



*We invite, encourage, educate and empower  
all people to follow God and serve others."*

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**SONG**            *"Here I am To Worship"*

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The theme of the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering was "This Changes Everything." One of the things that changes everything, is knowing that we are part of something... that we belong. Everyone in this place arrived as individuals, with our unique story, our own background.*

**But whether we are aware of it or not, we are all seeking to be part of something. Sometimes, we know where we belong. And other times, we can feel really lonely and disconnected. Know this. No matter where you are in your life, you matter. You are enough. This congregation needs you. This community needs you. God's Church is not complete without you. You belong here. We belong together.**

**God's love does change everything. Without God's unconditional love, we would be stuck – no connection. No relationship. Always drowning in the sin that we can't free ourselves from.**

*But that is not who God is. God loves us, and God claims us.*

**We are claimed in baptism.**

*And being claimed by God is not being a slave or being owned by someone. We're not talking about that kind of a claim on you.*

**We are claimed and named "Child of God." It's being a child. It's being cared for and loved. We are connected to Jesus and through baptism into Christ, we are connected to one another. We need each other, and in Christ, we have**

**each other. We are not complete without the other. We belong together.**

**SONG**

*“Baptized and Set Free”*

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**GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER**

Good and Gracious God,

**you made your love known to us in Jesus, who changes everything. Thank you for this time together in worship. Thank you for the many ways and places outside of this building that you call us to be together as children of God. Bless our time with the power and presence of your Holy Spirit. And all of God’s people say, Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ<sup>[a]</sup>—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## SCRIPTURE READING    John 4:1-30, 9-42 (The Message)

<sup>1-3</sup> Jesus realized that the Pharisees were keeping count of the baptisms that he and John performed (although his disciples, not Jesus, did the actual baptizing). They had posted the score that Jesus was ahead, turning him and John into rivals in the eyes of the people. So Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee.

<sup>4-6</sup> To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

<sup>7-8</sup> A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

<sup>11-12</sup> The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

<sup>13-14</sup> Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

<sup>16</sup> He said, "Go call your husband and then come back."

<sup>17-18</sup> "I have no husband," she said.

"That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough."

<sup>19-20</sup> "Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?"

<sup>21-23</sup> “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God’s way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you’re called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

<sup>23-24</sup> “It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I don’t know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we’ll get the whole story.”

<sup>26</sup> “I am he,” said Jesus. “You don’t have to wait any longer or look any further.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn’t believe he was talking with that kind of a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.

<sup>28-30</sup> The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, “Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?” And they went out to see for themselves.

<sup>39-42</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to him because of the woman’s witness: “He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!” They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman, “We’re no longer taking this on your say-so. We’ve heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He’s the Savior of the world!”

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**WELCOME THE CHILDREN** “*This Little Light of Mine*”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SONG**

“*This Little Light of Mine*”

**SERMON**            *“You Belong!”*        Pastor Deb Grismer

**HYMN**            *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*        #650

**APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG**    *“Go My Children, with My Blessing”* #543

**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

## LUTHERAN/LAKOTA JOB CORPS

The Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps Pilot Program provides people with a way to earn a living and support their families. The folks who make up the Job Corps are from the community of Pine Ridge, working on behalf of their neighbors.

“We are trying to move our ministry away from a dependency-based model where we are just giving things away, to a more sustainable life-giving ministry to the people of Pine Ridge, to help people financially earn a way to provide for their families. Our goal is for people to learn new skill sets, by helping with requested projects around Pine Ridge, so they can earn a living and help their community at the same time.” Pastor Kay –Pine Ridge Retreat Center

Our financial contribution will help pay workers and buy materials needed for projects, as well as help fund retreats where those living on the reservation can communicate and connect with people that are not, thus bridging the gap between ethnic and color lines.



### **SERVING TODAY:**

**Greeters/Ushers-** Youth Group

**Reader** – Youth Group

**Music** – Karen Lescarboura

**Fellowship Servers** – Second Sunday Breakfast

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (July 15th):**

**Greeters/Ushers-** Jan Dietrich and Alicja Mead

**Reader** – Jan Dietrich

**Music** – Karen Lescarboura

**Communion Prep**–Alicja Mead and Lois Rudd

**Communion Assist-** Jan Dietrich

**Fellowship Servers** – Alicja Mead and Butch & Lois Rudd

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## *WELCOME to our worship service*

*If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.*

### Today, Sunday, July 8th

9:30am Worship

8:30-11:15am Second Sunday Breakfast

11:00am Council Meeting

Pastor Deb will  
be on vacation  
from July 12-17th

### Tuesday, July 10th

7:00am Men's Breakfast (will meet at OSL or Flying J)

9:30am WELCA

6:30pm ELCA National Youth Gathering Stockholder's dinner

### Sunday, July 15th

9:30am Worship/Communion – Fellowship follows



## *Second Sunday Breakfast*

Breakfast Burritos  
Cinnamon Roll-  
Oatmeal  
Fruit  
Pastries

**TODAY!**  
**8:30-11:15**  
**Everyone is invited!**

Free will donations will go towards  
youth faith formation camps this  
summer

