



9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 25, 2021

**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR'S** Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** *Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your love. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.*

**PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP** *Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you.*

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## SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

**OPENING HYMN – CW 193** *Come, Now, Almighty King*

**Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing; Help us to praise.  
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword; Our prayer attend.  
Come and your people bless, And give your Word success;  
Grant us your righteousness, Savior and Friend.**

**Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear In this glad hour.  
Your sev'nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev'ry heart;  
Never from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.**

**To the great One in Three Eternal praises be Forevermore!  
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see  
And to eternity Love and adore.**

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt.

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and to do what is right, that we, who cannot do anything good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will. We plead in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Consider the damage done by false shepherds with false teachings. May God give us faithful shepherds who pasture the flock with the righteousness of Christ given in his pure Word. May that Word raise up a flock that delights in the saving truth.*

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. 2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. 3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

5 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.

### **Second Lesson – Ephesians 2:13-22**

*Christ offers a great miracle! He has effected a reconciliation that for us was impossible, a reconciliation with God made at the cost of his own blood. May we all believe, teach and confess the cornerstone of Christ Jesus as the source of the Christian Church.*

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through

him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### **Verse of the Day – Isaiah 55:11**

**M:** Alleluia! My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!

**C:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Lesson – John 20:19-23**

*In his Easter evening appearance, Jesus encourages his disciples and gives them a chance to be strengthened in their own faith. But building them up alone is not the ultimate goal. He then sends the disciples out with the message of the crucified and risen Lord. They need to strengthen others.*

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." 22 After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

This is the gospel of our Lord.

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

### **HYMN – CW 242 v. 1,4**

*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.**

**Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Your love and grace with ev'ry breath  
And greet each morning with thanksgiving Until my heart is still in death,  
And, when at last my lips grow cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.**

*Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.*

### **SERMON – John 20:19-23**

**"Play on God's Team!"**

In the next few days, most NFL training camps will have begun. Many teams will go into the year with high hopes. The Chiefs, Buccaneers, Packers, and Bills intend to build on their success. With good draft picks and new coaches in some places, even lower ranked teams expect good things. We'll see what the season brings...

But imagine the camps are over and we're at the first official game. The coin is tossed, and the home team wins. They elect to defer until second half and kick away now. Following the kickoff, the defense does a pretty good job of holding the line and forces the other team to punt.

Now fans are eager to see their team's offense come out and "show their stuff." A murmur grows in the stands as there's a delay—no offensive unit comes onto the field. The officials come over to the sideline while the crowd begins to chant: "We want offense!" But the fact is, they don't have an offense. Their only goal was to keep the other team from scoring! Can you imagine such a team?

We don't have to imagine it. We need only to enter the upper room where the disciples were gathered. Early in the Christian Church's history, there was only a defensive unit.

Our text says, "The disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews." That night of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples only concern was protecting themselves. Jesus had to come and tell them to unlock the doors and go out. "Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." Defense is important, but offense is also part of the game.

Why were the disciples defense-minded? With their leader captured and killed, they were afraid the Jews would go after Jesus' followers next. If they got away with beatings and a crucifixion once, wouldn't you fear they could get away with it again? The disciples' fear was realistic.

Their fear was compounded by confusion. St. John honestly reports—even about himself—that they had heard the reports of Jesus' resurrection, and had found the tomb empty, but "they still did not understand the Scripture that (Jesus) must rise from the dead," (20:9). Confusion amplified fear.

So, they gathered in what might be called a "support group". I imagine that they spent a good deal of time telling each other what they remembered of Jesus' words to build each other up. But the strategy was all defensive: protect themselves from invasion by Jewish leaders; build each other's faith. There was no offense in mind.

Are we, the church of today, still in a defensive mind-set? Not because there's fear of being hauled away for torture and crucifixion, but somewhat because defense may be easier than offense?

Offense requires taking risks. In football some go deep, some take short patterns, runners up the middle and the quarterback is relatively unprotected. In order to move the ball down the field, the offense has to risk getting caught behind the line. I'm sure defensive coordinators would disagree, but the defense does not take as many risks. The offense must send many players into enemy territory, while the defense sends a few, but keeps most back in coverage.

If the church plays defense, there are fewer risks. You have very few left out unprotected. I've often wondered how Thomas felt that first night since he was not in the safe house with the others. With a close group, everybody can rush to support each other.

That's the general pattern of church work, isn't it? At a council meeting discussion may be centered around roof repair or tuck-pointing a wall. Maybe some office equipment needs repair or updating. That's mostly designed to support what we've already got going. Those who are part of the church benefit more than those who are still outside.

Don't get me wrong, if we don't practice good stewardship of the building, pretty soon there won't be a place for non-members to come. We have to keep the facility in good repair.

Worship itself might be considered a defensive strategy. By the use of God's Word, we build each other up in faith. By working for each other through school and Sunday school and Bible classes we encourage and support one another. These defensive strategies are important. Without them, we'd hinder our own growth. But a balance is necessary.

When Jesus said, "If you remain in my word..., you will ...know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31), he encouraged us to protect what we have. But when Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15), he meant for us to take the offense. "I am sending you," he said. We are to open the doors and go out.

Who's going? It's not too hard to discover—you, me, us!

But wait! There were only 11 disciples in the upper room, right? Only 10 if you remember Thomas wasn't there. And those happened to become apostles', right? The apostles had a special call, special gifts and promise, right? Your average Joe Disciple wasn't given this command, right? Wrong!

First, only eleven in the upper room? Nowhere are we told how many were there. Luke tells us that after Jesus' resurrection about 120 disciples regularly gathered (Acts 1:15). Perhaps some of those 120 were there when Jesus appeared that first Easter evening. Yes, the apostles had a special responsibility to teach and to lead the rest (like a quarterback), but the offense was a team effort.

The Church is still a team. The apostle Peter, in his letters, wrote to all the Joe and Jane Disciples, saying, “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light,” (1 Peter 2:9). Every believer may proclaim God’s praises. Think of it this way: your side has the ball. Not your quarterback alone, but your side. Not everyone has it at the same time, but you’re all working together.

You have the tools to play this role. Look at the gifts Jesus granted. “He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” That means you’re qualified for the task.

For what does the Holy Spirit do? First, he gives faith. Through the Word of God, the Holy Spirit makes believers in Jesus Christ. The Bible declares: “No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit,” (1 Corinthians 12:3). When the Holy Spirit is given, he prompts people to say with Thomas, “My Lord and my God!” Personal faith in Jesus is given by the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit has a second gift. Jesus recognized the reality of the disciples’ fear, and their preference for defense. So, he encouraged them, “Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit,” (Mark 13:11). The Holy Spirit certainly has the skill to say what needs to be said. If you’re sent out, you’re qualified, because you’ve been given the Holy Spirit.

Jesus has also given the message. It’s part of this text: “Jesus came, stood among them, and...showed them his hands and side.” The message is: Jesus is alive! Now, that needs to be fleshed out a little bit. What does it mean that Jesus is alive? It first means that Jesus was dead. Why did he die? Not because the Jewish leaders hated him, but in fulfillment of Scripture. “He let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many,” (Isaiah 53:12). A quick summary of basic Christian truth? All people sin; Jesus died for our sins; Jesus is alive as proof of our forgiveness.

That’s why he could come to his disciples and say, “Peace be with you!” He brought them peace. By sacrificing himself for our sins he ended the battles with God. Peace rules. Having been given peace, you are best qualified to go and proclaim it.

So, what’s the game plan? In a well-run football offense, you rarely have everyone in the same place at the same time. Some are running these patterns, some are running those and some stay back to protect the quarterback. As you play on God’s team, where are you going?

Currently death and retirement claim about 50 of our current pastors every year. So, we need about that many graduates from our seminary every year just to keep even.

Our Synod would like to open 10–20 new missions every year, even more if possible! We don’t want to be only on the defensive, merely holding the line. We want to be on the offensive, going forward, reaching further. That means we need young men to begin training now so that when harvest fields open up, pastors are ready to fill them.

Count your sons, grandsons, nephews and grandnephews as those to be encouraged toward pastoral ministry. Age should not be held against them. Every year a few men enter “second career” training, starting a little later but ending in the pulpit nonetheless.

There are other good options for careers, I know. Let me tell you about Eric Zimmerman. He was a young man invited by the Los Angeles Rams I believe, their first time around in that city, to their training camp to compete for a roster spot. He chose to continue training for the ministry. The Lord took him home after only a few active years as a parish pastor (I believe he had an undiagnosed heart problem). What if he had died on the football field? Talented, paid well, but fewer chances to bring people to Jesus. We’ve all got other options than public ministry.

Teachers are always needed as well. About 120 new graduates are needed each year to fill the classrooms we have. But in this also we don’t want to just hold the line. We want to reach out and go further. China may be our next major mission field where education offers greater access into the society than churches.

When Jesus says, “I am sending you,” where might you be headed? Local evangelism always needs willing voices. Last weekend, we were told that an effective evangelism line may be the simple: “Do you have a pastor?” No great knowledge is necessary to bring a person into contact with another who may be the bridge to heaven for them.

There are also other important helping roles. In football, the guards and tackles rarely handle the ball, but they help move it. Their blocking schemes open up paths for others.

Well, if you aren’t the spiritual ball handler, you can be a blocker—through prayer. By pleading with God for the success of his Word, you can block the devil and his plans. By giving your support and encouragement, you strengthen others to carry the ball a little farther. Your role may not be as glamorous but try playing 10 against 11 football. We need a full offensive unit on the field—and that means everybody!

The game is in progress. It’s called life and there will be a final gun for believers and non-believers alike. What’s God’s game plan? Said Jesus, “I am sending you.” You’re the team. Play on! AMEN.

## **THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Heavenly Father, whose will it is that everyone hear the gospel, believe it, and be saved, send us forth as laborers into your harvest fields.

**C:** **As you open our mouths to witness Christ, open also hearts to welcome him by faith.**

**M:** Dearest Jesus, who wants us to preach the gospel to every creature, give us boldness to witness your salvation in the course of our daily lives.

**C:** **Inspire us with the love you have for us, to show this love for others.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, make us ready to do whatever is good, especially that good work for Christ of speaking his gospel to others.

**C:** **Give us a sense of urgency to work in the Father’s harvest while it is yet the day of salvation.**

**M:** Enable us to take up whatever aids in gospel proclamation, whether out in the open in witnessing, or behind the scenes in prayer.

**C:** **Grant the Word of salvation free course throughout the world, and cause it to be glorified in many hearts, as it is in ours.**

**M:** Help us to open paths to witnessing by our good works and loving actions in our community.

**C: As our neighbors see our compassion, draw them to ask us the reason for the faith, hope and love that we have, that we may tell them of Jesus.**

M: In compassion for others, hear our prayers on behalf of these people...

*Special petitions or brief silence for personal prayers*

M: O Triune God, bless our mission in this world, and hear us for Jesus' sake as we pray...

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

### **Distribution Hymn – CW 310**

*I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

**1 I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2 Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,  
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

4 Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,  
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

7 You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,  
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,  
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,  
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.  
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

### **Blessing of all Communicants**

M: May the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be at peace. Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **CLOSING PRAYERS & BLESSING**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN – CW 239 v. 1,2,4** *Glory Be to God the Father*

**1** 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!

**2** 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!

**4** Glory, blessing, praise eternal!—Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion!—Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

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***Thank you for worshipping with us! Please join us again.***

<b>This Week’s Opportunities for Growing in Christ</b>		
<b>Today (7/25)</b>	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM	Worship
<b>Sunday 8/1</b>	9:00 AM	Worship

**Worship Adjustments** The Council has decided that beginning today we will resume 1) passing the offering plates, 2) using Friendship Registers, and 3) remove all seating barriers. Also, beginning on Aug 5 & 8, we will return to our former practice of serving Holy Communion by tables (groups standing together) instead of the current practice of continuous distribution.

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!**

At last Sunday’s voter’s meeting, a presentation was given about our synod’s new hymnal coming out in late fall. Generous donors have stepped forward to fund this project, so we will be able to purchase hymnals plus all the necessary supporting materials. Praise God!

**Hymnal Orders for Home Use**

Hymnals are a great reference tool for home devotions and for viewing livestream worship services. If you’d like to order a hymnal for home use, please see the CW hymnal order form in the narthex. Cost is \$24 plus shipping. A gift version with a bonded leather cover is also available for \$52.

**Memorials**

We thank DuWayne and Shirley Marquardt for their gift to WELS Missions given in memory of Leo Hardelle.

We thank Gene Arndt for his gift to the New Hymnal fund given in loving memory of his wives, Ollie and Evie.

*Blessed be their memories. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.*

**We Need Workers for the Elephant Ear Stand – Aug 6 & 7**

Please contact Beth Krohn to volunteer: 715.216.9350

**Dime & Dollar Needs Volunteers** Your Dime & Dollar thrift store is in desperate need of volunteers, both men and women. For more information or to volunteer call Dime and Dollar at 715.849.4168.

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildcat Open** This annual golf outing benefits the NLHS athletics and engineering programs. It will be held at Pine Valley Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 14. Please see the brochures in the narthex for all the details.

**Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts: July 15 & 18, 2021**

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition Asst</u>	<u>WELS Scholarship</u>
\$2,643.00	\$55.00	\$70.00	\$6.00	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$38.00	\$40.00

**Attendance:** July 15 & 18: 17 & 54, online – 36      Total = 107



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