

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



We often think that God is so far above our human experience that he is utterly beyond our grasp or understanding. Yet the Bible tells us that God is willing to fellowship with his people on a very real and personal basis. He comes to us not in the brilliance of heavenly glory, but clothed in ordinary means: the man Jesus, the water of Baptism, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Through these ordinary "means of grace" we encounter and experience God as life giver and friend.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASTOR DAVE HANSEN (912) 826-2711

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAREN WARNELL, SERVICE MUSICIAN

MUSICAL PRELUDE - PRAISE CHOIR

"MY JESUS"
"YES HE CAN"

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need. *(Hebrews 4:14-16, adapted)*

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Holy Spirit. Amen *(Psalm 51:1-2, 10-11, adapted) (A moment of silent confession)*

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

BAPTISMAL HYMN "SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING" *(Sung)*

From Lutheran Service Book, Concordia Publishing Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda / Tune: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

**See this wonder in the making: God himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**Miracle each time it happens as the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"**

**Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father,
God, into your arms we place her, with your love and peace embrace her.**

**Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious holy daughter, born again by Word and water.**

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *(See Last Page)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: We give you thanks, heavenly Father, that you have given us new birth by water and the Word.

C: Help us each day to live in the power of your Holy Spirit that we may be a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING — NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (*Sit; p. 140 in pew Bible*)

SECOND READING — JAMES 5:13-20 (*p. 1202 in pew Bible*)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (KCJAM) / CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE (*Stand, Sung; Tune: LBW#464*)

Divine instructor, gracious Lord, May you be always near; Teach us to love your sacred Word and find our Savior there.

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – MARK 9:38-50 (*Spoken; p. 1005 in pew Bible*)

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Mark chapter 9. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE (*Sit*)

HYMN “BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR” LBW #518(*Stand, Sung*)

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.**

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Spoken*)

P: Let us pray, ... through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN (*Sung; LBW#410*)

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive, And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first fruits give.**

OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer our selves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (*Sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT (*Sit*)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Stand, Sung*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

All: Holy Father, having received now this blessed food and drink, we ask you to deliver us from every evil, teach us to love you perfectly, and make us one holy Church doing the good works you desire us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION (*Spoken, Romans 15:13*)

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "STANDING ON THE PROMISES" INSERT (*Sung*)

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God. Refrain

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God. Refrain

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,

Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, Standing on the promises of God. Refrain

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,

Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God. Refrain

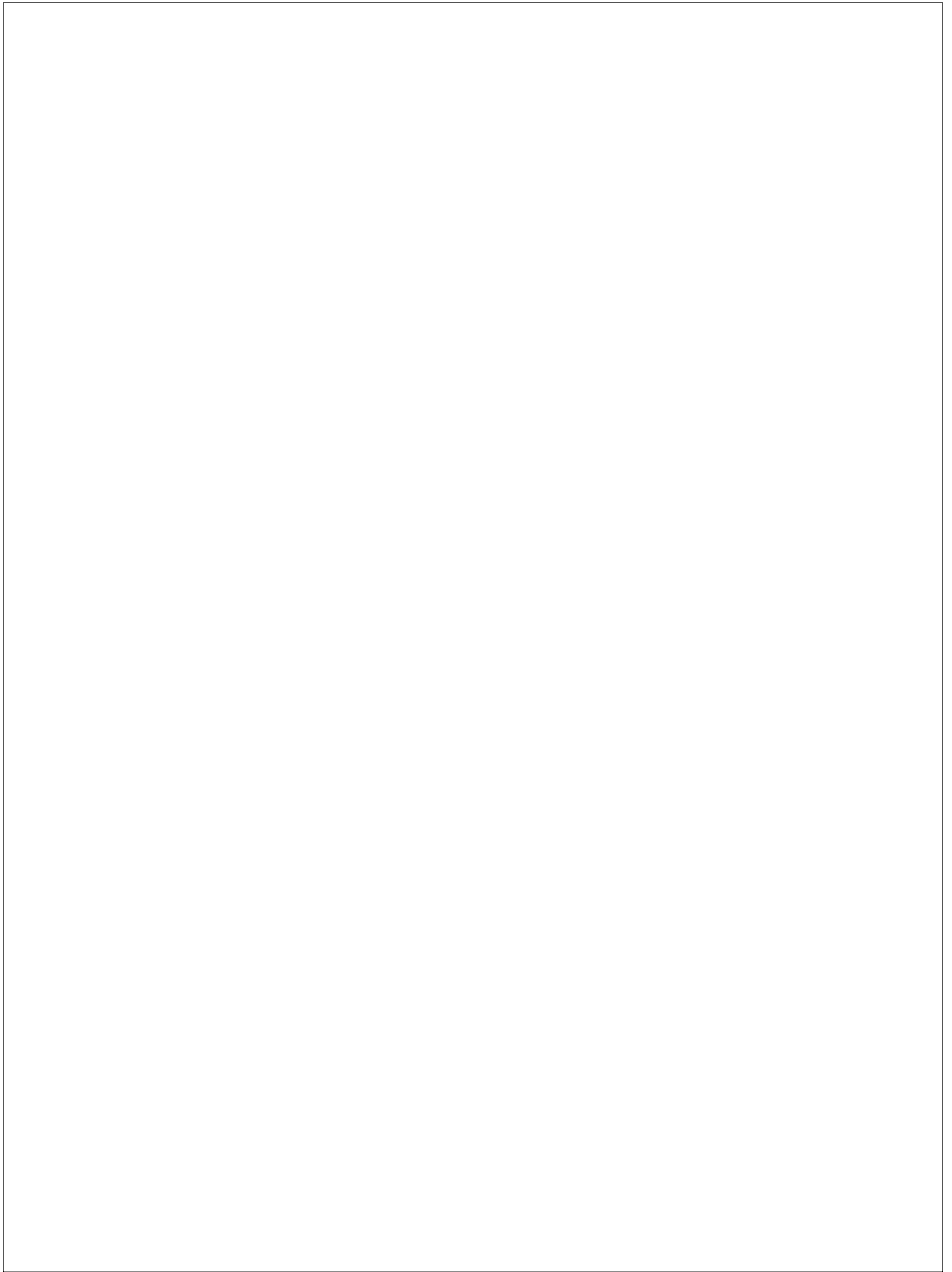
Refrain: **Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;**

Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. (*Spoken*)

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE — MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL



The Rite of Holy Baptism

P = Pastor R = Candidate/Sponsor C = Congregation

PRESENTATION

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the Body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who is to be baptized this day?

R: We present LAUREL IRIS NUNN to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? **R: We do.**

P: Grant to us, Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, your Son, may also live with him in the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created the heaven and the earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death and has opened the way to everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away her sin by this cleansing water and bring her forth as heir of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise, honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen**

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL & PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: LAUREL IRIS, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **C: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

BAPTISM WITH WATER

P: LAUREL IRIS, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND SIGNS OF NEW BIRTH

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your people from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy Sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon LAUREL IRIS: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in your presence. **C: Amen**

P: LAUREL IRIS, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let Meghan and Tyler ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

WELCOME INTO CONGREGATION

Congregational Representative: Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, so that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

LAUREL IRIS was born on May 29, 2021 at Memorial Hospital.

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Scriptures about Baptism

Jesus' Baptism: John 1:19-34

Baptism part of the Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20

Blessings associated with Baptism:

Forgiveness of sins - Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16

Christ's Death and Resurrection - Romans 6:1-5

Salvation in Christ - 1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 5:25-26,

1 Peter 3:21, Titus 3:5-8



Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.