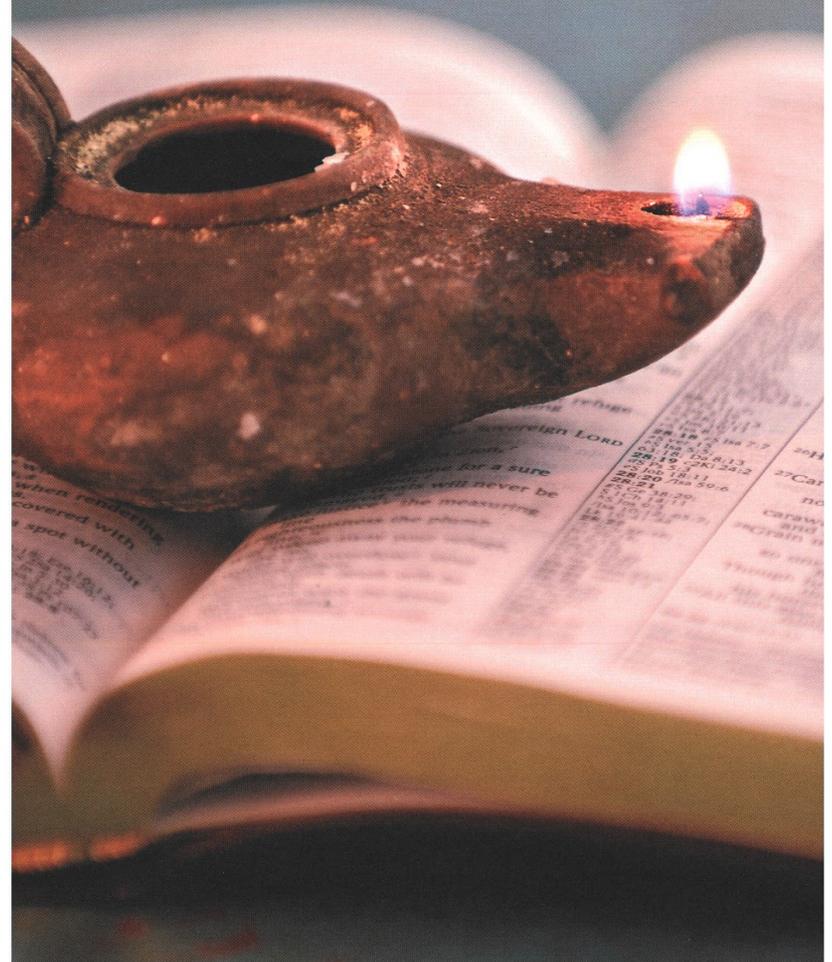


*Keep your soul diligently,  
lest you forget the things  
that your eyes have seen*



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 29, 2021

9:00 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

**In Our Prayers:** Taylor Antony, Ron Tirevold, Larry Norem, Della Lutterman, JeRay & Delores Armstrong, Sandy Petroviak, Barb Mustard (sister of Janet Klug)

**Coping With Cancer:** Jennifer Beseke, Miriam Krueger, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegelger, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

**Care List:** Crue Crosby, Carol Janssen, Roberta Garbers, Jethro Zezulka, Dan Hanson, Sandy Claussen, Robert Ziemer, Judith Nielson, Marilyn Pierson, Lorraine Gagnon, Dennis Cook, Kurt Jans, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Joyce Hansen Picken, Linda Chase, Adam Janssen, Marcella Brolsma, Kay Groth, and those we name in our hearts.

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Laura Potthoff, Al Smith, Matthias Bliesmer, Aubrey House, Sarah Potthoff, Lori Bettin, Lynette Laue, Doug Rosenberg, Ben Johnson, Kamden Domeier, Tim Eisenmenger, Logan LaMont, Janet Sparks, Megan Stade, Audra Yahnke, Loretta Peterson, Travis Runge, Vern Swanson, Cade Williamson, Ryan Behne, Ashley Fausch, Mary Johnson, Tim Sparks

**Members Celebrating Weddings This Week:** Tyler & Kali Franzen, Kurt & Karen Koehler, Steve & Molly Roben, Kevin & Nora Kahler, Tom & Penny Claussen, Trevor & Chelsea Reese

Take My Moments and My Days

Tuesday, August 31: 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

**This morning** after the service today the Board of Parish Service is hosting a Welcome Back Sunday fellowship time. Cake and ice cream will be served. Please join us!!

**August Coffee Hours** will be held at St. John's on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-10:00. Please join us for good food and fellowship! Thank you to our LWML for hosting these coffee hours during August.

**Rally Day** is Sunday, September 12 at Everett Park—Fox Lake. Service at 10:00 a.m. Following the service there will be games and an egg bake brunch. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the morning of worship, fellowship and fun!

**Sunday School Registration.** Please take time to register your child for Sunday School. The form is on our church's website: sjlsherburn.com and under the ministry tab. Sunday school classes start on the 19th.

**Board Position Form:** If you would like to serve on one of our Boards please fill out the form on our website (sjlsherburn.com) under the What's Happening tab and drop down to News and Announcements. Please complete this form by August 12.

**Spiritual Gifts Survey** was included in the August newsletter. Please take time to fill out this survey and return it to the church office. The survey can also be filled out on our church's website: sjlsherburn.com

**Ushers:** We are working on putting together an usher list for the year. Men, women, children can help. Pick a month and put your name on the schedule in the front entry. Thank you.

**Sherburn Legion Pork Chop & Sweetcorn Feed** is scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$7.00.

**Dad's Belgian Waffles:** Help support the youth by attending their Dad's Belgian Waffle fundraiser on Sunday, September 19, 9-12:00.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Starting on September 29, 9:00 a.m. Connie Markquart will lead a Bible study "Determined, living like Jesus every moment—a study of Luke". All are welcome, please join us!

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

*Creative Worship*

### God's Word of Wisdom and Understanding

#### As We Gather

Today we see the importance of God's Word in our lives. God's Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God's Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God's Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King** *LSB 905 vs 1-4*

*Stand*

#### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### Opening Sentences

P Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.

C **Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.**

P Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,

C **and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.**

P Cast us not away from Your presence,

C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**

P Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,

C **and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

#### Confession and Absolution

P We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P Heavenly Father,  
C **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**
- P Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

#### WORD

**Introit** *Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2*

- P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
C **and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P Cast me not away from your presence,  
C **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

**Kyrie** (Spoken)

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
C **and I will praise Thee without end.**
- P Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.  
C **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** LSB 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing vs 1-3

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*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress is Our God** *LSB 657 vs 1-4*

**Sermon Message: “Equipping Us to be Protected from Evil”**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Way** *LSB 707 vs 1-4*

**Prayer of the Church** *LSB 708:3*

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God’s wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God’s Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.**

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

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of Praise: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** *LSB 940 vs 1-5*

**Salutation**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** *Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

<sup>1</sup>“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Proper** *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C **for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**Epistle** *Ephesians 6:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse** *Matthew 5:8*

**ALL: Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

**Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *Mark 7:14–23*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The First Article** *Creation*

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**