



Mark 8:1-9

Closed Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

Visitors

We welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

The Trinity Season

In the One-Year Lectionary, between Holy Trinity Sunday and the First Sunday in Advent come the Sundays after Trinity, which make up the Trinity Season. The Trinity Season varies in length according to the date of Easter. The Trinity Season is sometimes referred to as the “Time of the Church.” While the readings in the festival half of the Church Year focus on the events of Jesus’ earthly ministry, the readings in the Trinity Season focus on Jesus’ teaching. The idea is that, yes, Jesus was born, suffered, died, rose, ascended, *but now what?* In the Trinity Season we Christians learn how we ought to think, speak, and live until our Lord returns. The color for the Sundays after Trinity is green. Green is the color of life and growth. Grafted into the Tree of Life, we Christians, nourished by Jesus’ Word and Sacraments, grow into mature, fruitful branches. On Trinity Sunday in particular, we confess the historic Athanasian Creed which attests both to the triune nature of God (three persons, one God) and the person and work of Jesus Christ (true God, true man) as substitutionary payment for our sin that gives us redemption back to the right relationship with God. Thanks be to God!

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 9:00 AM

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LSB 790

Divine Service Setting Four LSB 203

Introit *Psalm 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: vv. 1-2*
The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Clap your hands, all | peoples! *
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared, *
a great king over | all the earth.

He subdued peoples | under us, *
and nations un- | der our feet.
Sing praises to God, sing | praises! *
Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
For God is the King of | all the earth; *
sing praises | with a psalm!
God reigns over the | nations; *
God sits on his | holy throne.

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.

Clap your hands, all | peoples! *
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared, *
a great king over | all the earth.

Kyrie LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 205

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 2:7-17*

⁷Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *Romans 6:19-23*

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.
²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel Mark 8:1-9

¶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

☩ Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, ²“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” ⁴And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

¶ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB. 206

Hymn of the Day Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good LSB 819

Sermon Food in a Desolate Place

Prayer of the Church LSB 207

Preparation of the Altar

Preface LSB 208

Sanctus Holy Holy Holy LSB 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 209

Lord’s Prayer Pater Noster LSB 209

Words of Our Lord Verba Domini LSB 209

Pax Domini Peace of the Lord LSB 209

Agnus Dei Lamb of God LSB 210

Distribution Hymns LSB 627, 639, 624, 625

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect LSB 212

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

Closing Hymn Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices LSB 811

✙ Soli Deo Gloria ✙

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	7/24/25	6:30 p.m.	25
Sunday	7/27/25	9:00 a.m.	158

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Lisa Breu (daughter of Mike and Nancy Wang), Sandy Damms, Tom Domagalski, Daut Gaba, Jerry Garske, Carol Georgson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Candace Kolter, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Pat Wagner, and Barbara Wieting.

FLOWERS are given by Carol LaPointe in memory of her parents.

BULLETINS are given by Dan Lesniewski in memory of his wife, Rhonda Lesniewski.

THANK YOU to Pastor Nuckols for preaching today and next week, and for leading us in Bible Class. Thank you also to Pastor Fabrizio for preaching this Thursday, and Pastor Koch for preaching next Thursday.

SCRIP Orders are due today, Sunday, August 3. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

PASTOR FENKER INSTALLATION The installation service will be August 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the church. There will be a dinner in the school gym after the service. Sign-up sheets to attend and bring a dish to pass are in the Narthex. We have Thrivent funds for meat, beverages and cake. The Fellowship Committee is also requesting assistance on Saturday, August 9 for set-up of the gym for the Installation Dinner, and serving and clean up on Sunday, August 10. A sign-up sheet for volunteering for any or all of these days is also in the Narthex. Any questions, please contact any Fellowship Committee member.

WELCOME GIFT Here are some suggestions if you were thinking about a gift for Pastor and Mrs. Fenker and family to welcome them to Our Father's. You could purchase a Scrip card for them from Pick N Save, Festival Foods, Sendik's or Walmart (as suggestions). **The next Scrip order is due today, Sunday, August 3.** Any questions please contact me directly at 414-427-5949. Thank you for your consideration. Linda Hojnacki

SERVICE SCHEDULE The Sunday Divine Service is now 9:00 a.m. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue. Sunday Adult Bible Class will move to 10:30 a.m. and will be in the **school**. There is no Sunday School during the summer, but will resume after Labor Day.

SUMMER CHOIR continues next on **Sunday, August 10** with a rehearsal at 7:45 a.m. in the balcony in preparation for the 9:00 a.m. service. No previous choir experience is required - all ages are welcome to join. Any questions, ask Mr. Johnson at sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for the church and school will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting **June 9**.

PART-TIME ART TEACHER NEEDED Our Father's is seeking a person to teach Art classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade, one and a half days per week. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Principal Cahill at 210-473-7109. If your desire is to teach more than one and a half days per week, please also inquire.

PART-TIME JOB OPENING Church Secretary needed at Grace Lutheran Church in Racine to perform clerical tasks, prepare the weekly worship service bulletins, announcements and insert, maintain congregation data base. Hours available up to 16 hours per week. Please attach a cover letter and resume if interested to Steven Vargas, Email- (sleger1@wi.rr.com) and phone 262-902-4177.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY If you are a member of Our Father's in good standing and are studying at a college or university for full-time church work, you may apply for funds from the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. All applications are due **August 15**. **You need to apply for these funds every school year that you are requesting funds.** Applications can be obtained from the church office or from Linda Hojnacki directly. Applications need to be given to Linda Hojnacki or put in her church mailbox with the appropriate paperwork requested. Any questions, please feel free to contact Linda at (414) 427-5949 or talk to her directly.

THANK YOU We want to thank a couple members for so graciously volunteering their time and talents around the campus. First, Mike Lagerman for installing high efficiency, low cost, non-ballast LED lights in the 5K room, 4th grade room and halls. Second, Dave Burgess for repairing the door on the garbage/recycle fence. We truly appreciate your help!

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE</u>			
Sunday	8/3	DIVINE SERVICE Adult Bible Class Scrip Orders Due	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	8/6	No Morning Bible Study	
Thursday	8/7	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	8/10	DIVINE SERVICE Adult Bible Class Pastor Fenker Installation Installation Dinner Celebration	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. after service

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

“Food in a Desolate Place”
August 3 through August 9, 2025

*What are home devotions and how do I go about it? Home devotions or private prayer with your family does not have to be a scary thing. **The Congregation at Prayer** is given to you each week as a resource for family or individual prayer and meditation upon God’s Word. If you are a single adult, you could easily use the entire order. If you have small children, you may wish to follow only the readings, preceded by invocation and Creed, and followed by the catechism and the Lord’s Prayer. The most important part of family devotions is the hearing and pondering of God’s Word. God’s Word is heard in the Bible reading and in the portions of the catechism each week. Meditation on the Word of God is also contained in the hymn each week. Prayer arises out of the Christian heart which has been seized by the promises of God’s Word. We call upon Him in prayer, asking for Him to give us help and comfort He has promised in His Word. Don’t let home devotions frighten you! Take up your Bible, catechism, and Hymnal, and just get started. And tell the devil to leave you alone! Remember, he doesn’t like God’s Word at all and will use all kinds of lies and excuses to keep you away from it.*

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 33

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, our souls wait for You, fearing You and hoping in Your mercy for our deliverance. As You have created us, so deliver us, and restore Your fallen creation for the sake of Your holy name. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	2 Peter 1:1-11
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:12-21
Wednesday	2 Peter 2:1-11
Thursday	2 Peter 2:12-22
Friday	2 Peter 3:1-13
Saturday	Matthew 7:15-23

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Apostles’ Creed

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE BOOK OF CONCORD: The Augsburg Confession (AC XXIII-XXIV)

Article XXIII The Marriage of Priests

<https://bookofconcord.org/augsburg-confession/of-marriage-of-priests/>

Article XXIV The Mass

<https://bookofconcord.org/augsburg-confession/of-the-mass/>

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 745 “In God, My Faithful God” (stanza 4)

4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
You suffered death to save us
Because Your love would have us
Be heirs of heav’nly gladness
When ends this life of sadness.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“Recognize Them By Their Fruits”

August 10, 2025

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 685, 745, 689, 635, 640, 750

READINGS

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Acts 20:27-38

Matthew 7:15-23

Hear the warning Jesus gives about false prophets, that is, those who preach a message which is not really the Gospel. False prophets never advertise their deception, but cover themselves in the outward clothing of Christianity. They speak about Jesus and about God’s Word, but they distort that teaching. Sometimes they proclaim Jesus to be a new Moses, as if Jesus gives a new set of laws that we must keep to be saved. This is often seen in those who preach agendas for social action and change. Some preach Jesus as an example that we must follow, which once more turns Him into a harsh Law-Giver for we could never follow His example completely. Other false prophets preach a “loving Jesus” who never calls anyone to repentance. Jesus takes all of this back to the language of the Garden of Eden by talking about trees and thorns. In the end, the only good tree is the tree of the cross upon which Christ will offer Himself for the sins of the world. All good fruit comes from the tree of the cross, for all life comes from the crucified Lord. False prophets never center upon Christ, the good tree, and will always yield bad fruit, that is, those who do not trust in Christ alone. Indeed, false prophets will do many of the same things that preachers of the Gospel do, but they will not proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins, that is, Christ’s death and resurrection.

Ss. Joanna, Mary, and Salome

The three saints who are commemorated on August 3rd, Joanna, Mary, and Salome “the myrrhbearers,” were the three women who brought spices to Jesus’ tomb so that they could anoint his body and give it a proper burial. Because the Sabbath had begun around the same time that Joseph and Nicodemus had brought Jesus’ body to Joseph’s tomb, no one had time to get Jesus’ body prepared for burial. All that Scripture tells us is that they laid a linen cloth on his body and rolled the stone in front of the tomb before they had to go home for the night (Luke 23:53).



The Church has long remembered these three women (along with Mary Magdalene, who is commemorated on her [own day](#)), as some of Jesus’ most loving and devoted followers. They were women who couldn’t wait to tend to their master and to care for his body, even in his suffering and death. Together, these women were the first to see our Lord resurrected!

Although their August 3rd feast date is unique to our LSB sanctoral calendar, these women have all been historically celebrated by the Church on their own individual dates throughout the year. Yet their collective experience and role in the resurrection make it fitting for them to share a celebratory day and for us to take the time in the middle of the summer feasts and festivals to reflect once again upon their role in the story of that blessed Easter morn!

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