

ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH



VERNON, B.C.

AUGUST 7, 2022



8th Sunday after Trinity

Pastor: David Reim - 549-5250 **Organist:** Julie Reim

Ushers: Willy & Roman

Prepare for Worship: Read Psalm 46 Hymnal pg 134

Opening Prayer

P: Lord of Might, Lord of Love, You truly are a “very present help in trouble.”
Lord, hide us under the shadow of your wing and protect us from our enemies:
the devil, the world and our own flesh. Come to us in your Word today and
sanctify us by your truth so that we may stand secure in your grace and not
succumb to deceit or temptation, but that we may glorify your name in all that
we say and do. In our Savior’s name! Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELH 582 God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill your Church with light divine,
and your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise you, Lord! Be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Savior-King;
at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise you, Lord, then enjoy your rich reward!
God to us his blessing give, we to God devoted live,
all below and all above one in joy and light and love.

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Our Confession of Sins:

P: Thus says the Lord: “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: “**Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.**” (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? It is only by Your grace in Christ Jesus. Therefore we pray, Cleanse us from our sins for Jesus’ sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus’ blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful! The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,

Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!

Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain

Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!

Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” 2 As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

3 He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. 4 The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says.’ 5 And whether they

listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Response of Praise:

P: We have thought of Your loving-kindness, O God:

C: In the midst of Your Temple.

P: According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise unto the ends of the earth:

C: Your right hand is full of righteousness.

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

P: Be my strong Rock:

C: For an house of defense to save me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust:

C: Let me never be ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Give ear, O My people, to my Law:

C: Incline your ears to the words of My mouth. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

(On back)

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 3 Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph,[a] Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

4 Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ELH 467 In God, My Faithful God

1 In God, my faithful God, I trust when dark my road;

Though many woes o'ertake me, Yet He will not forsake me.

His love it is doth send them And, when 'tis best, will end them.

2 My sins assail me sore, but I despair no more.

I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock nothing moves me.

To Him I all surrender, To Him, my soul's defender.

3 If death my portion be, then death is gain to me;

And Christ my life forever, from Whom death cannot sever.

Come when it may, He'll shield me, to Him I wholly yield me.

4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,

Thou once didst die to save us Because Thy love would have us

Be heirs of heav'nly gladness When ends this life of sadness.

5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.

We, too, dear Lord, adore Thee, We sing for joy before Thee.
Guide us while here we wander Until we praise Thee yonder.

Sermon: Text: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

"7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from 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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Theme:

Delight in Every Thorn!

For...

- 1. God's Grace is Sufficient for you,**
- 2. God Knows You Personally,**
- 3. God's Strength is made perfect in your weakness.**

Hymn: ELH 587 Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won;

and although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless.

Guide us by your hand to our fatherland.

2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near,

Let no faithless fears o'ertake us; let not faith and hope forsake us,

Safely past the foe to our home we go.

3 When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,

When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring.

Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won.

Heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us

Till we safely stand in our promised land.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right to do so.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Especially do we praise You that You sent Your only Son into the flesh, to reconcile us to You through His own suffering and death which has taken away all our sin, clothing us with His righteousness and giving us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-



san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: ELH 590 O Happy Day When We Shall Stand

- 1 O happy day when we shall stand Amid the heav'nly throng,
And sing with hosts from ev'ry land The new celestial song, The new celestial song.
- 2 O blessed day! From far and near The servants of the Lord
Shall meet the ransomed millions there Who heard God's saving Word,
Who heard God's saving Word.
- 3 O what a mighty, rushing flood Of love that will not cease,
Shall roll about the throne of God In joy and endless peace, In joy and endless peace!
- 4 God, may Thy bounteous grace inspire Our hearts so that we may
All join the heav'nly, white-robed choir Upon that glorious day, Upon that glorious day.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Acts 14:22

“Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Young Adults leave for Backpacking after the service. They plan to return Thursday evening.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Your pastor and Julie will be on holiday with their family. They plan to return home on August 18. Next Sunday there will be a video service from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI with pastor Andrew Schaller preaching. This is the congregation where your pastor and Julie served before coming to Vernon.

CLC Call News

Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN, has received the call to Redemption Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA. + **Pastor Drew Naumann** of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA, has accepted the call to serve the joint vacancy of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, and Redemption Lutheran in Lynnwood, WA.

Pastor Mark Tiefel will be installed as pastor of Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI on Sunday, August 21st. The service will be at 3:00 pm with a fellowship meal to follow.

ILC Opening

The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sun. Aug. 21 at 3 pm, in the fieldhouse. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word! May they build solid friendships in the word and grow stronger in the Lord.

August Birthday's

Morgan Johnston	17th
Anita Johnston	23rd

Pastor Michael Gurath and Luke Bernthal conclude their Mission Trip in Kenya.

The “Grand Finale” Worship Service at Holy Cross

Sunday was the “Grand Finale” worship service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on the campus of Emmaus School. By my count there were approx. 50 people squeezed into the small church building. More than half of the congregation was children, a good number of whom are students at the school. Several of the school teachers attended as well.

We packed so much into the worship service that Pastor Gurath and I joked that we had everything but a wedding and a funeral! Allow me to show and tell you...



Baptism of baby Nancy.



Installation of Jasper (in the glasses and tan pastoral robe) as assistant pastor and Elvis (blue jacket) as acolyte. (right)

Pastor Gurath preached the sermon. I preached the children’s sermon (the 30 or so children fully filled up the center aisle and front of the church). Mary Sagala did the translating into Swahili.

Pastor Gurath and Jasper distributed the Lord’s Supper. Hymns were sung with joy and enthusiasm. Presentations were made.

At the end of the service Pastor Gurath conducted a dedication of the well that had recently been constructed on the property.

After the well dedication we passed out “sweets” (candy) to the children (and to all the “older children”—aka, adults 😊).

We ended the day of worship by singing “Rock of Ages” in Swahili.

After a very long “Lutheran goodbye” filled with profuse amounts of “Asante sana” (“thank you so much”) from us to both Mary and Anna for their care and hospitality to both of us—and for all they do for the people they serve so selflessly here in the Moi’s Bridge area—we went back to our hotel for the night. We were both quite tired from all the day’s events, but also very happy and praising God for His strength and safekeeping as we completed the 3 weeks of work we had come to do. Bwana asifiwe! (“Praise the Lord!”)

