



Welcome to Our Saviour's

Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2016, 9:30 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn..... *Let the Whole Creation Cry*.....#876

**Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our
almighty king!" Praise God, angel hosts above, ever
bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.**

**Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the
word, those to whom the arts belong add their voices to
the song. Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the
glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, sing,
"The Lord is good and great!"**

**Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud
and bold, and let children's happy hearts in this worship
take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the
mighty chorus roll: "Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to
God alone!"**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Confession

P: God of Justice and Mercy, forgive our short-sightedness in life. We jump to conclusions and offer quick fixes for things that need more attention, especially our relationships with others. Grant us mercy, and the heart to grant others mercy. Forgive us, and grant us the patience to forgive others. Slow us down from the fast-paced world around us that wants us to act quickly, and help us to be more in tune with Your ways. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Absolution

P: God's time is not our time. God's ways are not our ways. It is not too late to forgive. It is not too late to turn back. It is not too late to change. God is always there, waiting for you. Know this and live a new life.

C: Amen.

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Kyrie.....Page 147

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise

This is the Feast of Victory for Our God.....Page 149

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. Refrain.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 82

P: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"

P: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

P: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

P: Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Reading.....Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world

was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The gospel of our Lord is from the book of Luke.

Gospel.....Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now

on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Sermon.....Pastor Daniel Hoy

Hymn of the Day.....*Faith of Our Fathers*.....#812

**Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire,
and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till
death.**

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free; and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. Refrain.

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife; proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. Refrain.

Apostles Creed.....Page 105

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us pray to God who strengthens the weak. For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For all the nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For students and teachers, and all those returning to their studies.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For good weather and abundant crops, and for travelers and those on vacation.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the sick and the suffering, prisoners and their families, the hungry and the oppressed, and all in danger and need.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead and for the family of Lillian Neitzke.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: We lift up these prayers and whatever else is heavy in our hearts, (*pause*) let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: Living God, keep us faithful and committed to you.
Help us willingly to give of ourselves and our possessions for use in your kingdom.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right to give thanks and praise.....and sing our unending praise.

C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer.....Page 154

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a time to build our relationship with Jesus who is present with us in this meal. So come, all those with great faith and all those who are seeking, all those who have been here often and all those who have just come. Come, the Lord welcomes you to the table. We have gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine available and if you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn 1...*We Come To The Hungry Feast...*#479

**We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not
denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in
mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger
cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger
will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry
feast.**

Communion Hymn 2.....*Here Is Bread*.....#483

**Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with
us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us
here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with
us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.
Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.**

Communion Prayer

P: We thank you for gathering us up in your arms,

snatching us from danger, and hiding our lives in Christ, ready to be revealed in glory when all is fulfilled and Christ is all and in all!

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: May God turn to you and cherish you; may Christ Jesus surround you with the light of his presence; and may the Holy Spirit give you life and strength.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*Lead On, O King Eternal!*.....#805

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; hence forth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, o King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for

gladness breaks like morning where'er your face
appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its
light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of
might!

P: Go in peace. Share God's love with all!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements!

Pastor on Vacation: Pastor Dorothy will be leaving today for a 2 week Mission Trip to Tanzania. We wish her safe travels and lots of fun! Today, we welcome Pastor Daniel Hoy to Our Saviour's. We are so thankful to have him joining us for worship! Next Sunday, August 21st, there will be a Community Worship at the Whitehall Auditorium starting at 10:00am. Then on Sunday, August 28th, we will be welcoming Pastor James Gordon to worship with us.

Community Choir: There is still time to come and share your talent and join in the fun with the Community Choir for Whitehall Beef and Dairy Days! There are two practices left, one being held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00pm and the final being held at

the Whitehall High School Auditorium on Sunday, August 21st at 9:30am. The Community service will then follow at 10:00am. If you have any questions, feel free to call 715-797-4354. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend!

Beef and Dairy Days: All Whitehall area kids are invited to join in the Beef and Dairy Days Kid's Parade on Saturday, August 20th at 11:00am. The lineup will start at 10:45am along the side of Our Saviour's. The theme this year will be "My Favorite Story Book." All participants will receive a ribbon, ice cream, and ride ticket. In case of rain, the parade will be moved to the Whitehall High School. Any questions, contact Joanne Selkurt Martin at 715-538-2436. There will also be a Dunk Tank on Saturday, sponsored by Our Saviour's JCrew, in Our Saviour's parking lot from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Come enjoy some community fun!

Free Band Concert! There will be a free band concert at Ekern Park in Pigeon Falls featuring the Black River Area Community band at 3:00pm today. Bring your lawn chairs and your friends! In case of rain, the concert will be held indoors at Peace Lutheran Church of Pigeon Falls.

God's Work, Our Hands: On Sunday, September 11th, let's see if we can have our hands all over town doing everything from painting a bench, cleaning the highway, handing out

food, to helping a neighbor. Wear your yellow T-shirts and let this community know how much you care!!!

Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits: For August we will be collecting **Notebooks** (70 count wide rule), **Blunt scissors**, **Pink erasers**, **Ballpoint pens**, **Crayons** (16 or 24 count) **#2 Pencils**, **Rulers** (30 cm or in and cm), and **Pencil sharpeners** (hand held). We are also still in need of the following items to complete the Health and Baby Mission Kits: **Large Tooth Combs** (15-20), **Nail Clippers** (15-20), **Bars of soap**, **T-shirt/ Onesies** (10-15), **Gowns/Sleepers** (25+), **Hooded Sweatshirts/Jackets** (15+), and **Diapers**. Thanks to all who have already donated! God bless!

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Dawn Coburn, Emelia Hanvold, Randy Harms, Sharon Ivers, John Speerstra, Tim Toraason, Melanie Sygulla, Rhianna Theisen, Helen Vold, Cindy Herness, Kay Nelson, Thomas Windjue, Jacob Ives, Lorraine Nehring, Joel Schmitt, Linda Schroeder, Samuel Speerstra, and Brenda Koxlien.**

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, David Sobotta, Nancy Martinovici, George Przybilla, Ronald Larson, Ivan Semb, Iva Gabriel, Goodwin

Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Leslie Kampa, Ervin Thompson, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Ashley (Henrickson) Hodge, Brandon Betthauser, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Greg Pryzbilla, Nora and Lena (Engen) Hafner, and Fred Chamberlain. ***If you or someone you know would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office.**

Coming Up This Week:

Tuesday - Community Choir Practice 7:00pm

Saturday - JCrew Dunk Tank 10:00am

Beef & Dairy Days Kiddie Parade 11:00am

Sunday - Community Worship 10:00am

Beef & Dairy Days Grand Parade 1:00pm

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