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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

Divine Service, Setting Three (p.151)

The Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 797 "Praise the Almighty"

Invocation

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4



Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him,*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man
who carries out evil de- | vices!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone,

because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 12: 9 – 21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 156

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 727 "On Eagles' Wings"

Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshipers

Service of the Sacrament

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 642 “O Living Bread from Heaven”

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: 828 “We Are Called to Stand Together”

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This Week at St. James

Today (9/3)	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM Communion Service – 9:30 AM LWML Mites Sunday Bible Study – 11:00 AM
Monday (9/4)	Communion Service – 6:30 PM
Saturday (9/9)	Men’s Breakfast – 8:30 AM Pastors Day Off – 9:00 AM
Sunday (9/10)	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM Worship Service – 9:30 AM Church BBQ – 11:00 AM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (9/3)

Officiant	Pastor Glenn Schaeffer
Lector.....	Jim Spears
Organist.....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s)	Craig Popma / Bryan Ensing
Ushers.....	Caleb Butler/ Dale & Grace Rosema
Video/Sound/Recording.....	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
September Altar Guild.....	Melissa Ensing / Marjie Weiss

Serving Next Sunday (9/10)

Lector.....	Cherie Hood
Organist.....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s)	Dave Hood
Ushers.....	Kim & Hayden Urbanski
Video/Sound/Recording.....	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
September Altar Guild.....	Melissa Ensing / Marjie Weiss

Financial Discipleship: August 27 & 28, 2023

General Fund	\$3,254.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (-\$2,515.00)</i>	
<u>Tessaro Ministry (Nigeria Mission)</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
TOTAL Contributions	\$3,289.00

Announcements

2nd Best Sale: The 2nd best sale is coming up. This is the time to start going through your home and donating anything you may not need anymore! The sale will be Oct 12-14. The drop off dates will be Sat Sept. 30 and Oct.7.

Back to School Block Party Survey: We would like **all** "Back to School" **volunteers** to contribute feedback on the event, hence the bulletin insert. Please take time to complete the survey and drop it in the box on the table outside the office, no later than Tuesday, Sept. 5th! Thank You!

We Need Ushers: We have a few people that are currently helping us with usher duties on Sundays and when we have midweek services, but we need a few more ushers. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way to help services to run as smooth as possible. Ashley will be placing a sign-up sheet for current and new ushers outside the church office.

NECM Meijer Simply Give Campaign: Plainfield Meijer is launching another "Simply Give" program from now until Saturday September 30th. On Saturday September 9th is "Double Match Days". If you would like more information the flyer will be hanging up across from the coat room.

LWML Grand Rapids Zone & Rapid Waters Zone Fall Retreat: *“How to be a Godly Woman in an Ungodly World* September 23, 2023, 9:00am – 3:00pm at Camp Concordia *Registration Fee: \$20.00 (includes coffee, donuts, and lunch)* To register, use the sign-up sheet located on the table by the office or text or email Grace at 616-822-3625, grosema_school@yahoo.com or Carol at 616-822-5440, carol_bifulco@yahoo.com

Newsletter: If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter it's on the table in the Lobby.

Dorcas Society News: The Dorcas Society will open the year gathering for lunch at Walker Roadhouse (3272 Remembrance Rd NW, Walker) on Thursday, September 14 at 1 pm. All women are invited to join us as we are blessed by our friendship as sisters in Christ. Please contact Rachel Palmer (616-883-6949 or at palmerrm@comcast.net) to let us know you can join us and also if you need a ride.

Lectors Sign Up Sheet: If you would like to sign up to read as a Lector, please see the sign-up sheet on the table by the church office.

Darrell's Bible Study: Please join Darrell as he dives into the study of Philippians starting this Wednesday at 10:00am.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study: All men welcome to join us this Saturday September 9th at 8:30 for the men's Breakfast Bible Study.

KidzTime: will be starting up in a few weeks and we will need volunteers to make the program a success! We need both "teachers" who can lead simple children's lessons/activities (materials will be provided to you), and "assistants" who can be present for the safety of the children and help out as needed with the lesson and activities. If you are interested in helping out with this program, please contact Christina Shourds at (858) 922-1928 or cashourds@gmail.com. A Sign-up Genius link will be made available to allow you to select dates that you are able to serve.

A Statement on Holy Communion

We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations, who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine, but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

NOTE: We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcohol grape juice. Just let Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.