



*Welcome to Our Saviour's*

*Lutheran Church*

*Sharing God's Love with All!*

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

*August 7, 2016, 9:30 am*

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....God is Here!.....#526

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you,**

**we adore you! We believe!**

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: Most of us know we fail at doing our best and living out our faith. Let us make a clean break by confessing our sins and welcoming the forgiving and healing mercy of God. Let us pray. Let us take this time to be honest with God. *(pause)* Gracious God,

**C: You are the giver of all heavenly treasures, yet we do not trust your loving kindness. Instead we seek strength in earthly things that cannot deliver us. You make promises greater than all the stars in the heavens, yet we do not remain alert for your presence and we fail to trust your promise. You gave your Son to redeem us from our sins, still we do not trust your righteousness. Save us Lord from the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide. Amen.**

P: God is faithful. God is righteous. God keeps God's promises in sending Jesus Christ who died and rose again to take away all our sins, forgiven, our lives

redeemed. Through the Holy Spirit we live in hope and love to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Absolution

P: Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God whose nature is always to have mercy. You are forgiven, all things have become new! Through Christ Jesus, our Savior!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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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: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to**

**receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Psalm.....Psalm 33:12-22

P: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**C: The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

P: God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

**C: God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

P: A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**C: The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

P: Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love.

**C: To deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

P: Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

**C: Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

P: Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Reading.....Hebrews 11:1-3,11-16

**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.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel.....Luke 12:32-40

P: The gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Object Lesson and Sermon.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*Have No Fear, Little Flock*.....#764

**Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,**

**for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to  
God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works  
with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

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: God of grace, Friend and Counselor, we pray for our  
sisters and brothers both near and far, named and  
unnamed, friend or foe, that your peace reside within  
all your children. Lord in your mercy.**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, we pray for those who need medical care, both at home and in the world, provide health care where needed. Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we pray for those who are suffering in fear, for those who hunger, who have no bread to share, for the guilty who fear the coming light, for the abused who don't know where to turn, for the oppressed for whom all hope has fled. Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Glorious God, bless those who are weary from toil that seems without end, for the addicts who live for one more shot, and for the loners who know not the Heavenly Friend. Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: God of grace, Friend and Counselor, touch all these people with the ministry of your Spirit, we pray, and where it is appropriate, use us to be your angels of light and love. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

**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: Loving Father, your son Jesus offered himself on the cross for us. Lead us to offer ourselves and our possessions for you, and use our gifts for the good of others.

**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....*Let Us Break Bread Together*.....#471

**Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break**

bread together on our knees.

**Refrain:**

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink  
wine together on our knees. **Refrain.**

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise  
God together on our knees. **Refrain.**

Communion Hymn 2.....*Eat This Bread*.....#472

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be  
hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and  
you will not thirst.**

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: Happy are they who know where the real treasure is to be found.

**C: Happy are they who take from the treasure and share it.**

P: Friends of God, prepare to leave this church with spirits lighter than when you came in.

**C: Trusting Christ to take an intimate interest in the costly investment he has made.**

P: Invest in others as his love has invested in you.

**C: Rejoicing in the fellowship of his Spirit.**

P: The blessing of the eternal God is upon you:

Redeeming grace, enfolding love, enduring fellowship.  
Now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....*Lead Me, Guide Me*.....#768

**Refrain:**

**Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need thy strenght and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour. Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Refrain.**

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in thee. Refrain.

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see. Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Refrain.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

## Announcements!

**Pastor on Vacation:** Starting on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Dorothy will be on a Mission Trip to Tanzania. We wish her safe travels and lots of fun! During that time we will be welcoming Pastor Daniel Hoy (Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>) and Pastor James Gordon (Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>). We are blessed to have them joining us for worship! On Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> there will be Community Worship at the Whitehall Auditorium starting at 10:00am. Everybody is welcome to join!

**Vacation Bible School:** What a great time we had during VBS last week! We would like to thank everybody who participated with us and also those who volunteered. It was a great learning experience and a ton of fun for all the children.

**Community Choir:** Come share your talent and join in the fun with the Community Choir for Whitehall Beef and Dairy Days! Practices will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 7:00pm on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The final rehearsal will be held at the Whitehall High School Auditorium on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am. The Community service will follow at 10:00am. Residents of all ages from Whitehall and the surrounding communities are invited to join. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Luther Park Retreat:** WELCA Dairyland Conference is sponsoring an overnight retreat at Luther Park in Chetek, WI on August 18-19th. Sleeping quarters is an indoor cabin with a full bathroom. Retreat begins at 2pm on Thursday the 18th and ends Friday the 19th at 3pm. Bible study (Nurturing Compassion - Ephesians 4: 32), campfire time, boat rides, swimming & hiking are offered. Cost is \$60 for both days or \$30 for just attending Friday. Registration forms are available on the WELCA bulletin board and due by **August 10th**. Come be renewed and enjoy fun fellowship!

**Free Band Concert!** There will be a free band concert in Pigeon Falls featuring the Black River Area Community band on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in Ekern Park. 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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: **Devin Klomsten, Michael Anhorn, JoAnn Foss, Irene Borreson, Bennett Vitse, Lois Klavestad, Ryan Lindberg, Laura Foss, Mary Johnson, Jeffrey Sygulla, and Andrew Granlund.**

**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 Betthausen, 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:**

**Monday** - Life and Growth Committee Meeting 5:00pm  
Board of Education Committee Meeting 6:00pm  
Community Choir Practice 7:00pm

**Tuesday** - Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

**Wednesday** - Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm

**Sunday** -Worship 9:30am (Pastor Daniel Hoy)  
Band Concert 3:00pm (Pigeon Falls)

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Assisting in Worship today:

**Accompanist:** Nancy Martinovici

**Ushers:** Mike Anhorn, Sue Hansen

**Communion Servers:** David and Linda Schaefer, Rita  
Hegge

**Videographer:** Thom Stephens

**FAITH**

*is not believing that God can  
it is knowing that He will.*