



10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 1, 2021

## WELCOME

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 loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing you praise. Amen.

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OPENING HYMN – CW 494 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, 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:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**M:** O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will so that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have for promised. Bring us this grace through 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 - Joshua 4:1-24**

*The Lord is always doing and saying things to strengthen the faith of his people. In a unique audio-visual aid, twelve stones, God encourages the people to remember his grace, and to pass it on to the next generation.*

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord told Joshua, <sup>2</sup> “Take twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, <sup>3</sup> and give them the following orders: ‘Pick up twelve stones from here in the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests are standing securely. Carry them over with you and put them at the place where you will stay tonight.’” <sup>4</sup> So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had selected from the people of Israel—a man from each tribe. <sup>5</sup> Joshua said to them, “Go to the middle of the Jordan in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. There each man is to lift up one stone on his shoulder. The number will correspond to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, <sup>6</sup> so that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in the future, ‘What do these stones mean for you?’ <sup>7</sup> Then you shall respond to them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord. When the ark passed through the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will serve as a permanent memorial for the people of Israel.” <sup>8</sup> So the people of Israel did just as Joshua had ordered. They picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, corresponding to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, as the Lord had instructed Joshua. They carried the stones over with them to their lodging place and deposited them there. <sup>9</sup> Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant had stood. They are there to this day. <sup>10</sup> The priests who carried the ark remained standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything that the Lord had commanded Joshua to speak to the people had been accomplished, just as Moses had commanded Joshua. The people moved swiftly and completed the crossing. <sup>11</sup> When all the people had finished crossing, the Ark of the Lord and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people. <sup>12</sup> The descendants of Reuben, the descendants of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, arranged by their military units, had crossed over ahead of the people of Israel, just as Moses had commanded them, <sup>13</sup> about forty thousand men armed for battle. They crossed over to the plain near Jericho to wage war in the presence of the Lord. <sup>14</sup> That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they honored him, just as they had honored Moses, all the days of his life. <sup>15</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, <sup>16</sup> “Command the priests who are carrying the Ark of the Testimony that they should come up out of the Jordan.” <sup>17</sup> So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.” <sup>18</sup> When the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord came up from the middle of the Jordan, as soon as the soles of their feet reached dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and it overflowed all its banks as before. <sup>19</sup> The people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month and set up camp at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> Those twelve stones that they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. <sup>21</sup> He said to the people of Israel, “When your children in the future ask their fathers, ‘What are these stones?’ <sup>22</sup> you shall teach your children, ‘On dry land Israel crossed over this Jordan.’ <sup>23</sup> For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan in front of you until you crossed

over, just as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up in front of us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth would know that the hand of the Lord is strong, so that you would fear the Lord your God always.”

**PSALM 84** (*sung responsively*) CW p. 96

**Refrain: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,\*

O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,\*  
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;\*  
they are ever praising you.

**Refrain: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Better is one day in your courts\*  
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God\*  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,\*  
blessed are they who trust in you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

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**SECOND LESSON - Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16**

*A primary goal of our fellowship with God is the strengthening of our fellowship with one another. For the same grace shown to one believer, is the grace that he has shown to all. Therefore, we will seek to live in helpful service, the life worthy of our calling. Need help? The Word will create love for one another. Then that Word will give us the abilities and the desire to use those abilities in service to one another.*

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. 2 Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. 7 But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ.

11 He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, 12 for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. 13 This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. 16 From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

## VERSE OF THE DAY – *John 14:23*

M: Alleluia! Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” 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 6:1-15*

*Notice the humility in which Jesus displays both his compassion and his power. As soon as it is clear that the crowd will use the renewed strength from the food just provided to interfere with his saving work on the altar of the cross, he leaves them. May we use the renewed strength from fellowship with Christ to serve him and one another.*

After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). <sup>2</sup> A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little.” <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> “There’s a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When the people were full, he told his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, “This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world.” <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

*This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN – CW 511 v. 1,4 *O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand*

- 1 O Lord, our God, your gracious hand Has crowned our lives with blessing;  
Your goodness has enriched our land With gifts for our possessing.  
Our homes, our food, And ev’ry good For earthly work and living,  
Abundant wealth And life and health Your faithful love is giving.
- 4 Your Word alone, great God of pow’r, Can feed our soul and spirit.  
Christ’s love gives strength for ev’ry hour Without our deeds or merit.  
Grant schools that teach And men who preach True Christian education.  
Let youth grow strong By Word and song In ev’ry land and nation.

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## SERMON – *Joshua 4:19-24*

The people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month and set up camp at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> Those twelve stones that they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. <sup>21</sup> He said to the people of Israel, “When your children in the future ask their fathers, ‘What are these stones?’ <sup>22</sup> you shall teach your children, ‘On dry land Israel crossed over this Jordan.’ <sup>23</sup> For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan in front of you until you crossed over, just as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up in front of us until we had crossed over. <sup>24</sup> He did this so that all the peoples of the earth would know that the hand of the Lord is strong, so that you would fear the Lord your God always.”

## ***You Can Learn a Lot from Rocks***

Dear friends in Christ Jesus: Today, for show and tell, I brought along a rock, an ordinary, garden variety rock. And that's the very problem with it—it's a garden rock. If you've done any gardening, you know that garden rocks grow and multiply. No matter how many you took out of the garden last year, there'll be that many more this year. That's the story of gardening, isn't it? Rocks like this—bad!

My wife carries a rock around with her too. It's a very small one, set in a ring on her finger. A rock like that—it's good!—because that rock tells about love and commitment. There's a positive story in that rock if you take the time to learn it.

Many buildings have a special rock set into them. These cornerstones can tell a story. They tell of people who were committed to putting up a building there. There are two outside the office wing, with the dates 1949 and 2003 (first new school built by the congregation and the current school and office wing). There's another on the cross tower showing 1962, the first full church built for the worship of Our Savior. Rocks are not always just a chunk of mineral. They can tell a story. You can learn a lot from rocks!

There was a set of stones here in our text, piled together in a purposeful way to tell a story. These rocks testify to God's blessings in the past. They remind us to share these blessings. Oh yes, you can learn a lot from rocks.

The start of the rock's story may be quite important. Did the rock begin its path to your awareness in a garden? in a deep diamond mine? or from the bottom of a river? Our text reports that "Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken," (v. 20).

Here's where they came from. "When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 'Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan right where the priests stood and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight,' "(Joshua 4:1-3). These rocks came from the bottom of the Jordan River. They apparently weren't huge boulders, since one man could carry each one. But they weren't pebbles either, because when they were stacked up, they made a noticeable monument. What's the story here?

The children of Israel were getting ready to enter the Promised Land. But between them and the land flowing with milk and honey was the Jordan River, overflowing with flood-stage violence. God had instructed Joshua to have the priests step into the water, and as soon as they did, the water stopped flowing and maybe two million children of Israel crossed safely on dry ground. Try to imagine doing the same through the Eau Pleine, or Rib rivers during their flood season.

This crossing was a miracle of God, and the Lord instructed that twelve stones be taken from the middle of the river as a memorial. Then, "in the future, when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground'," (vv. 21,22). These rocks told a story.

But it meant more than just how they had crossed the Jordan. That was just the latest in a long series of God's blessings in the past. They also told of how the Lord had been with them in the land of Egypt, how he had sent the ten plagues to deliver them, how the angel of death passed over their homes, how they crossed the Red Sea, and how God had been with them in the desert and provided all their needs for 40 years with manna and quail.

These are all blessings of their past, but blessings undeserved.

I mean, the children of Israel often showed contempt for those very blessings. They built an idol in the form of a golden calf—and worshipped it! They murmured about the manna brought from heaven to them. They sinned repeatedly, constantly slapping God in the face, setting their thoughts and their authority above his. Yet, though God could have wiped them off the face of the earth, he had promised another blessing: the Messiah, the one who would make complete and perfect payment for their sins. This is the message of the stones. You can learn a lot from rocks.

What do we learn from rocks? You've got your miracles here, too. Regarding Northland, there's a miracle of survival. They just celebrated the 40th anniversary of the school. Did everybody figure it would last that long? Not everyone.

Not me. When I joined the faculty after its tenth year of operation, I was aware of the cash flow problems and challenges. But seeing it first-hand was shocking. I even shared privately with a couple people that I wasn't sure we'd open after the Christmas break of that year. But we're plenty of Christmases beyond that now.

Yet how often we, like Israel, take our blessings for granted—or never even notice them! This occurs because congregations are made up of imperfect people. It doesn't take long for us to fall into Israelite mentality that even though we have manna to spare, somehow, we're getting the short end of the stick. So, we find ourselves complaining about, rather than praising God for, the blessings we have.

That's precisely where the greatest blessing comes in. What do these stones mean? They testify to the faithfulness of God. He wasn't stopped from blessing Israel by their unfaithfulness. For all of us, he wasn't stopped from bringing us a Savior. He kept his promise in sending his Son, Jesus Christ, to live his life perfectly in our place, and to suffer death and hell as payment for our imperfection, though we never deserved it. That's a message of the river stones.

That's the message of this building of brick and wood and stone. They are lifeless materials, and this building is only temporary. Yet this building has been a place of learning, where young and old alike are taught the wonderful love of God. These stones testify of God's blessings through many years.

But friends, as we speak or think a word of thanks and praise to God for those blessings of the past, learn this from the rocks also, they remind us to share these blessings in the future.

What if the stones of our text had not been gathered a placed in a pile for all to see? At first, the immensity of this miracle likely would have loomed in the hearts and minds of the Israelites for weeks, perhaps even months after it happened. But what about years later or when a couple generations had passed? If these stones from the Jordan River had not been piled up, chances are this blessing, like so many other blessings from our God, would have been long forgotten. But they were piled up to serve as a vivid reminder that these blessings were to be shared in the future. Listen to what God says, "When your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'" The instructions were: "tell your children! Share the blessings!"

And the questions would come. Children are inquisitive. Whenever a young person caught sight of this monument for the first time (or maybe even the tenth time), the parents knew the questions would come. "What is that? Why was this done? Who did it? What do these stones mean?"

Then, the children were to hear the story. Then, they could look down into the dangerous waters and learn that God had cut off those waters so that his people could pass safely through. They would learn that they had a God in whom they could place complete trust. They could count on him to take care of them in the worst situations. Most of all, they could count on his promise to send a Messiah who would offer the selfless sacrifice for all. The big event prompted a memorial tower of stones, and then the memorial tower prompted the sharing of the big event.

We wouldn't expect anything else, would we? Big events of our lives always prompt a sharing of sorts. Births are shared by announcements and phone calls. Baptisms are shared with as many family members as can be brought together. Confirmation announcements go out. Graduation or wedding invitations are ordered and posted. If ever one of the principal parties of these events is asked, "What's this all about?" oh, they'll tell ya!

The same thing happens when some rocks are brought together to create a building. There's a groundbreaking, when people are brought together to share why this building is happening. There'll be a dedication service, to share with even more people the purpose of this special pile of rocks, and to ask God's blessing on this coordinated compilation of mineral material.

But don't ask the rocks to do the work. It's people who do the sharing.

It's not only the professional people who do the sharing. The sharing of Jesus' wonderful love, of all of God's special blessings, is not the sole responsibility of pastors and teachers. That responsibility begins at home. In this text, God reminded parents to answer the children's questions. Your church's Sunday School, or Christian Day School, or confirmation class, do not exist to replace parental responsibility.

Rather these educational programs exist to assist parents in training their children in the word of God. If you have not been taking an active role in your children's spiritual upbringing, if you are finding time for just about everything but family devotions, it's time to step back and learn a little something from these rocks. They're not going to talk! YOU need to share. YOU need to be the question answerer.

Now, I know that it's one thing to stand up here and say, "OK, do the devotions," and quite another to help it happen. So, here's a couple suggestions. What to use? For younger children, I confidently recommend "Little Visits with Jesus" and its many sequels. For children up to around ten, find the books "Actual Factuals", for teens consider "Life in the Real World" or "Which Way Are You Leading Me, Lord". Beyond that there are the magazines "My Devotions;" "Portals of Prayer," or "Meditations". Many of you have been a part of building up the rock piles that make this church and school. Be a part of building faith. That's what we intend to do with our rocks—build faith.

There are all kinds of rocks: rocks to build with, rocks to pick out of a garden, pet rocks, any kinda rocks. Good rocks tell a story. And if the rocks you have can tell about God and about Jesus, that's the best! You can learn a lot from rocks. AMEN.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Savior of all, our great Provider, we confess that we have so little faith.

**C: We are bound by our insufficiency and restricted by our small abilities.**

M: Teach us to trust your miracles.

**C: Where our challenges tower over our competence, cause us to remember a hillside and a hungry crowd, five barley loaves and two small fish.**

M: Your blessing puts into our hands 12 baskets more than we will ever need.

**C: We are too often slowed and rendered helpless because we are forgetful that yours is the power. Teach us to trust your miracles.**

M: We know you showed great faithfulness to your people of Israel, even though they repeatedly were unfaithful to you.

**C: We know you showed great faithfulness to all humankind, in that you came into this world to redeem all people who are repeatedly unfaithful to you.**

M: We know that you showed great faithfulness to this congregation, to us, though we follow too often that path of the world which never sees your goodness, or complains that it isn't what we wanted.

**C: Chiefly we know that you went to the cross for us, and cleansed us of all sin. We thank you, Lord!**

M: With this joy in our hearts, bless us with zeal to proclaim your story, the story of salvation.

**C: Use our weak selves, our feet of clay, to march into the world lifting high the cross.**

M: Use this building as a place of peace, where weary souls can find lasting rest in you, our Savior.

**C: Bring us often to be refreshed for ourselves, and let us invite others to find the same forgiveness and hope that we enjoy.**

M: Hear us now as we plead your power on behalf of these people...

*Special prayers or brief silence for personal prayer*

M: Grant us what we ask, for your own sake, O Christ, and hear us as we further pray...

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

## **HYMN – CW 482 v. 1,2,4**      *Forgive Us, Lord*

- 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,  
While of your richer gifts we're unaware.
- 2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,  
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,  
For Christ, your Son, and for each human face  
That shows your message ever new and near.
- 4 Open our eyes to see your love's intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.  
Let thankful days in loving labor spent  
Reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

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## **CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 616**      *Feed Your Children, God Most Holy*

Feed your children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.  
Jesus, bread of life from heaven, Bless the food you here have given.  
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish  
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At your feast due thanks we render.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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

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

**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 Hymnal Order Form in the narthex. Cost is \$24 plus shipping. A gift version with a bonded leather cover is also available for \$52.

**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.

**We Need Workers for the Elephant Ear Stand – Aug 5-7**

Please contact Beth Krohn to volunteer: 715.216.9350

**Luncheon on August 12** Time for food and fellowship! Our Ladies' Aid invites all ladies of our congregation (some husbands have also tagged along in the past) to their annual summer luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 12 at Pizza Ranch in Weston. Please arrive between 11:15 and 11:30. We'll be in the private party room.

<b>Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: July 25, 2021</b>							
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>Hymnals</u>
\$4,790.00	\$435.00	\$465.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$3,000.00

**Attendance:** July 22 & 25: 20 & 55, online – 29    Total = 104



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