

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” WOV #776

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise ... “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” LBW #526

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, through your Son’s death and resurrection you draw all creation into your eternal reign. Grant us the grace to recognize the signs of your reign, the wisdom to value it above all else, and the faith to proclaim your coming kingdom to those who have yet to experience your mercy and grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Deuteronomy 7:6-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-39

L: The Word of the Lord.

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Faith Seeds: Shelley Kirchoff

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”

The Announcement of the Gospel “Glory to You, O Lord”

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Response after the Gospel “Praise to You, O Christ”

Sermon “Irrational Exuberance” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Jesus Priceless Treasure” LBW #458

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune; Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” LBW #415

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about today’s worship theme:

- † What was irrational about the exuberance of the farmer and merchant?
- † Why is irrational exuberance fully justified when it comes to the Gospel?
- † According to St. Paul, what makes the good news of Jesus an invaluable treasure?
- † How does the very goodness of the Gospel help to explain why many do not believe it?



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“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Matthew 13:44