# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

**As We Gather** - Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his "thorn . . . in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

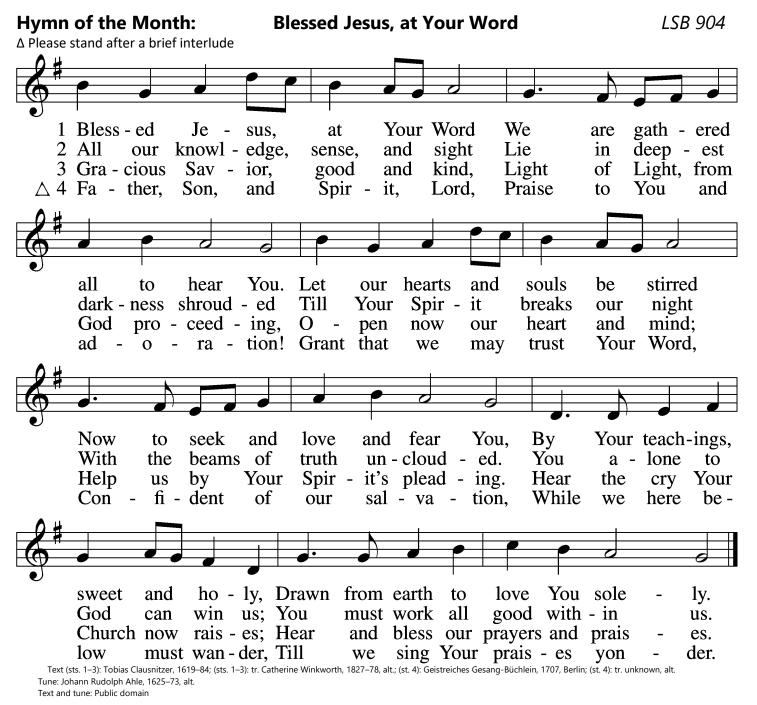
# **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

# Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

#### **Confession and Absolution**



Remain Standing

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.

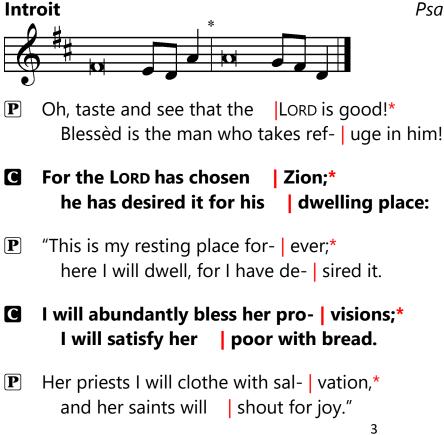
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **P**
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. С
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and **P** receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to С everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives **[P**] you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- С Amen.

# Service of the Word

Psalm 132:13-16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8



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Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Oh, taste and see that the |LORD is good!\* Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!



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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

# **C** And also with you.

#### **P** Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### **C** Amen.

Sit

# **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

# **G** Thanks be to God.

# Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

Ezekiel 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man 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. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a

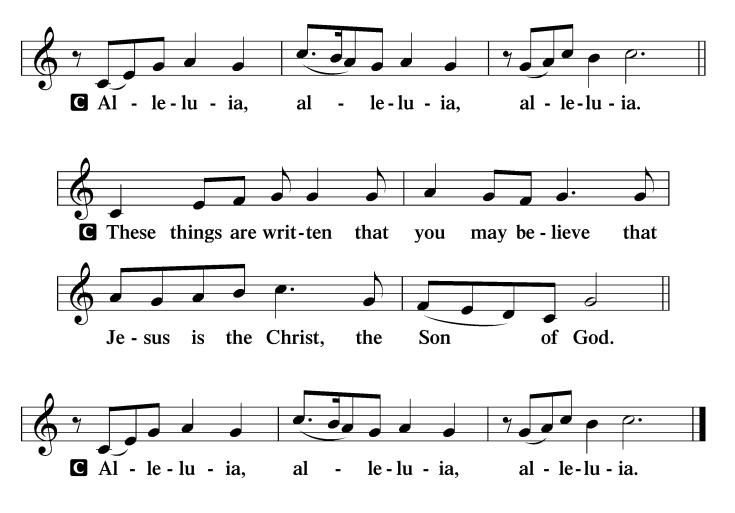
messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

Stand

# Alleluia and Verse



### **Holy Gospel**

Mark 6:1–13

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is 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. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **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. 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 Sermon** 



Hymn of the Day:	O Christ, Who Called the Twelve LSB 856
3 O Christ, who led 4 O Christ, who sent	d the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For - t the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To -tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The
words and works a - broke as bread of serve, to suf - fer,	- mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new: wak-ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed: life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate: teach, pro-claim The near - er reign of God: ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:
Grant us to hear In - struct us now, Lead us a - long Send us on ways Though gen - er - a -	we pray, By Your em-pow'r-ing Word. True the ways Where hope has near - ly died And where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
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Sermon:

"Power Made Perfect" 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

Special Music (Sunday Only)"Lighthouse"performed by David BooherGathering of Our Tithes and Offerings(Sunday Only)

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)**– Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

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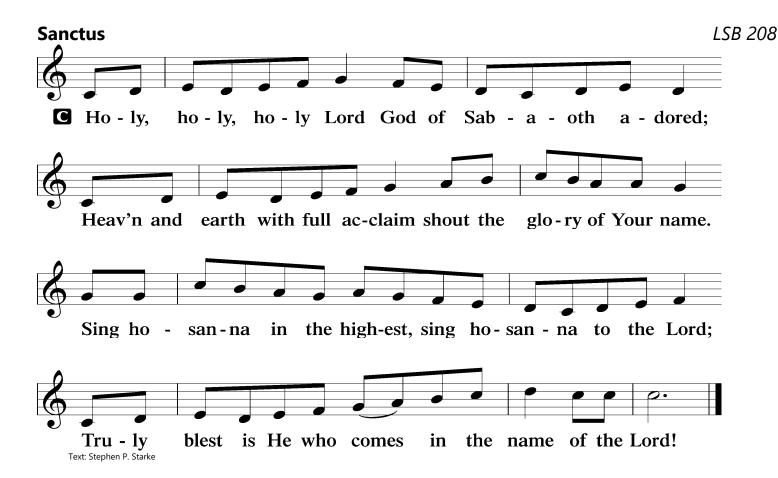
## **Prayer of the Church**

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.

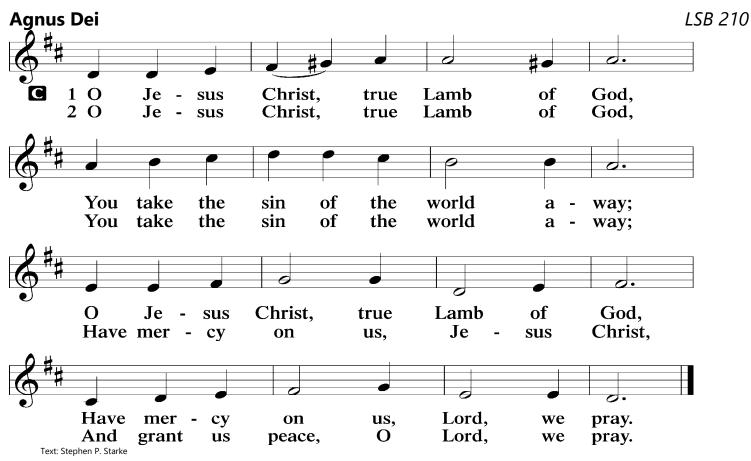
## The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

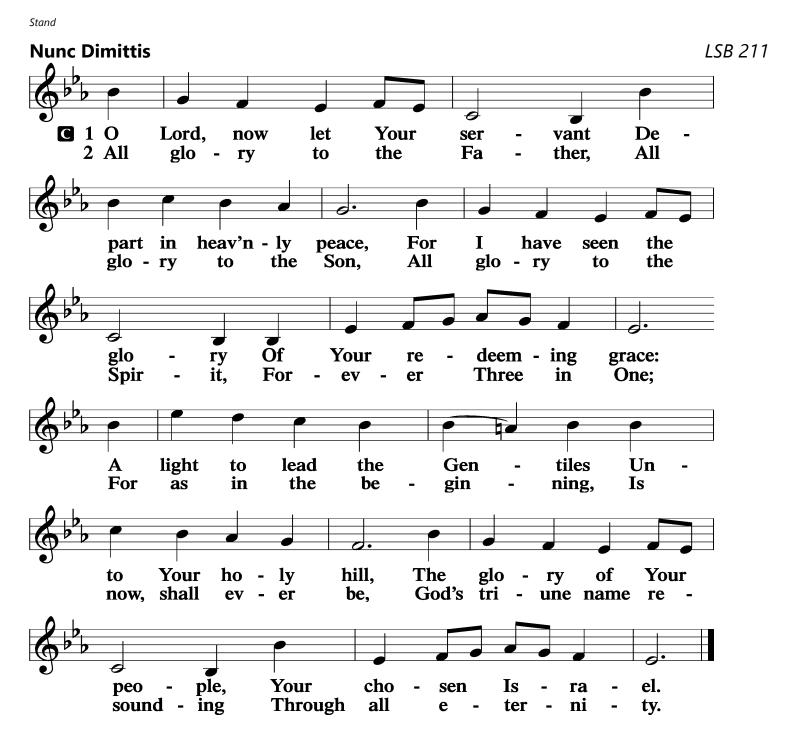
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### Distribution

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## **Distribution Hymns** (Sunday Only) LSB 728 How Firm a Foundation LSB 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



### **Post-Communion Collect**

# (Saturday)

**P** Let us pray together.

☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# (Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# Benedicamus

LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.



### **Postlude:**

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### LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Saturday	
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson
Sunday	
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Elder	George Czanko
Lector	George Czanko
Greeter	Joann Shepker
	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: / Stream: Andrea Hazzard

# LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	Carlos Orellana
Greeter	
Audio	Kim Kaniecki
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane

# ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	25
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	
Paypal Offerings	
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Pentecost VII–** Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis confront us with our own weakness. It even leads some to exclude embryos or incapacitated persons from humankind and execute them because of their weakness. Almighty God promises, "My power is made perfect precisely in your weaknesses." His grace radiates in human frailty, and the blessings He brings in every life more than make up for what we cannot.

**FLOWER SPONSOR** – Henry and Judy Veal, in celebration of God's glory. **BULLETIN SPONSOR** – Diane Donaldson is our Bulletin Sponsor. **COOKIES, FRUIT & COFFEE (Sunday)** –Cookies, Fruit, and Coffee is served each Sunday after service during the summer months. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.

**ELDERS MEETING** – The Elders will meet today, Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**COUNCIL MEETING -** The Church Council will meet this Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

**ADOPT-A-BLOCK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED–** The program starts this Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

**MARY MARTHA FLOWER MAKING** – The Mary Martha will have a Flower making day for the LWML convention this Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM – 2PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**ATTENTION -TRUSTEE WORKDAY CHANGE** – The Trustee Workday has been changed to each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**THE 60 DAY PSALTER** – Please join us in the practice of praying the Psalter as part of our daily prayer and private devotional time. We will be following a 60-day cycle. There will be daily prompts posted on both Facebook and Instagram, if you follow us on either social media platform. A download of an introduction and the complete 60-day reading plan is available on our church website, or printed copies are available on the tables as you enter the church. We pray that spending this time in the 'prayer book of the Bible' will bless you and will be the beginning of a practice that you will repeat regularly.

**ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING** – The Endowment Fund Committee will have their next meeting on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, in the ZOOM Room.

**HELP WANTED-** The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership, and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

**USED HEARING AIDS:** Used hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX –** Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 2 Corinthians 12:10 – "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities."** Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time, knowing that it is from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities and insults will turn out for a blessing; but since Paul found contentment in Christ, and not in his own wisdom, he could be content through all hardships and calamities.

# THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Confirmation Class @ 8 am
	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Adopt-A-Block @ 11 am
	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Mary Martha Flower Making @ 10 am
	Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Thursday	Bible Study @ 10 am
Friday	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	
-	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship @ 10 am