

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 644 646 649

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

July 18 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

July 18 9:00 a.m. Bible Studies

July 18 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

July 20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

July 20 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

July 14 Noon Bible Study

July 25 11:15 a.m. Voters Meeting at Peace

HYMN OF THE DAY: The epistle reading highlights the historical animosity that has existed between Jews and Gentiles (Jews and non-Jews). The Jews kept themselves separate from non-Jews because they were the people of God who were set apart by God to live in a unique way. The Gentiles generally despised Jews as a weak, backward people, whose culture, laws, and worship were hostile to the rest of mankind. Our hymn of the day, *The Church's One Foundation*, reminds us of how Jews and Gentiles, how people of every race, are made one, only through Jesus. He is the one foundation for the entire church, and people of every race, tribe, and tongue become one when they are built on him

A WORD: The Old Testament reading warns the shepherds of God's flock (pastors) that they are to feed the flock of Christ, not themselves. Their occupation is service, not ownership. The Gospel reading gives us a picture of the Good Shepherd at work as he feeds the five-thousand and commands his disciples to distribute the meal. Christ takes the role of a servant, and every shepherd under him must take that same role.

The epistle reading reminds us of what makes the church one. Not worship forms, charismatic leaders, excellent programs, or compelling mission statements. All of these things can provide a sense of unity for a time, but the only ultimate source of unity is Christ. All are one who belong to him. Amen.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Not one of the five thousand leaves the green hillside with an empty stomach. Two fish and five loaves are more than enough in the hands of Jesus. He satisfies the hungry heart with eternal food. In the Lord's Supper, it is no longer mere bread and wine in the hands of Jesus. This is His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith for the eternal satisfaction of our lives.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST: July 18-Kathy Kimmel, July 25-Viola McKenney, Aug. 1-Wilma Miller, Aug. 8-Karen Olson, Aug.15-Barb Phelps, Aug. 22-Ashlie Slotter, Aug. 29-Pamela Young

TODAY: The Lyon County Fair Gospel Concert will be held on Sunday, July 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the First Reformed Church of Rock Rapids. The Klassens from Worthington, MN will be performing. Following the program there will be an ice cream social. A free-will offering will be taken for the performers and the use of the church facility.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect pop tarts, granola bars, fruit or snack bars etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 3; Next Sunday is Team 4: Wayne Ranschau, Brad Vogel, Gary Delfs, Marv Flier, Wayne Jepsen, John Schulte

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 644: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**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.**

You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11–22

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalm 78:25

Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 646: CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN 649: BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

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