



11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 8, 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.*

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## **THE COMMON SERVICE**

### **OPENING HYMN – 473 v. 1,2,4    *Savior, I Follow On***

- 1 Savior, I follow on, Guided by thee,  
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.  
Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no further ill.  
Only to meet thy will My will shall be.
  
- 2 Riven the rock for me, Thirst to relieve,  
Manna from heaven falls Fresh ev'ry eve.  
Never a want severe Causeth my eye a tear,  
But thou dost whisper near, "Only believe."
  
- 4 Savior, I long to walk Closer with thee;  
Led by thy guiding hand, Ever to be  
Constantly near thy side, Quickened and purified,  
Living for him who died Freely for me.

Text: Charles S. Robinson, 1829–99, alt.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us**

**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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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 – Exodus 16:2-15**

*The request for food, in itself, was not wrong. It was the attitude of the soul, even an attitude of unbelief that was the source of this request. The grumbling spirit that forgot the Lord's care led them to forget what great trouble he had saved them from. God's grace still provides, to us even as undeserving as we are.*

The entire Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat around pots of meat and ate as much food as we wanted, but now you have brought us out into this wilderness to have this whole community die of hunger." <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Watch what I will do. I will rain down bread from heaven for you, and the people will go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether they will follow my instructions or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they will prepare what they bring in, and it will be twice as much as they gather on the other days." <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "At evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you will see the Glory of the Lord, because he has heard your constant grumbling against the Lord. Who are we that you should grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup> Moses said, "Now the Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and as much bread as you want in the morning, because the Lord has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> As Aaron spoke to the entire Israelite community, they turned toward the wilderness, and suddenly the Glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses: <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, 'At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup> So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" because they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the Lord has given to you as food to eat.

## **SECOND LESSON – Ephesians 4:17-24**

*The continuing desire of our sinful nature is to live for the body alone and for the satisfaction of its lusts. But the Word of Christ, the bread of life, has given us a new nature, a renewed soul. It makes use of the body to serve God by a life that corresponds to the self-giving nature of Jesus.*

So I tell you this and testify to it in the Lord: Do not walk any longer as the Gentiles walk, in their futile way of thinking. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, due to the hardness of their hearts. <sup>19</sup> Because they have no sense of shame, they have given themselves over to sensuality, with an ever-increasing desire to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup> But you did not learn Christ in that way, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard of him and were taught in him (since the truth is in Jesus). <sup>22</sup> As far as your former way of life is concerned, you were taught to take off the old self, which is corrupted by its deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed continually in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, which has been created to be like God in righteousness and true holiness.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY: John 6:68**

**M:** Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

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

## **GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:24-35**

*In a magnificent paradox, Jesus teaches the proper relationship between body and soul, and the relationship of both to God. The life whose only goal is perishing bread will only perish. The eternal bread is given by Christ himself, given in the Word which creates and sustains faith that will endure to eternal life. May Jesus give us this bread in abundance!*

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup> Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." <sup>28</sup> So they said to him, "What should we do to carry out the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent." <sup>30</sup> Then they asked him, "So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform?" <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said to him, "give us this bread all the time!" <sup>35</sup> "I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **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.

- 1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken In their God are not forsaken  
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
- 5 If on earth my days he lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

## SERMON – *John 6:24-35*

### “God’s Diet Plan--the Bread and Water of Life”

Watching the Olympics: Good idea? Bad idea?

It’s enjoyable to see the competitions, especially of lesser-known sports. We were watching field hockey the other day—can’t say that I’ve ever seen field hockey at any other time. I commented to my wife that their sticks were all too short. Seems painful to run around half-crouching all the time. Maybe that’s how field hockey is...

And of course, we get to see track and field (a particular love of mine) and basketball (a joy of my wife’s); gymnastics and swimming and so on. It’s incredible what various athletes can do.

But it’s not so fun to see what athletes look like. I mean only that they’re thin; they have muscles on top of muscles. Do they ever look healthy!

And then to remember that I used to be like that... Well, ok, I never had any muscles to speak of, but I was thin, and I could run around a lot; circle the track again and again and again and liked it! How depressing to watch Olympians and be reminded that I’m not that.

There are things you can do about it. Witness the frequent commercials for Nutri-systems and Weight Watchers. In grocery stores you can choose meals supposedly designed for healthy eating. For diabetics, there are a few new drugs to help lose weight. Of course, the disclaimers say that’s in conjunction with less eating and more exercising.

It is good for us to take care of the body which our Lord has given to us. We applaud those who have made some efforts, and remind ourselves to foster good, healthy habits.

But again, watching commercials, one gets the impression that some have made physical activity and body image the be-all and end-all of their life. They get all caught up in making this life the best it can possibly be, perhaps to the neglect of other things. And that’s not good.

For in this text, Jesus guides us into thinking about God’s diet plan—the bread and water of life. It has nothing to do with this earthly existence. It has everything to do with heaven.

Now, to be sure, Jesus is not speaking in this text about physical fitness. But the people to whom Jesus spoke were interested in food. Jesus directed them to recognize a spiritual bread and God’s diet plan that had nothing to do with food, or even this world as we know it.

What started the discussion? The day before Jesus had astounded the crowd by feeding well over five thousand people with just five small barley loaves and two small fish. “Quite impressive!” the people thought. So much so, that they forgot what Jesus taught them before he fed them. At the conclusion of

John's report of the miracle, it's added that, "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," (6:15).

That they had forgotten Jesus' real purpose was also clear the next day. When the crowd found Jesus again, he responded to their queries with the insight, "You are...looking for me...because you ate the loaves and were filled." They didn't care to learn what he had to say. They wanted Jesus because he filled their tummies.

So, Jesus had to direct their thoughts to God's more important diet. After all, what if a day went by when Jesus didn't supply bread? That's not unthinkable. On one occasion Jesus' disciples brought him a meal and said, "Rabbi, eat." But Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." Wondering if someone else brought Jesus food, Jesus told them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work," (John 4:31-34). More important to Jesus than eating was doing what God wanted.

Now you tell me, what if Jesus asked his followers, for the sake of kingdom work, to go a day without bread? They'd take a hike and find a new king. If their hearts were not set on heavenly things, they would not make sacrifices for him. If they viewed Jesus only as the one who made their stomachs happy, the moment he asked for service, they'd leave. It did happen that way.

And aren't people this fickle today? As long as Jesus tells them they're "ok" with their life choices, he's their king. As long as people feel that Jesus answers the prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread" with the kind of food they want, he's Lord for them. As long as some sort of connection with "church" brings positive benefits, they'll consider themselves disciples. But when he "fails" them, they turn away.

Should their marriage reach a rough spot, you know who gets the blame. Many think Jesus is supposed to snap his fingers and have everything work out. They don't listen when Jesus reminds them of the role they play in keeping marriage relationships smooth and happy. If there's friction between church members, who's to blame? The church. The church is supposed to get everyone acting the way I think they should. "Solve our bread problems, Jesus, and we'll follow you. But the minute you start talking about us accepting blame for our mistakes and sins—forget it! And for sure don't start preaching against my favorite sins like lust and greed and giving in to my temper!"

These people of our text wanted a king who would supply their bread: not a spiritual teacher; not a Savior. Today's people want a Jesus who makes their life easy, but not much more.

So, Jesus redirects us to think of God's diet which is more than filling the belly, more than making life easy. Life is more than possessions and food.

Witness Jesus' response to one man's request that the Lord make his brother "divide the inheritance" with him. Jesus said, "Be on guard against all greed, because a man's life is not measured by how many possessions he has," (Luke 12:15). Life is more than good food and Rolex watches and moving with the right crowd and being in shape.

On top of that, there's no security earthly goods. Fill your house with fine furniture and luxurious carpeting; a single spark, or a thief, can do away with your finery. Pile up millions in a bank account and the bank goes under. There you sit with an empty deposit bag. Ride the stock market wave—remember that waves crash. Fill your cupboards with the finest of foods; a mouse or a cockroach can make short work of your shortcake.

Add to that the basic truth that you can't take it with you. That's more than just the title to a popular play, that's Scripture. St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "We brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out," (I Timothy 6:7). As some say, "You never see a hearse pulling a trailer."

So, Jesus warned, "Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven," (Matthew 6:19,20). When the discussion centered around food, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life"—a whole different kind of bread!

Admittedly, that caused a lot of difficulty. The difference between a full stomach and an empty stomach—that I can understand! These concepts of heaven and eternity are more difficult to grasp. Not

that we can't understand them, but while I live on this earth, a growling stomach is more real to me than heaven. I've never been to heaven, but I have had an empty stomach. So, my inclination would be to think about how Jesus can satisfy that longing. Same with this crowd. But Jesus wanted them to realize not how he could fill their stomachs but how he could get them into heaven. But it's difficult to break that pattern of thinking.

Making it harder was Jesus' humility. If we had only bread and water every day, what would we think? "Boring!" Jesus described himself as bread and water. Perhaps the crowd thought, "How boring!" At any rate, the crowd did want exciting proof that spiritual matters were that much more important than food. The crowd asked him, "What miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? ... Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" In other words, the crowd demanded a sign like the "real" and "glorious" prophet Moses.

Jesus, however, didn't come to impress. He came to be lowly bread and water. He came to be rejected and cruelly treated. He came to die.

Even some of Jesus' disciples had a problem with this. Because of Jesus' insistence that they look beyond this world to spiritual issues, they said, "This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?" and later it is sadly reported, "After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore," (John 6:60,66). For them, matters of food and drink took precedence over spiritual considerations. God's salvation plan has nothing to do with this earthly existence, and everything to do with heaven. Some disciples found that too hard to accept.

Similar problems arise today. We've mentioned how many people want a Jesus to solve their earthly problems, but not to prod them about sin. People want church to make the world a better place, but not to go beyond that. But God's plan has to do with heaven.

And eternal life is his promise through Christ. "I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty." Imagine that—never being hungry or thirsty again! Earth's food needs replenishing. Water needs to be consumed regularly. But Jesus promises and provides eternal life in that place where "in the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse," (Revelation 22:2,3).

Christ provides this for us by his death on the cross as a substitute. Though we should have been punished in hell for our misplaced priorities, Jesus took the curse of the law. This is the spiritual consideration which should take primary place in our lives. Faith in Jesus is food that endures to eternal life.

If the things of this life become too important to us, we will lose that one thing we need most. Do you want to be well-fed, finely dressed, in perfect shape, and dead eternally? Then, whatever we have gained here won't mean anything. So, work faithfully, eat good foods, exercise regularly, but try God's diet plan—the bread and water of life—eternal life in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Heavenly Father, remove from our hearts all sinful pride which tries to keep us from seeing our guilt and confessing it to you.

**C:** Redirect our hearts away from the pursuit of earthly gain, and help us remember that a right relationship with you is of the greatest importance.

M: Remind us that you take care of earthly things, just as our Savior promised, the birds “do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”

**C: So also let us remember that we are “worth more than many sparrows” to you.**

M: Therefore, put our minds on the spiritual priorities that are expressed in your word. Work in us humble penitence upon hearing the terrors of your holy law.

**C: Comfort our trembling guilty hearts with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Give us grace to believe that for his sake you have forgiven every one of our sins.**

M: Bless the preaching of law and gospel throughout the earth. Let no one try to hide or deny his sins, but bring all to repentance.

**C: Grant more and more persons that joyful experience of knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and the Bread of life--eternal life.**

M: Dear Father, relieve those who are weary with sickness and worn with pain. Improve the lot of the poor. Deliver those who are in trouble.

**C: Refresh those who are discouraged and depressed.**

M: In love for many souls, we particularly pray for these people...

*Special intercessions or brief silence for personal prayer and meditation.*

M: Grant us those things we have neglected to pray for, but which according to your wisdom we have need of. Hear us for Jesus' sake, as we also pray...

*The Lord's Prayer*

**C: 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.”

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 – 312** *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,

Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,  
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,  
For you, Lord, are almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

*Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.*

### **BLESSING & CLOSING PRAYER**

**M:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, shall strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting. Be at peace, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen**

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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 – 439 v. 1**     *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
 Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
 Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
 So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

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**We're happy you joined us! May God richly bless your week.**

<b>This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ</b>		
<b>Today (8/8)</b>	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry</i>
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	3-6 PM	School Registration
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Ladies' Luncheon Worship / WELS Connection
<b>Saturday</b>		NLHS Wildcat Open
<b>Sunday 8/15</b>	9:00 AM	Worship / WELS Connection

**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 order form in the narthex. Cost is \$24 plus shipping. A gift version with a bonded leather cover is also available for \$52. Please sign up by August 22.

**Luncheon on Thursday** Time for food and fellowship! All ladies of our congregation (some husbands have also tagged along in the past) are invited to the Ladies' Aid 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.

**NLHS 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 or go to [www.nlhs.org](http://www.nlhs.org) for all the details.

**Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: August 1, 2021**

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>
\$3,594.00	\$200.00	\$385.00	\$32.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
<u>M Thurs</u>	<u>Good Fri</u>	<u>Easter</u>	<u>Ascension</u>	<u>Hymnals</u>	<u>Kwik Trip</u>
\$50.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$2,300.00	\$5.65

**Attendance:** Thursday – 17, Sunday - 50, online – 51 Total - 118



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