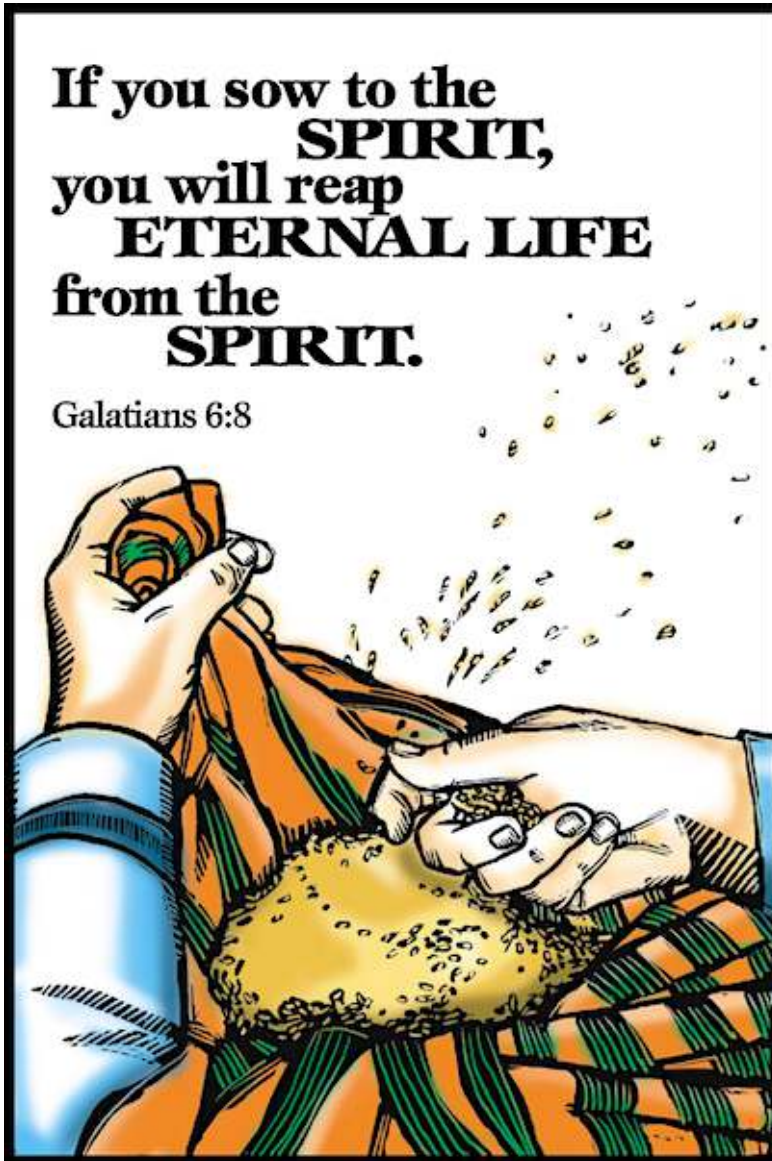


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– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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**If you sow to the
SPIRIT,
you will reap
ETERNAL LIFE
from the
SPIRIT.**

Galatians 6:8



**7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 2019**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 48 (pew bible, p.505)
- ◆ The Hymns: 819, 646, 648, 921
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Galatians 6:1-10,14-16; Luke 10:1-20
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 66

Sermon Text – Isaiah 66:10-14

THE LORD'S BLESSING RESTS ON HIS CITY "JERUSALEM"

1. He nurtures it as a mother nurtures her child.
2. He fosters its growth and makes its glorious.
3. He will cause it to triumph over every foe.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (921)

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A SPECIAL WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Large print bulletins are available in the tract rack or by request from an usher

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Galatians 6:1-10,14-16

1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, 5 for each one should carry his own load. 6 Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. 14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. 16 Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 66

P Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
C Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
P Praise our God, O peoples:
C Let the sound of his praise be heard;
P He has preserved our lives:
C And kept our feet from slipping.
P Come and listen, all you who fear God:
C Let me tell you what he has done for me.
P If I had cherished sin in my heart:
C The Lord would not have listened.
P But God has surely listened
C And heard my voice in prayer.

Second Lesson – Luke 10:1-20

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. 5 When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. 8 When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is

near you.’ 10 But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.’ 12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. 13 Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. 16 He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” 17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” 18 He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Sermon Text – Isaiah 66:10-14

10 “Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her. 11 For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance.” 12 For this is what the LORD says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. 13 As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” 14 When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (7/28) 9:30 am Worship Service
Sun (8/4) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE DURING JULY

- Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

DURING AUGUST

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Mike Sprengeler

AUGUST BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

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| Georgia Waters, Aug 2 | Evelyn Garvin, Aug 19 |
| Doug Tiefel, Aug 2 | Joyce Wamboldt, Aug 20 |
| Ed Scott, Aug 4 | Bob Rankin, Aug 22 |
| Jo Ellen Blakey, Aug 5 | Judy Garvin, Aug 29 |
| Bobbie Brethauer, Aug 16 | Fred Newton, Aug 29 |
| Larry Reed, Aug 8 | Zachary Ruegge, Aug 30 |
| Candy Wamboldt, Aug 9 | (Gene & Joyce Wamboldt, Aug 27) |

A FALL MISSION FESTIVAL is planned for the last Sunday in September. There will be an afternoon service that day (the 29th) to which our sister CLC Front Range congregations will be invited. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan WI. Pastor Ude served as our foreign missionary in India some years ago. In addition to serving as our guest speaker, he will share a mission talk after the service, before the fellowship meal. He has offered to share additional information related to his experiences as a missionary and our overseas mission fields on Saturday afternoon (Sept. 28). **QUESTION:** *Do you think you would be able to attend a mission talk on Saturday afternoon? If so, please inform the pastor or congregational president, Ed Chiappetti. If there are a good number of folks who are able to attend on Saturday, we will inform Pastor Ude so that he will be able to make the necessary preparations. Thank you.*

IMMANUEL ATHLETICS LIVE STREAMING: Due to a recent change in YouTube policy, ILC will be unable to continue broadcasting off-site athletic events *unless* we have over 1000 subscribers (we are currently at 550). If you would like to subscribe, search "ilcvideos" in YouTube, click on the first result (you will see the school seal), then click the red 'Subscribe' button. There is no cost involved; you might simply receive a notification when a new video has been posted. Please pass on to anyone else whom you think may be willing to subscribe.

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL STUDY/PERUSAL: Copies of essays delivered at the recent West-Central Delegate Conference in Rapid City, SD, and CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire. You will find them on the table downstairs (located to your right as you enter the fellowship hall). Help yourself. Here are some of the essay titles:

- "Encouraging Laymen to Take a More Active Role in the Spiritual Leadership of Their Congregation" (Watertown SD delegates)
- "Identifying and Counteracting the Growing Obsession with Electronic Computing Devices" (by lay delegate Peter Krafft)
- "Communicating To Our Congregations That They Are Part of a Larger Christian Synodical Fellowship" (by lay delegate Mark Johnson)
- "The Upside Down Gospel - A Study of 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12" (by Pastor David Ude)
- "A Critical Look at the Church Growth Movement" (by Pastor Chad Seybt)
- "Report on the Proposed 'Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship'" (adopted by the 2019 General Pastoral Conference)

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JULY 29 – AUGUST 3

Mon Joshua 24:14-28 God's religion is either/or, not both/and (14-15). If that seems narrow-minded, let's recognize that God is not broad-minded enough to let us go to hell on the broad road of falsehood and rotten notions about His religion. God is holy, jealous for you and me, and when we have surrendered to the Triune God (21-25), we are under His loving protection forever after. Let us set this stone (27) in the river of our lives today!

Tues Mark 9:33-37 And let's not diminish our fellow Christian's stone; trust Jesus' judgment that there's no excuse for it (34). Secular psychologists may give a high rating to self-esteem, but Jesus gives superior rating to a toddler who welcomes the privilege of being cuddled by Him. The toddler who is brought to Jesus is being received by God, for Jesus is God incarnate. We don't understand everything about God, but we are happy to be in His lap.

Wed 1 Timothy 5:17-25 A clergyman in God's lap is doing well (17), for then he is a transmitter of God's Word. That's why we honor him, support him, and defend him (17-19). With our pastor(s), we do not condone misconduct or play favorites (20-21). In our interactions with others, we take things at face value as the best policy (24-25), leaving the final accounting to God.

Thurs Job 5:17-26 God has His ways of getting us re-aligned when we are off track. His procedure to straighten us out requires muscle (even hydraulic pressure) to correct bent tie-rods and sway-bars. So there will be some creaking and groaning; that's how God fixes souls in His repair shop. In Bible language it's called *chastening* or *correcting*—not punishing, for since God let His Son absorb all the punishment for our sins, that's over and done with.

Fri Matthew 18:1-6 Toddlers can actually believe in Him--that is, trust Him, being confident that He loves them and protects them. Now, how do they get that way? By the Holy Spirit accomplishing that miracle in their hearts; by their parents and siblings and sponsors and friends keeping them close to Jesus as they live through childhood into maturity. We are committed to them at home and at play, in school and church; we walk on egg-shells to avoid doing the least thing that might damage their souls (6). Lord, help us!

Sat 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 One of the best of life's skills is to learn from the bad experiences of others. Note, the bad experiences which the ancient Jews brought upon themselves serve as illustrations for us (6-11). Secondly, God decided to put it into His history book so later generations could read it and learn from it before it's too late to learn anything. Besides, nobody is so well indoctrinated and so well grounded that he cannot make another bad mistake (12-13). Lord, have mercy on us, your dear children! Amen!