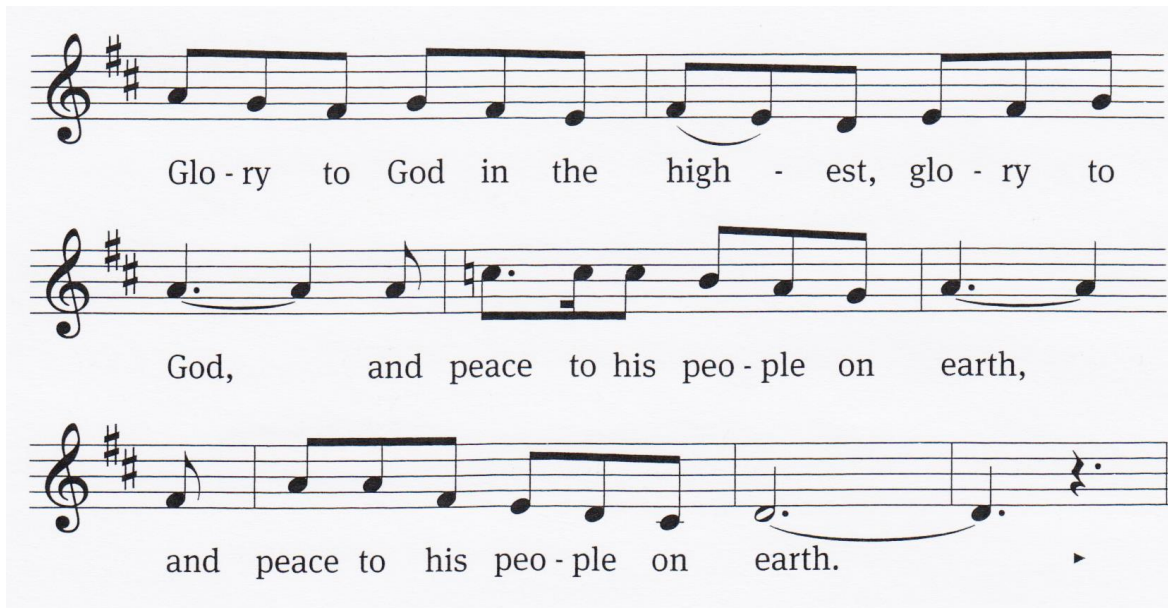


2 Timothy 2:13

HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

(Sing as much of the song of praise as you like.)



Soloist: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise you for Your glory.

All: Refrain.

Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

All: Refrain.

Soloist: For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All: Refrain.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
O Lord, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness. In our callings, and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

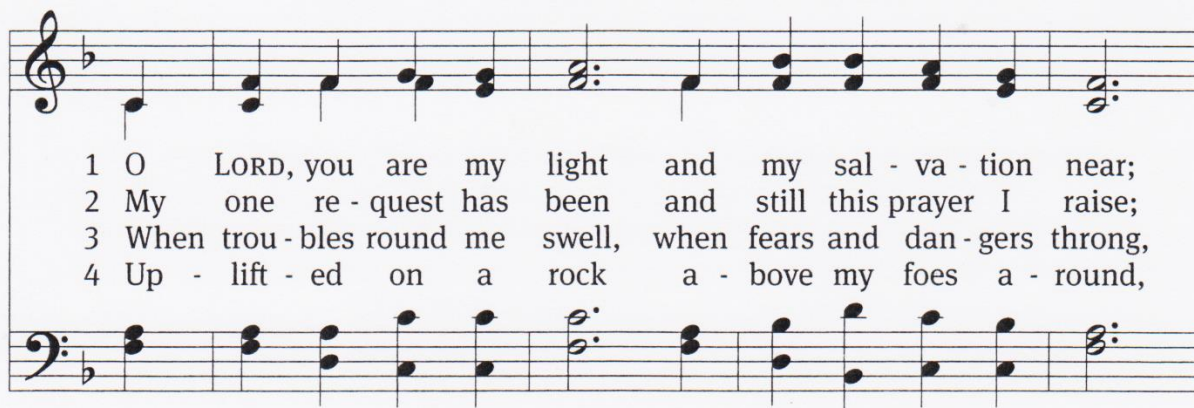
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FIRST LESSON **Ezekiel 2:1-7** – The LORD sends Ezekiel to prophesy to the Israelites, knowing that most will not be grateful for the prophet's message but resentful.

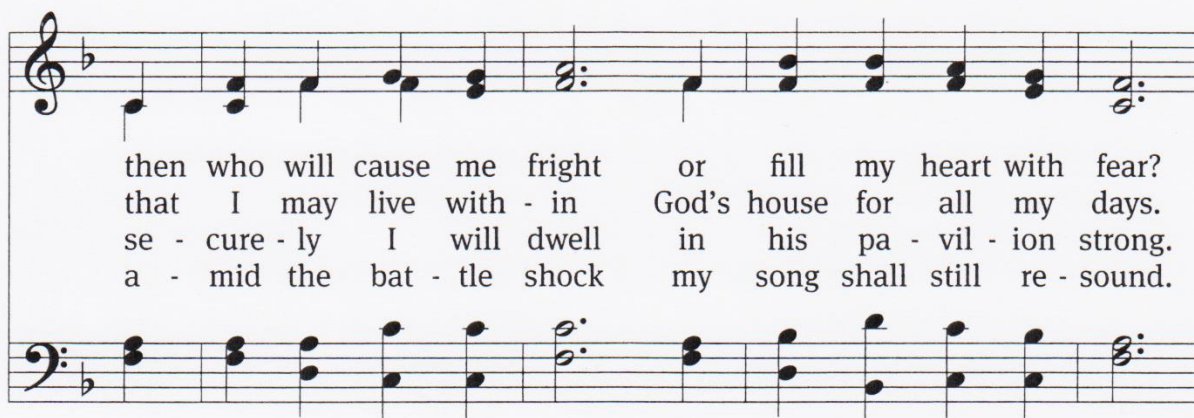
He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ² As He spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.

³ He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against Me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷ You must speak My words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. (NIV 2011)

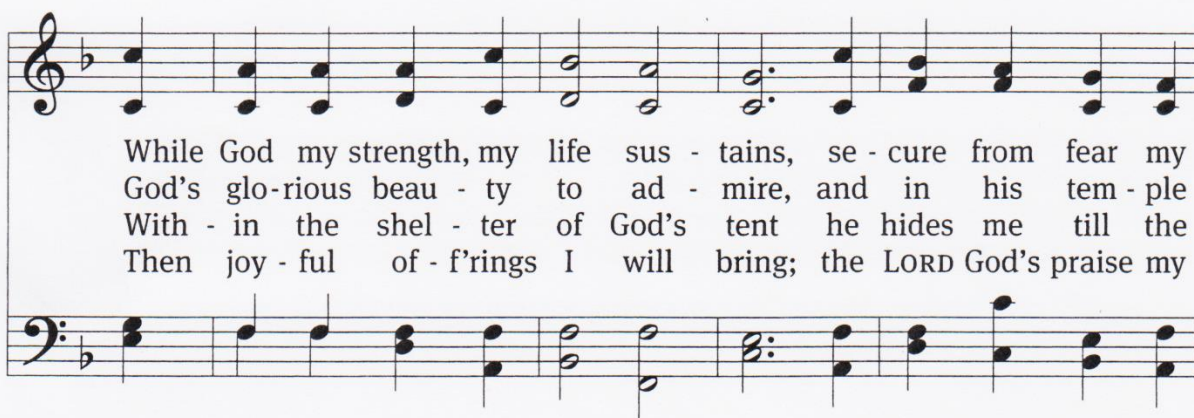
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



1 O LORD, you are my light and my sal - va - tion near;
2 My one re - quest has been and still this prayer I raise;
3 When trou - bles round me swell, when fears and dan - gers throng,
4 Up - lift - ed on a rock a - bove my foes a - round,



then who will cause me fright or fill my heart with fear?
that I may live with - in God's house for all my days.
se - cure - ly I will dwell in his pa - vil - ion strong.
a - mid the bat - tle shock my song shall still re - sound.



While God my strength, my life sus - tains, se - cure from fear my
God's glo - rious beau - ty to ad - mire, and in his tem - ple
With - in the shel - ter of God's tent he hides me till the
Then joy - ful of - f'rings I will bring; the LORD God's praise my



soul re - mains, se - cure from fear my soul re - mains.
to in - quire, and in his tem - ple to in - quire.
storm is spent, he hides me till the storm is spent.
heart shall sing, the LORD God's praise my heart shall sing.

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 2:1-13 – St. Paul's ministry resulted in him being chained like a criminal. Yet God's Word cannot be chained.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³ Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵ Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with Him,
we will also live with Him;

¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with Him.

If we disown Him,
He will also disown us;

¹³ if we are faithless,
He remains faithful,
for He cannot disown Himself. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Soloist: Refrain.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord, for His love and faithfulness.

All: Refrain

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 6:1-6** – Many in Jesus' hometown rejected His ministry.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus left there and went to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given Him? What are these remarkable miracles He is performing? ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED

(Luther's Meaning, Questions 235-241, Luther's Small Catechism)

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

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

Pastor: What is the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints?

People: The Holy Christian Church is all those everywhere who believe in Jesus as the Savior.

Pastor: Why are the believers everywhere called the *Holy* Christian Church and the Communion of *Saints*?

People: All believers everywhere are called *holy* and *saints* because by faith in Jesus their sins are all washed away.

Pastor: Why are all believers everywhere called the Holy *Christian* Church?

People: All believers everywhere are called *Christian* because their entire hope is founded on Christ.

Pastor: Why is the Holy Christian Church called a *Communion* of Saints?

People: The Holy Christian Church is called a *Communion* because by faith in Christ the Holy Spirit gathers all believers into one spiritual body.

Pastor: Why is God the only one who knows the members of the Holy Christian Church?

People: God alone knows the members of the Holy Christian Church because He alone knows who has faith in their heart.

Pastor: By what means does the Holy Spirit call, gather, enlighten and sanctify the whole Christian Church on earth and keep it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith?

People: The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and keeps the Holy Christian Church by the gospel in word and sacraments.

Pastor: Where, then, is the Holy Christian Church only to be found?
People: **The Holy Christian Church is found only where the gospel is preached and the sacraments are used.**

OFFERING The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13



1 Hal - low - ed be Your name. Fa - ther, hear our prayer.
2 Keep us from ev - 'ry ill, from the e - vil one.



Let Your good will be done here and ev - 'ry - where.
Grant us grace bought for us by Your ho - ly Son.



Fa - ther who art in heav'n, let Your king - dom come.
You a - lone have the pow'r and the glo - ry, Lord.



Ev - 'ry day, give us bread; thank You for the sum.
You a - lone reign as King, ev - er - more a - dored.



And for - give us our sins as we, too, for - give.
Hear us call on Your name here on earth be - low.



Lead us from all that tempts all the days we live.
Now we sing Your a - men; yes, it shall be so!

CLOSING COLLECT

Pastor: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage and a hope that cannot be extinguished, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and Your Son abiding with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW 774 “God Bless Our Native Land” (CW93 619)

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this week: Dundore / Daugherty

Today—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Church Council at 10:45 AM

Tuesday—Ladies Night Out at 6:00 PM

Wednesday—VBS Craft Night at 7:00 PM

Friday—WELS Night at American Family Field in Milwaukee at 7:10 PM

Next Sunday—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers July 2024 through October 2024.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We have received \$242,466 in offerings for the fiscal year ending on June 30th. We finished the year \$19,470 ahead of the budget.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS at New Life will be held the week of July 22-26. Please mark your calendar. You can register your child / children on New Life’s website at www.newlife-wels.org.

CPR CLASS

On Sunday, August 4, a trainer will come to provide a CPR and First Aid Class for the preschool staff. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Bauer.

BABY SHOWER

The Branch Connection will be hosting a baby shower for Audrey Talbot on Saturday, August 10th from noon to 3:00 PM. The ladies of the Branch Connection will discuss plans for the shower on Sunday, July 14 at 10:45 AM.

BRANCH CONNECTION OUTING

The Branch Connection will have a Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, July 9th. The ladies are asked to meet at Kelly Daugherty's house at 16325 W. Des Plaines Road, Libertyville, at 6 PM and then carpool over to Independence Grove across the street together. BYOB and an appetizer to share. Also, bring a portable chair. Please see the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING

New Life's Annual Voter's Meeting will take place on July 14th at 10:45 AM

CHURCH PICNIC SIGN-UP SHEET

A picnic lunch will be served after the voter's meeting on July 14. Chicken, potatoes and drinks will be provided. If you'd like to bring a side, salad and / or desert, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



FRI, 7/12  **vs**  **7:10PM**

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NEW FOR CHURCH GROUPS OF 20+ IN 2024. The Brewers have reserved unique access for WELS members to participate in the following game day opportunities on WELS night. To have your congregation members considered, contact Jason Fry to purchase your group tickets.

First Pitch - Throw out a pitch from the mound prior to the game (one WELS member).

Sausage Race Finish Line Holder - Be on the field for the famous race (two WELS members).

On Field Batting Practice Viewing - Watch the Brewers take BP from up close prior to the game (eight WELS members).



For groups of 20+ or any special needs requests, please contact Jason Fry at ☎ 414-902-4502 ✉ Jason.Fry@Brewers.com
Individual tickets and parking can be purchased online at brewers.com/wels

