

SERMON

Judges 7:1-8

¹ Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. ² The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her, ³ announce now to the people, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

⁴ But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will sift them for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go;

but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

⁵ So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink." ⁶ Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

⁷ The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place." ⁸ So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites to their tents but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others. (NIV)

WHEN GOD'S PLAN DOESN'T MATCH YOUR PLAN . . .

I. Glorify him

II. Trust in him

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9:20AM

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"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts," declares the Lord. (Isaiah 55:9)

Because of the weakness of our sinful flesh and the powerful lies of the devil, we often wonder about the wisdom of the Lord's ways. Yet every last part of God's plan is good and wise, whether we can understand it or not. May the Lord give us strength to trust him and his promises!

OUR
FOCUS

Welcome to all who have gathered to hear God's Word! May the Holy Spirit work through the Word that you hear to lead you to trust completely in Jesus, your Savior. A special welcome to our visitors. We are happy to have you with us and hope that you will come again soon. Contact one of the pastors or an usher if you have questions about the service or the congregation.

A nursery is available downstairs, should you find it necessary to take your child out of the service. During the second service, the nursery will be staffed. We are glad for the sound of young voices, but we also understand that parents may be a little more sensitive to the noise their children make. The service is available downstairs via closed-circuit television. There are also toys available.

month. Look for them in the kitchen.

7-14.

Preparing for Next Week

The life of faith is one of true humility. It is humility rendered by faith in the promise of God that those who exalt themselves on earth will be humiliated for eternity, but those who humble themselves now will be exalted. Prepare for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost by reading Proverbs 25:6,7; James 2:1-13 (sermon lesson); and St. Luke 14:1,

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the church in the coming weeks: Gary and Alyce Schlomer and Michael and Karla Rogers (first weekend in September) and Ken and Anne Saggau and Crystal Runkle (second weekend). Please contact the office to schedule a time to clean and to secure a key.

This Week at Zion

Today: Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Youth and Adult) and Sunday School at 9:20AM

Monday: Divine Service at 7:00PM
Ladies' Home Bible Study at 7:00PM (Zanto residence)
Bible Readers' Group at 7:50PM (Parts 134-139)

Tuesday: Board Meetings at 6:00PM

Wednesday: Zion Fantasy Football Draft at 6:45PM (with pizza preceding)

Thursday: Bible Information Class at 7:00PM

Friday: School Chapel at 8:30AM
Public School Confirmation at 3:50PM

Next Sunday: Divine Service with Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Youth and Adult) and Sunday School at 9:20AM

The Lord willing!

Lutheran Study Bible, published recently by Concordia Publishing House, and currently on sale. While the text of *The Lutheran Study Bible* is not the New International Version (NIV) that we use in worship and Bible study, the notes that are provided can be quite helpful in understanding and applying God's Word to life. The English Standard Version (ESV) used in this study Bible is a reliable translation.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please sign up on the sheet posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex by October 31. Those who would like the assistance provided by a study Bible but would prefer the NIV translation might be interested in the *Concordia Self-Study Bible*, which is also currently on sale. There is a space to sign up for that Bible as well.

Updated Directory

A new congregational directory is in the works. Could you be so kind as to pass along any change in address, phone/cell number, or e-mail? You may include those changes in the Friendship Register or drop a note in the office manager's box. You may also call the office with the information. Because a directory is only as useful as the information it contains, thanks in advance for the corrections offered.

If you would be willing to assist in the preparation of the directory in late September/early October, particularly in

the process of copying and binding, please volunteer your services to Anne Saggau in the office.

RMLHS Spirit Wear

Show your support for Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School by the clothes you wear. On the pillar in the southeast corner of the narthex you will find order forms for RMLHS hats, shirts, shorts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. The order deadline is September 15.

Witnessing to Mormons

Truth in Love Ministry, founded in 2005 to help Christians witness to those caught in the errors of Mormonism, will be presenting a seminar at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Thornton on Saturday, October 2, from 10:00am to 2:30pm. The fee (\$15 per person or \$20 per couple) includes materials and lunch. Look for additional information on the pillar in the southwest corner of the narthex or check out their website at truthinloveministry.net.

Lost and Found

Please check out the coat rack in the narthex for items that have been left here in the last several months. There are a couple of sweatshirts and jackets, as well as a hat. Anything that remains unclaimed by September 5 will be donated to charity.

There are also pans and plates left over from the potluck dinner earlier this

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus (*Christian Worship* 351)

MORNING PRAISE



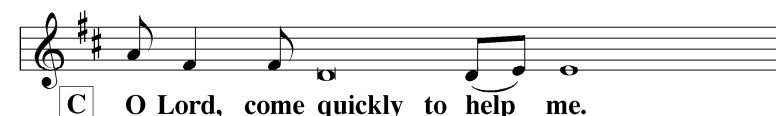
L O Lord, o-pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.




C Come, oh, come, let us wor-ship.


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COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

L Refrain


C Refrain

①

 Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

 let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

 come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

 come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses


1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
 2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,


 cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.


 You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
 You are the God whom we call our own,

E-Newsletter

The latest issue of the *Zion Update* should have been in your inbox on Thursday morning. If you did not receive it, we may not have an accurate address for you. Please include that in the Friendship Register. Additional hard copies of the *Update* are available on the Bible rack.

We are in the process of re-formatting the *Update* and using a different service to deliver it. Look for a new look in the coming weeks! If you have suggestions for content, including questions you would be interested in seeing addressed, please pass them along to Pastor Treptow.

Pastor Treptow's Travel

Pastor Treptow will be traveling to North Platte, Nebraska, to lead a Circuit Pastor Training Workshop for the circuit pastors of the Nebraska District. He will leave on Monday morning and return early evening on Tuesday.

LWMS Fall Retreat

The Rocky Mountain Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is planning a retreat for September 24-26. The retreat, under the theme "*Quiet Time with God*," will be held at the Rodeway Inn in Estes Park.

Vera-Ellen Cook, an active member of the WELS Women's Ministry Committee, will serve as the guest speaker. Registration information can be

found downstairs in the fellowship hall on the women's bulletin board (just outside the kitchen). The deadline to register has been extended to Tuesday.

Please give mission box offerings, due today, to Pauline King. The offerings gathered will be reported at the fall retreat.

Choir Round-Up

Come one, come all, to a Choir Round-Up on Wednesday, September 8, beginning at 6:30pm, in the fellowship hall. After a dinner of barbecue sandwiches and beans, there will be a sing-along and some information about the plans for the year. No previous experience is necessary to participate in the choir. Practices will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions about choir, please speak with Lanny Prah, who has agreed to serve as director for this year.

Christian Book Club

The Christian Book Club will continue its discussion of Rev. Dr. Arthur Just's *Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service* on Friday, September 17, at 7:00pm. Participants should be ready to discuss pages 72-207. New participants are always welcome.

Study Bibles

Looking for help in your personal Bible study? You might want to consider *The*

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Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning have been presented to the glory of God by Lanny and Karen Prahl in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings during the 46 years of their marriage.

Sunday School Teachers

Mrs. Sandi Balmer (grades 6-8), Mrs. Ruth Boche (grades 3-5), and Mrs. Pamela Flemming (preschool-grade 2) have consented to serve as Sunday School teachers for the first semester. Mrs. Balmer and Mrs. Flemming will be installed as Sunday School teachers during the first service. Mrs. Boche will be installed next week, Lord willing. May the Lord lead them to be faithful in their preparation and may he work through them for the benefit of the children entrusted to their care!

Monday Evening Services

The final Monday evening service of the year will be held tomorrow night. The service will return next summer, on the Monday following Memorial Day. Bible Readers' Group will return to its regular 7:00pm starting time beginning on September 13.

Ladies' Home Bible Study

The ladies will meet at the home of Eileen Zanto (3425 S. Pierce Street) on Monday evening at 7:00pm to begin their study of Dr. Luther's explanation of the Fifth Commandment in his Large Catechism. All women of the congregation are invited.

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Judges 7:1-8 (page 282)

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

The duet will sing the refrain the first time. The congregation will join in singing the refrain after the verses.

Psalm 23 Marty Haugen

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in-to life. _____

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Duet: God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want; I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love; I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Duet and congregation: Refrain

Duet: Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul; you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth; my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Duet and congregation: Refrain

Duet: Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side; your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Duet and congregation: Refrain

Duet: You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Duet and congregation: Refrain

Duet: Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Duet and congregation: Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:1-9 (page 1413)

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

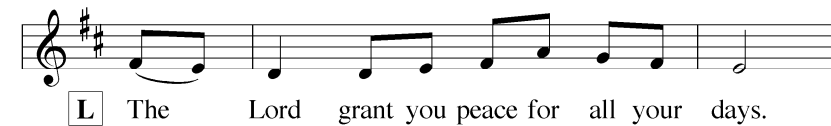
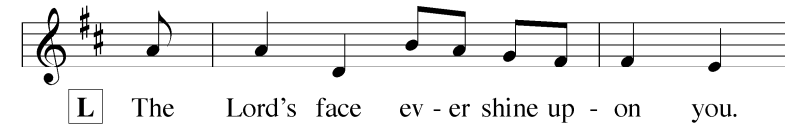
St. Luke 13:22-30 (page 1312)

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall (*Christian Worship* 378)

SERMON

Judges 7:1-8 (*printed on the back page of the service folder*)



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CLOSING HYMN

You Are the Way; through You Alone (*Christian Worship* 356)

SERVING THIS MORNING

Organ

Mrs. Sadie Gawel

Duet

Mrs. Anne Saggau; Mr. Ken Saggau

Musicians (first service)

Mr. Eric Blumer; Emily Saggau; Connor Mattes; Noah Mattes

Musicians (second service)

Mr. Ken Saggau; Mrs. Anne Saggau; Mr. Matt Gawel; Bennett Treptow

grace; to raise up those who fall, and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the faint-hearted and the distressed: **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give to all nations peace and concord; to preserve our country from discord and contention; to direct and defend our government, and all in authority; and to bless and keep all who administer justice, and all our people: **Hear us, good Lord.**

To behold and sustain all who are in danger, necessity and tribulation; to protect all who travel; to preserve all women in the perils of childbirth; to strengthen and keep all who are sick; to set free all who are innocently imprisoned; to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows; and to have mercy on all people: **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

Special intercessions may follow.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **we implore you to hear us. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C A - men.

L Let us praise the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The Lord bless and keep you.

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

L Refrain

C Refrain

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses

1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,

praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
 You be - came a man to set us free;

praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
 You have ris - en to free us;

praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in

ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise!
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Refrain
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

1 You are God; we praise you. 2 You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,
 all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

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OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
 be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God the Father in heaven, **Have mercy upon us.** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy upon us.** O God the Holy Spirit, true Comforter, **Have mercy upon us.** From all sin; from all error; from all evil, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From the temptations and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from disease and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and rebellion; from storms and natural disaster; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity; by your baptism, fasting and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: **Help us, good Lord.**

We poor sinners implore you **to hear us, O Lord God,** and to lead and govern your holy Christian church in the right way; to preserve all pastors and servants of your church in the true knowledge and understanding of your Word, and in holiness of life; to put an end to all godless teaching and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into your harvest; to accompany your Word with your Spirit and