



A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*The Hymn Of Praise**

*"Glory To God"*

LBW PP. 58-59

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks,**

**We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.**

**Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world;**

**Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**Receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**\*The Salutation & Prayer**

LBW P. 62

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**\*The Prayer Of The Day**

**All: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music**

*"Here I Am"*

Katie Anderson

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

*The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community--not race, nationality, or any other category.*

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**Psalms 67**

A: May God be merciful to <sup>1</sup> us and bless us;

**C: may the light of God's face <sup>1</sup> shine upon us.**

A: <sup>2</sup>Let your way be known <sup>1</sup> upon earth,

**C: your saving health a- <sup>1</sup> mong all nations.**

A: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God;

**C: let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.**

A: <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup> sing for joy,

**C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- <sup>1</sup> tions on earth.**

A: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God;

**C: let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.**

A: <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought <sup>1</sup> forth its increase;

**C: God, our own <sup>1</sup> God, has blessed us.**

A: <sup>7</sup>May God <sup>1</sup> give us blessing,

**C: and may all the ends of the earth <sup>1</sup> stand in awe.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**\*The Alleluia (sung)** LBW P. 62  
**All: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*The Announcing of the Gospel (sung)**  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*The Gospel** **Matthew 15: [10–20] 21–28**

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.*

[(Jesus) called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the

lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**\*After the Gospel (sung)**  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.** LBW P. 63

**The Hymn** *"In Christ There Is No East Or West"* LBW # 359

- 1) In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2) In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3) Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the loving God are surely kin to me.
- 4) In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**The Sermon** Rev. Paul M. Mai

**\*The Apostles' Creed** LBW P. 65

**All: 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.**

**The Offertory** *"Morning Has Broken"* Broughton

**\*The Offertory Response (sung)** *"Doxology"* LBW # 565

**All: 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.**

**\*The Prayers**

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.  
*A brief silence.*

O God, your people gather to worship and praise you. Inspire us to be obedient and joyful servants of the risen Christ in word and in deed. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you have given us dominion over your creation. Help us to use wisely and responsibly the resources you have given us, sharing your abundance with all your children. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you give mercy to all who call on your name. Grant courage and discernment of your will to all in authority, so that they may reflect your goodness in all they do. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you give your saving health to those in need. Bless all health care providers, hospital employees, and hospice workers. Give health to all who are sick (especially). Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you created us in your image. Lead us as we teach and as we learn. Bless all schools, universities, and educational institutions as students and teachers throughout the world strive to increase in knowledge. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: O God, you gather to yourself the faithful of the ages. Be with us as we anticipate with joy the heavenly feast that awaits us, your children. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our

Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

LBW P. 71

**All: 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 Closing Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

LBW # 495

- 1) Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
- 2) Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- 3) Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

**\*The Benediction**

LBW P. 76

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)**

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Pastor ..... Rev. Paul M. Mai  
 Secretary ..... Sandy Flinn  
 Director of Parish Ministries ..... Jeanne Sauter  
 Organist ..... Don Aronson  
 Liturgist ..... Sara Beck  
 Lector & Closing Prayer ..... Dr. Al Gossan  
 Sound System ..... Tyler Myrick  
 Acolytes ..... Greg Schwalbach, Samantha Schwalbach  
 Nursery Supervisor ..... Traci Harris  
 Ushers ..... Darrell Bengry, Ed & Barbara Jenshak,  
 Tim, Sandy, Tom & Audrey Wilson

*Radio - in honor of her parents, Ken & Rose Mylly's 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup>, by their daughter Mary and family.*

*Flowers - given by John & Charleen Cavadeas in thanksgiving to God on their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Center Vase - in joyful celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, on August 12<sup>th</sup>, by Dr. Al & Marla Gossan.*

**STEWARDS RECORD**

Budgeted Goal to Date ..... \$ 203,072  
 Budgeted Goal Received to Date ..... \$ 193,629  
 Attendance Last Sunday ..... 158  
 Building Debt ..... \$ 11,233

*(The second \$25,000.00 matching funds has been made on the Building Fund)*

*Thank You!*

**MINISTRIES**

TODAY 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Downstairs  
 MONDAY 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Worship

WEDNESDAY  
 THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Quilting Group  
 9:30 a.m. Crafter's Meet @ Elaine Peterson's

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** May God open our hearts so love can come forth - love for God and love for one another! Rejoice! We're with the Lord. We ask everyone present to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a special request or we can be of service to you please indicate it on the pew card.

**PRAYERS** - we pray for the following people, who are in need of our prayers. If you know of someone we should include, please let us know by way of the pew cards or by calling the church office. We pray for:

<b>Rev. Mick Roschke</b>	<b>Aarne Holmio</b>	<b>Gerri Jackson</b>
<b>Joe Sauter</b>	<b>Don Goulais</b>	<b>Phil Norman</b>
<b>Oliver Christiansen</b>	<b>Manford Magnuson</b>	<b>Al Atwood</b>
<b>Grace Seidl</b>	<b>Wanda Getzloff</b>	<b>Ruth Sundstrom</b>
<b>Joanne Marcoe</b> (friend of Leroy & Charlene Scheeneman)		
<b>Richard Erickson</b> (brother-in-law of Dennis & Debbie Renken)		
<b>Cecile Henry</b> (sister of Marie Zeno)	<b>Don Christensen</b> (Father of Phil & Chrysta)	
<b>Rick Lancour</b> (uncle of LeeAnne Strand)	<b>Tony Filezetti</b> (friend of Dave & Vicki Linnea)	

**SERVING** - remember in prayer those serving in the military. We pray for: Jessica Charon Jones, Fred Jones, Jeff & Star Monson, Christopher Klingman, Brian Rahoi, Gary Gregg, Ike Howard, Richard Peterson, Matt & Mark Witte, Jennifer Scheeneman Brooks, Adam Johnsen, James Mokszycke, Leeann Scheeneman Peterson & Pete Peterson.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** - you are invited to the Coffee hour immediately following worship today. We appreciate and thank Bob & Nancy Gregg and Bob & Jean Sovey for hosting the coffee hour!

**BOOK OF FAITH CHALLENGE** - you are invited to take the Book of Faith challenge to read the entire Bible in one year. Below is a list of the daily readings for this week.

8/17-8/23	Isaiah 1-3	Isaiah 4-6	Isaiah 7-9	Isaiah 10-13	Isaiah 14-16	Isaiah 17-21	Isaiah 22-25
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**WORSHIP IN THE PARK** - Plans have been made to sit in the generous sunshine of summer with a bright blue sky overhead, soak up the warmth from heaven and enjoy an Evangelical Outdoor Worship Service down at the Ludington Park Band Shell on **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**. Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. The summer Traveling Choir from Conference 6 will be there to share their music and participate in the worship service. Spread the word...and we'll see you down at the park! You

might want to bring a lawn chair.

**HEARING AIDS** - if you use one of the church *“hearing aids”* and it doesn't work, please give it to one of the ushers so you can be given another one. Please sign your name so we can contact you, if we can't find the problem. You will be able to help us understand the problem more clearly if we can talk to you. If you have a hearing aid of your own, be sure your battery is not worn out. Sometimes we get a card that says someone can't hear, but on the same Sunday others say theirs was working perfectly. We want everyone to be able to hear so please help us help you with any problem you have.

**USHER COORDINATOR** - the church office is looking for a person(s) to be in charge of getting ushers for each month for June thru August for the 9:30 a.m. service and the September thru May 10:45 a.m. worship service. Indicate on a pew card today or call the church office if you are interested.

**LOOKING** - we are in need of sponsors for our Radio Broadcasts for **2008: November 30**. The cost of broadcasting the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings is \$85.00. Two people may share the cost for the same Sunday. Available Sundays in **2009** are: January 4, 18, 25; February 1, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 29; April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 19; August 2, 16, 23; September 6, 20; October 4, 18; November 1, 8, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 20, 24.

**WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!** Please call the church office at 786-6642 if you are able to teach or team teach. Our children and youth need you!!

**FALL RETREAT** - the Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Camp will be held from September 19<sup>th</sup> thru September 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is *“Having A Mary Spirit”* by Joanna Weaver. We all have a desire to have a willing spirit and to be open to God's call. Come and join the group as we come together to seek a “Mary spirit” as we look to the promise of renewal and hope. Registration forms are available in the church office. Deadline for registration is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MEETING** - all members of the Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee will gather at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> for a meeting. Please inform the church office if you are unable to attend.

## *Pictorial Directory News*

Pictures will be taken on September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> for our new pictorial directory. We need your help. We are looking for someone to sign up people on Sunday, August 31 and September 7 and people to work from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 Tuesday-Friday, September 9-12, 16-19, and from 10:00-2:00

and 2-5 on September 13 and 20. Call Jeanne to let her know what day and time works out the best for you.

Karen DeZiel is available in the narthex today to schedule your appointment time. She will also be at the coffee hour downstairs. You may also sign up online at:

[www.appointment-plus3.com/ap/blcescanaba/index.php?page=10](http://www.appointment-plus3.com/ap/blcescanaba/index.php?page=10)

to choose your photography time or you may call the church office. The website address for the pictorial directory is also published on Bethany's website [www.bethanylutheran-escanaba.org](http://www.bethanylutheran-escanaba.org).

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** - August is designated as SCHOOL KIT month. We will collect school kits for Lutheran World Relief that may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or be used in adult literacy classes. A kit includes:

- ▶ Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 ½" x 10 ½" containing 150-200 sheets of paper (no loose paper). If using 70-sheet notebooks, please include 3). No loose-leaf paper.
- ▶ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- ▶ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ▶ One pencil sharpener
- ▶ Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers - unsharpened (secure together with a rubber band)
- ▶ One eraser approximately 2 ½" long
- ▶ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- ▶ One box of 16, or 24 crayons
- ▶ One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12"x14" with cloth handles

All items should be new and in good condition. Full as well as partial school kits are appreciated. Patterns for school kit bags are available by calling 1-800-LWR-LWR-2. Or visit [lwr.org/parish](http://lwr.org/parish) and click on School Kits. Items may be dropped off at the Church Office, or in church on any Sunday.

**THANKS** - special thanks to Kris & Kaisa Anderson, Paul & Mary Jo Roll, Harry & Jean Bourassa, Clarence & Dorothy Zeno, and Elmer & Florence Bessonon for sharing the “good news” to the Fair goers at the U.P. State fair booth last week.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** - the Church office would appreciate addresses and email addresses from all our youth attending college this fall. You may email it to the church office at [sflinn@bethanyescanaba.com](mailto:sflinn@bethanyescanaba.com). We like to keep in touch with each one of you! Good luck in college and we hope to see you when you are home for

the holidays!

**INVITED** - Nora Smith, the parish assistant at First Lutheran, is retiring. As a tribute to Nora, a program and luncheon are being planned for Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The program will begin at 12:00 noon with a catered luncheon following at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon will be **available** at First Lutheran's church office from **September 1-14** at a cost of \$6.50 for adults, \$4 for children 6 and under. Any questions can be directed to Dorothy Westerback at 428-9605 or Connie Salmi 428-1696.

## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

The Northern Great Lakes Synodical Women's Organization will meet in convention at the Ramada Inn, in Marquette, MI. on October 3-4, 2008. The convention theme will be "***SPIRIT CONNECTIONS***" the bible verse that supports the theme is James 1:22-26. Donna Yourell, from Muskego, WI will be the Churchwide Womens Organization representative this year. She will share what is happening churchwide with us and probably share some triennial news as well. Come and meet Donna and welcome her to our area.

If you are interested in representing Bethany at the convention please contact Jeanne (786-6642) or let us know by signing a pew card. There have been a block of rooms reserved at the Ramada Inn and reservations are necessary.

**WORK BEE** - a fall work bee will be held at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on August 20-21. If you have the skill of Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Painting, Logging, Cleaning, etc. - your help is extremely needed! Sign on a pew card today as the camp wants to have enough food available for all of its workers.

**STUDENTS** - 10<sup>TH</sup> grade students are asked to remind their mentors to have their letter into Jeanne by Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to "save the date" of September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the Church Council.