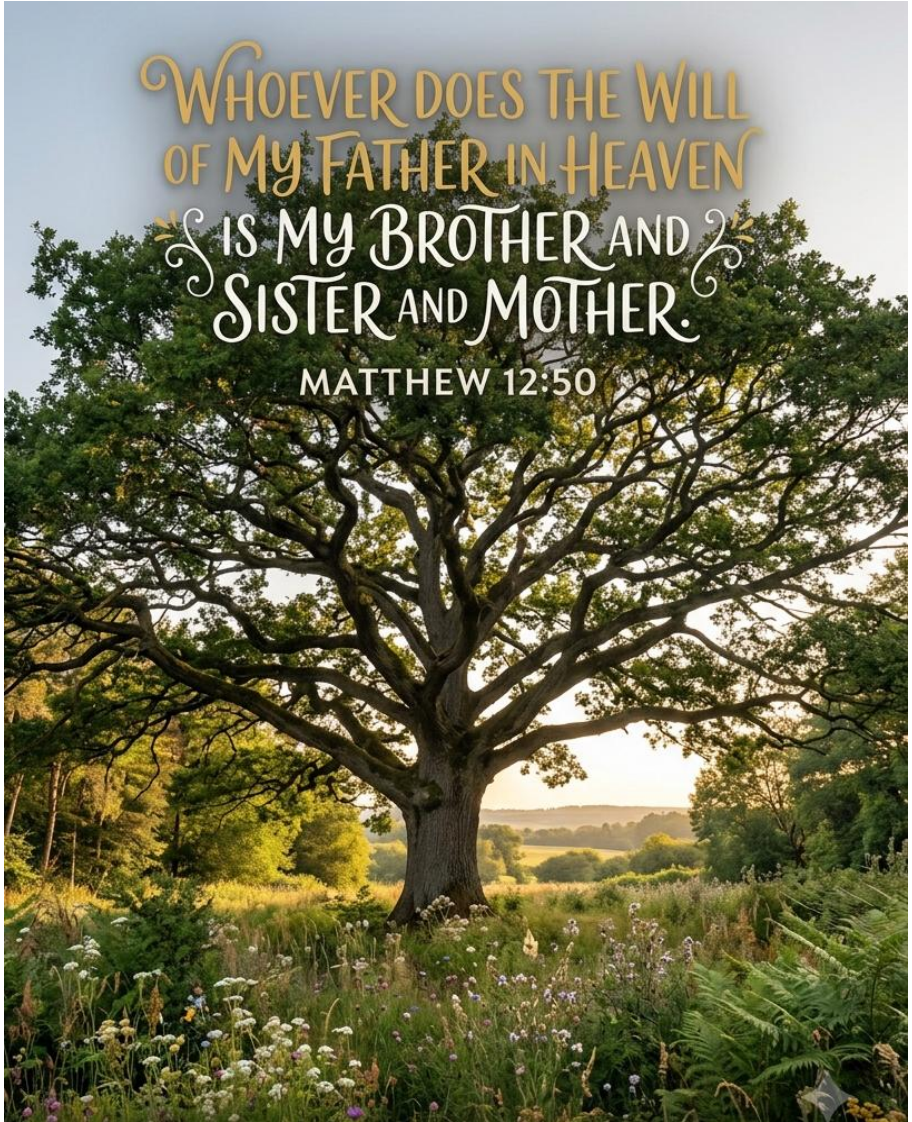


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Pre-Service Meditation:

Matthew 12:50 ⁵⁰ "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

Prayer: O Lord Jesus, we give You our thanks and praise, for You have welcomed us into Your family by grace. Though we have done nothing to deserve it, You offered Yourself in our place because You love us and want to deliver us from sin and death. Lord, may our lives reflect this love. May we show ourselves to be Your family by the works our faith produces. Let all we do be done to Your glory so that others may see the rich grace You bless us with. Lord, by adopting us into Your family, You have bonded us to You, so that nothing can come between us and Your love. Set before us the Father's will that we might abide in it and prove to be Your disciples. These things we ask in Your saving name; even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening:
Invocation

TLH 16 Blessed Jesus At Thy Word

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... Lord Jesus, we pray for Your Holy Spirit so that even we, who cannot do anything good without You, may place our trust alone in Your merit for salvation, and have Your gift of power to love according to Your will; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

OT Lesson Jeremiah 23:16-29 – Danger of False Prophets

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace "'; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates

of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'" ¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard *it*? ¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury-- A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. ²¹ "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. ²³ "*Am* I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. ²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ "How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ "who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. ²⁸ "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD. ²⁹ "*Is* not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?

Responsive Reading **Psalm 119 [Selected Verses]**

- P** Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope.
- C** **This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life.**
- P** The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from Your Law.
- C** **When I think of Your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.**
- P** Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.

C I remember Your name in the night, O LORD, and keep Your Law.

P I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.

C The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!

Epistle Lesson: Acts 16:16-32 – Service to our Fellow Man

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

Confession of Faith:

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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From there 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.**

Hymn: TLH 261 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Sermon

Matthew 12:46-50

⁴⁶ " While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. ⁴⁷ Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." ⁴⁸ But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" ⁴⁹ And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰ "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

Behold! My Mother and My Brothers!

- 1. This shows what Christ is to us**
- 2. This shows what we are to be to Christ**

**Offertory: Create in Me
Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within
me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy
Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Hymn:

WS 800 Go My Children With My Blessing

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & 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**

Benediction:

☩: Amen.

Hymn:

WS 785 Children of the Heavenly Father

Silent Prayer

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Summer VBS:** We start VBS on Tuesday. Volunteers are still welcome!
- **Voters Meeting:** Notes can be made available upon request.

Call News:

- Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia ***has received the call*** to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD and ***has received the call*** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, ***has returned the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel III ***has received the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, August 2nd Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, August 9th Redemption Communion Service at 9

Sunday, August 16th Redemption Sunday Service at 9