

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 9, 2015**

**Special Guest: Rev. Ron Stehr**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude  
Welcome  
Ringing of the Bell  
Opening Hymn: #589, "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Invocation  
P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

An Act of Adoration  
P: Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
**C: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**  
P: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.  
**C: You are the King of glory, O Christ.**  
P: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and

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made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

**C: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.**

An Act of Confession

P: O God our Father, since 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 the cross.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C: Amen.**

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor .....worship insert

Old Testament Reading .....1 Kings 19:1-8

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ..... Ephesians 4:17-5:2

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... John 6:35-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

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

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Apostles' Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #525, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Sermon: "Let Me Show You Her Fate" Revelation 17

Offering

An Act of Thanksgiving

P: Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving kindness we bless Your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.

**C: We praise You, O God.**

P: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious.

**C: We praise You, O God.**

P: For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross.

**C: We praise You, O God.**

P: For His glorious resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion.

**C: We praise You, O God.**

P: For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your Holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth.

**C: We praise You, O God.**

**Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

An Act of Supplication

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(Brief silence)*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For persecuted Christians here and throughout the world, that God would provide for their physical and spiritual needs, just as He provided for the prophet Elijah when he was fleeing from the persecution of Jezebel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those struggling with sin, that through the power of the Holy Spirit, they may put off the old self and put on the new, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our daily bread, that God would richly provide all that we need to support our body and life through Jesus Christ, who is the true Bread of Life, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are struggling with faith and are plagued by doubt, that God would provide comfort, peace and assurance to them in the light of Christ's death and resurrection for their sake, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the pastors of Christ's Church who are worn out by the demands of the ministry, that God would grant to them a renewed spirit and zeal, provide them with times of rest, and strengthen their faith and trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For Christians everywhere, that we be given grace to build one another up in the joy of the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins, that God would strengthen our relationships so that we would

willingly forgive those who have sinned against us and receive forgiveness when we have sinned against them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and recovering, especially those on our church's prayer list: \_\_\_\_\_, and those we remember now from our hearts.....that God would lay His healing hand upon them and fill them with His peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including: \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #537, "Beautiful Savior"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

## EMERGENCY PASTORAL CONTACT

If you are in need of emergency assistance or crisis intervention while Pastor Sorenson is away, please note the following information: For situations over the weekend, please contact Rev. Ron Stehr (home: 388-4822; cell: 380-3792). For situations between Monday and Friday, contact Pastor Scott Fiege (cell: [712-880-1226](tel:712-880-1226); Bethany, Lake City: [651-345-2424](tel:651-345-2424)).

## LIFE QUOTE

**August 9** "Sadly, our culture has reverted to the pagan practices of old. Nevertheless, through the Messiah's unfailing love, God turns our hearts to Himself as our Heavenly Father. To preserve this Gospel heritage in future generations, God turns the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. May God in Christ forgive us our failings and preserve us in His saving truth unto life everlasting." *Ryan C. MacPherson, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

If you have not signed up your child for Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's, Belvidere (August 16th-20th; 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM), you may still do so. But you will need to contact the VBS coordinator directly by email. Her name is Michelle Benrud and you may reach her at [mbenrud@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:mbenrud@sleepyeyetel.net).

## VBS SUPPER

The Immanuel congregation is responsible for the supper that will be served to VBS participants at St. Peter's of Belvidere on Tuesday, August 18th. A sign-up sheet for those who are willing to bring food and/or serve has been posted on the bulletin board. If you are not able to be present on the evening of the 18th and would still like to share a food item, just let Pastor Sorenson know and leave your item in the refrigerator/kitchen. Thanks!

## CONFIRMATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to serve as a mentor for the 2015-2016 confirmation year, please fill out the required form and give it to Pastor Sorenson or a member of the Board of Education (Bonnie Kassen, Doug Dankers, or Bob Augustin). You may sign up as a married couple or as an individual. You will be contacted once the pairing of Mentor/Mentee has occurred. A schedule of planned group activities/dates will also be available at that time. Thank you for your consideration.

