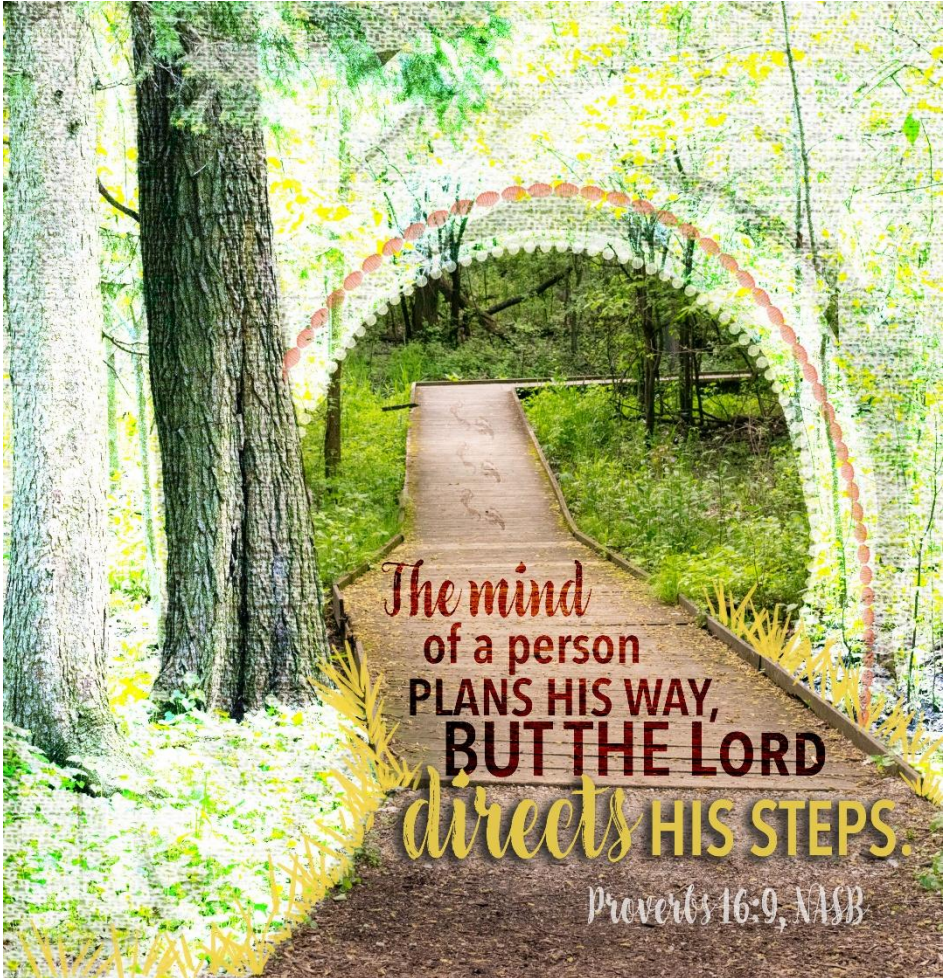


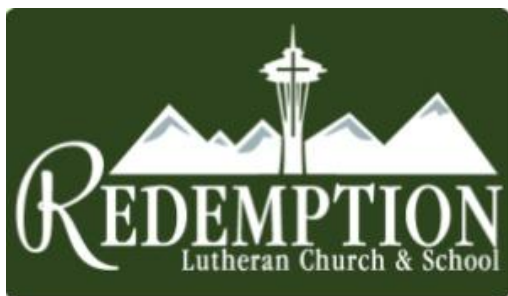
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Pre-Service Meditation:

Proverbs 16:9 ⁹ A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Prayer: O Gracious Father in Heaven, O how high and exalted are Your ways. Great is Your wisdom and direction. What am I without You, O Lord? How can I stand? For my heart is deceitful above all things and has lead me away from You and Your Word. Lord, forgive me for my waywardness. Draw me to You by Your Word that I may trust in Your grace to guide me, sustain me, and bring me to the promise of eternal life. Yes, my life is dependent on You. You have given breath to my lungs, strength to my body, wisdom to my mind. But, most importantly, You have made me alive through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Now let this my purpose be, that I live my life joined to Thee. Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Amen.

Opening: TLH 347 Jesus Priceless Treasure vs 1,3-4,6

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P One thing I ask from the LORD. This is what I seek:

C **That I live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**

P To gaze on the beauty of the LORD,

C **And to seek Him in His temple.**

P I rejoiced with those who said to me,

C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”**

P Yes, one day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C **I would rather wait at the doorway of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P For the LORD is a sun and shield.

C **God gives grace and glory.**

P How blessed are those who live in Your house.

C **They are always praising You.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **The name of the LORD is to be praised.**

P We come to this holy God with the confession of our sins and ready to receive His forgiveness in Christ Jesus.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Response: WS 798 God We Praise You

**1 God, we praise You, God, we bless You! God, we name You
sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your
Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth
draw near Your throne, Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts
and God alone!**

**2 True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,
While Your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity: Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... In Your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of Your servants. Guide our requests for the fulfillment of our needs so that You will be pleased to answer us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Lesson Acts 17:16-34 – The Christian's Testimony

¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. ¹⁷ Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine *is* of which you speak?" ²⁰ "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." ²¹ For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. ²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I

perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." ³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*." ³³ So Paul departed from among them. ³⁴ However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Responsive Reading	Psalm 12 [Selected Verses]
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- P** Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone;
- C** For the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
- P** Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;
- C** With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
- P** May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts
- C** Those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"

P "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD;

C "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:44-46 – The Treasure of the KOG

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

C 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: LSB 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Sermon

Proverbs 16:1-9

¹ The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD. ² All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the spirits. ³ Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established. ⁴ The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom. ⁵ Everyone proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD; *Though they join* forces, none will go unpunished. ⁶ In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD *one* departs from evil. ⁷ When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. ⁸ Better *is* a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues

without justice. ⁹ A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Dependence on the Lord Makes the Man of God Complete

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: **TLH 425 All Depends on Our Possessing vs 1-4,6**

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 776 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You**

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:** Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with VBS this past week. We averaged 11 kids and had a very positive week

Call News:

- Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia ***is considering the call*** to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD and to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy West Columbia, SC, ***has received the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel III ***is considering the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI
- Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN ***has received the call*** to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI
- Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul's Lutheran in Bismark, ND ***has received the call*** to St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, August 9th Redemption Communion Service at 9

Sunday, August 16th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, August 23rd Redemption Sunday Service at 9

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O

leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride

On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er,
Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.

His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way

All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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