

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018



Area Churches Together ACT Parish

DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran
St. John's Lutheran

Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran
Monson Lake Lutheran

Gathering Hymn

LBW 328 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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 of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day LBW 294 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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.

Holy Communion

Blessing

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

LBW 259 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Remember in Prayer

Janice Lindgren, Mary Rood, Lisa Carlson, Don Groth, Margie Olson, Lynn Reich, Nancy Sondrol, Lori Torkelson, Loren Wallentine, Walter Anderson and Bob Fuchs

Sunday, July 15

Last day to sign up for “ACT Parish Polar Blast – VBS”. For all 4-year-olds - 6th graders (going into 6th) are welcome to join us! Registration forms are available at the church. If you'd like a form emailed to you, contact Pastor Michelle.

Tuesday, July 17

10:15am – Leaving Bethesda for Women of the ELCA Out & About in New London!

Friday, July 20 – *Bernadette will be out of the Mamrelund office*

6-11pm – “25th Annual Relay For Life of Kandiyohi County” at Willmar Middle School track.



Tuesday, July 24

8:30-10:30am – Community Coffee at Hope

6:30pm - VBS final planning meeting at Bethesda. Anyone who has offered to help or would like to help is asked to join us at this important meeting. If you have any questions contact Jan or Pastor Michelle.

Thursday, July 26

2pm – Bethesda’s Sarah Circle Bible Study, hosted by Marilyn Freese

Friday, July 27

5-8pm – Hotdish supper & the \$3 “Quilt Review” Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer.

Saturday, July 28

9-10:30am – Pulled Pork lunch & the \$3 “Quilt Review” Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer.

11:30am - Green Lake Bible Camp “Quilt Auction”

Monday, July 30 and Tuesday, July 31

The ACT VBS team is busy planning a fun & faith-filled event for the children of the parish! Due to items needed this year, we are asking for monetary donations to cover the costs. Donations can be placed in the offering plate and labeled VBS. Checks can be written to ACT Parish VBS. Or you can mail your donation to Bethesda Lutheran Church, PO 88, Murdock, MN 56271.

5:30pm – VBS supper at Bethesda

6-8pm - “ACT Parish Polar Blast – VBS” at Bethesda!



Wednesday, August 1

6pm – Potluck supper and ACT Parish Polar Blast VBS – program at Bethesda