

## IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Birthdays: Fred Crosby – 82 on July 9<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Wegener – 80 on July 9<sup>th</sup>  
Maureen Zaleski – 84 on July 9<sup>th</sup>

✠ Death: Our sympathies to the family of **Shirley Hutfilz** who was received into the Church Triumphant on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Funeral will take place Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at W. L. Case and Company Funeral Directors in Merrill.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
No Fellowship Time this week

Monday: Sanctuary Construction Begins

Tuesday: GriefShare 10:30 a.m. (Church Conference)  
Graceful Thread 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Board of Education 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Service 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Family Game Night 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Pavilion)

Sunday: *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship until 11:00 a.m.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Carl F. Trosien / Rev. Dr. Stephen Starke  
Liturgist: Rev. Richard E. Mundt  
Organist: Mrs. Heidi Stecker  
Acolytes: Jason Good (6:30pm)  
Jakob Marolf (9:30am)

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## Our Communion Practice

*We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

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“What is the Future of our Nation?”

July 4 & 7, 2024

# † Seventh Sunday after Pentecost †

**Introit** *Psalm 132:13-16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*  
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!  
**For the LORD has chosen | Zion,\***  
**he has desired it for his | dwelling place:**  
**“This is my resting place for- | ever,\***  
**here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.**  
**I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions,\***  
**I will satisfy her | poor with bread.**  
**Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,\***  
**and her saints will | shout for joy.”**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

## Collect of the Day

**P** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**G Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

## Gradual *Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*  
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

## Epistle *2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## Holy Gospel *Mark 6:1-13*

¹ [Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

**G Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

**G Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL

**G Glory to You, O Lord.**

**G Praise to You, O Christ.**

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SERMON

Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Theme: “What is the Future of our Nation?”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**G Hear our prayer.**

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