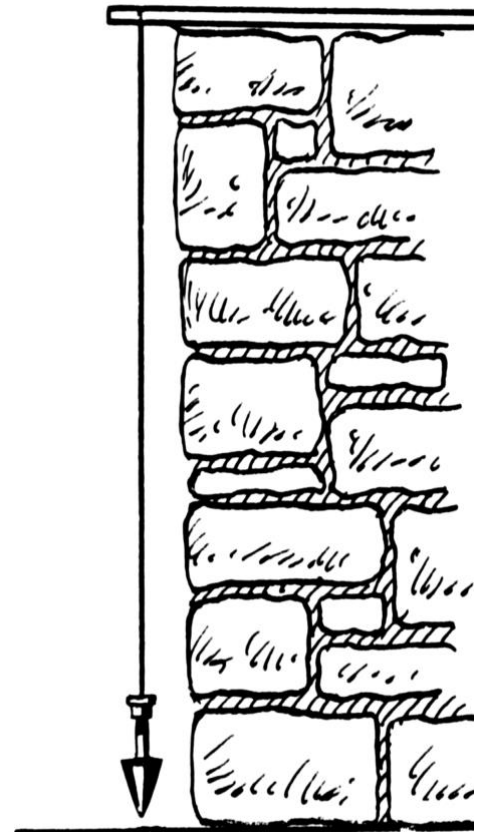


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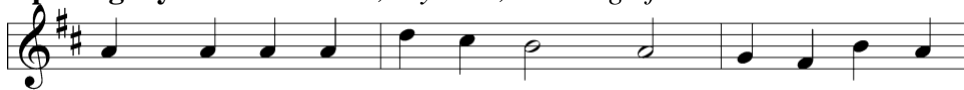
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*As We Gather...In the book of Amos God sets a plumbline upon which we stand judged. And the verdict is... we have failed to live up to His measurements. Jesus, however, stands in our place perfectly ~ living up to every standard God has set as the foundation of our faith.*

**God's Wonder Lab VBS July 19-22**

**Opening Hymn:** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LSB #793



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
 3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
 frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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**Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*  
 Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*  
 Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
 People: **Who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*  
 Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.,  
 People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
 People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
 Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*  
 People: **Amen.**

**Sunday Bible Class:**

9:00 am

**Sunday Worship:**

10:00 am

**Wednesday Bible Class**

9:00 am

**Holy Communion**

**First, Third, Fifth Sunday.**

**Welcome in the name of Jesus!**

*We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord!*

*If you are a guest with us for worship today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.*

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**Emergencies 24/7**

**Policy Regarding the Lord Supper**

When our Family of Faith celebrates the Lord's Supper, we believe Jesus Christ gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession of faith differing from that of the LCMS, are asked to please refrain from communing today.

## Service of the Word

### Gloria Patri (*Sung*)

LSB 186

☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie (*Sung*)

Mark 10:47

LSB 186

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis (*Sung*)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

LSB 187

☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

LSB # 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit.** (*Sung*)

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully, even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7–15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.””

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**      *Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel**    *Mark 6:14–29*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Sixth Chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

*LSB 192*

**He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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.**

**Children's Message:**

**Hymn of the Day**

*O God of Light*

LSB# 836



1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world Your sum - mons You are send - ing,



Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain  
To sin - ful hearts Your jus - tice and Your grace;  
Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ints,  
And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,  
That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

**Sermon: *Who Am I To Others?***

Pastor David Benning

**Offertory (Sung)**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

LSB 192



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Giving Options:

There are several ways to give. One is the offering basket placed at the back of church. The Second is the Give + app, which can be downloaded from your phone's app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options, we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

## Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

[2 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

People: **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.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And with thy spirit. (Sung)**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: **Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)**

## Anniversary Closing Hymn:

Jesus Loves Me

LSB # 588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## Time for Announcements

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In Sunday School today, the children began a three-week series of lessons leading us into VBS when we will be focusing on Jesus doing the impossible. In Matthew 4, Jesus does the impossible with an incredible catch of fish. We are reminded Jesus wants us to be fishers of men and share the gospel with others. **For discussion at home this week: "How can you be a fisher of men?"**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know the acronym CILCA stands for Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association?

### **VBS WORK DAY**

Anyone wishing to help prepare for VBS is invited to meet Saturday, July 17, from 9-Noon to assist with lessons, craft materials, and set-up.

### **VBS REGISTRATION:**

Registration for this year's VBS is open and parents are encouraged to register in advance because a number of options will be offered. Forms can be submitted online through the link posted on Facebook or from the church website at [stjnb.org](http://stjnb.org). Paper forms are found in the narthex and also in the outdoor bulletin holders. Options available include:

Option 1-**Early Childhood Morning Session** (10:00-11:15) for children ages 3-5 ONLY accompanied by a parent, adult family member or caregiver.

Option 2-**Traditional VBS** from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm for ages 3-last year's 6th grade.

Option 3-**At home VBS**-Livestreamed Opening and Closing Session with video craft and Bible Challenge sessions. At home packets with craft and other supplies will be provided

### **WALTHER LEAGUE**

Adult leaders are needed for the Walther League beginning as soon as possible. The leader role is open to anyone over 18 with a willingness to work the jr. high and high school youth. This may be individuals, couples or even a group which operates as a board to guide regular meetings and activities of the group. See Pastor or Connie Komnick if interested.

### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

Pastor Keith Speaks will be our guest preacher in the 10:00 service on July 18. Following the service, we will be eating at the MCL Cafeteria on Wabash. We have reserved the separate room from noon until 1:30. Each person attending will receive \$10 towards the price of their meal. To date we have 14 people signed up to attend. **Reservations can be made to Ron or Mary Ann Krohse by this coming Tuesday, July 13.** Plan on being a part of the day as we celebrate 150+ years of God's grace in this place.

### **ON-LINE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children in grades 1-8 are welcome to join us for online Sunday School to participate in the opening, lesson and an activity afterward. The tentative plan is for Sunday School to resume for all age groups the first Sunday of August. Watch for more information coming soon.

### **VBS DONATIONS:**

A list of items needed for VBS is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Place items in the marked basket in the west entrance by July 17.

### **KFUO**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org):** Begin the book of Nehemiah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Jeremiah 32-35 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters 7/17 at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find these programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

### **MARY-MARTHA**

Just a reminder that our August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be signing up for committees, activities, etc. for our new book. If you cannot be at the August meeting, please call Lisa (217/899-5545) on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to sign up. Mary-Martha is open to all ladies. If you would like to become a member, please call Lisa.