

# THE GOSPEL CALL GOES OUT TO ALL

The Second Sunday after Trinity

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN | Kearney, NE

A member congregation of:

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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

Sunday, June 10, 2018

## **WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!**

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Large-Print Service Folder** is also available if you are in need of it. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight" (Prov. 9:5–6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15–24). For "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13–22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

#### HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY

As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies

this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

## SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Presiding & Preaching Minister	Pr. Nathanael Seelow
Ç Ç	Michelle Reinsch
Ushers	Mannie Reinsch & Rick Reinsch
Craatars	Chris Stutz

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

Divine Service II — Christian Worship: Supplement, pg. 28



## **OPENING HYMN**

Come unto Me, Ye Weary | CW 336

## INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

- M In the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- M If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Silence for meditation as you examine your thoughts, words, and actions according to God's Word.

M We confess: C Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus sake.

## **ABSOLUTION**

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the

of the Trinity to signify our worship as exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure of his presence and his blessing.

We invoke the name

Beginning each day yourself with the invocation and the sign of the cross is a great reminder that your life and day are sanctified by Holy Baptism.

We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ❖ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie

Mark 10:47

 $\overline{\mathbf{M}}$  In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

C Amen.

merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

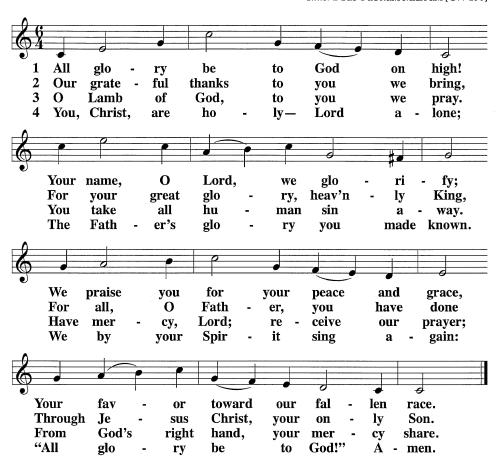
God is gracious and

a-lā-a-sān] is a Greek
phrase meaning
"Lord, have mercy."
We have already
received the mercy of
God for forgiveness in
Holy Absolution.
Now we ask his mercy
for all other things we
need for a Godpleasing spiritual life.

Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-ā

his birth.

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM [CW 196]



Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

The salutation is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's servant, he speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his Call and

Vocation with respect and Christian love.

# The Service of the Word

## **SALUTATION**

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY — Collect

M Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to you, that through your holy Word you have called us to your great supper. We implore you to enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear your Word without fruit, but that we may prepare ourselves rightly for your Kingdom, and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care; through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

### FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-10

ISDOM HAS BUILT HER HOUSE.

She has carved out her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup> She has prepared her meat.

She has mixed her wine.

She has already set her table.

<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant girls.

She calls from the highest point in the city, <sup>4</sup> "Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here."

To someone who lacks sense she says, <sup>5</sup> "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine that I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup> Abandon your naïve ways and live.

Travel the road to understanding."

<sup>7</sup> Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults, and whoever warns a wicked person invites abuse.

<sup>8</sup> Do not warn a mocker, or he will hate you.

Warn a wise person, and he will love you.

<sup>9</sup> Give advice to a wise person, and he will become even wiser.

Teach a righteous person, and he will add to his learning.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

The Collect serves to prepare the congregation for the reception of the special Word of the Day, now about to be read. In it pastor and people pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.

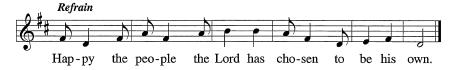
Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine that I have mixed. Abandon your naïve ways and live. Travel the road to understanding." (Pro v. 9:5–6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper.

M The Word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God!

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 34 | CW p. 80





## Refrain

Taste and see that the | LORD is good; blessed are they who take re- | fuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the | righteous and his ears are attentive | to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him, and he de- | livers them.

## Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD | hears them; he delivers them from all their | troubles.

The LORD is close to the broken- | hearted and saves those who are crushed in | spirit.

The LORD redeems his | servants; no one who takes refuge in him will | be condemned.

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.

Refrain

But NOW IN CHRIST JESUS, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup> when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup> And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup> He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. <sup>20</sup> You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- M The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

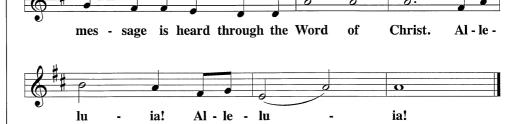
Romans 10:17

Please stand.





In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:15-24

M The Holy Gospel for the Second Sunday after Trinity, according to St. Luke, chapter fourteen.

Praise be to you, O Lord.

HEN ONE OF THOSE AT THE TABLE WITH HIM heard these things, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will feast in the kingdom of God!"

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to him, "A certain man made a great banquet and invited many people. <sup>17</sup> When it was time for the banquet, he sent out his servant to tell those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.' <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses.

"The first one told him, 'I bought a field, and I need to go and see it. I ask you to excuse me.'

- $^{19}$  "Another one said, 'I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.'
- <sup>20</sup> "Still another said, 'I just got married, and so I am unable to attend.'
- <sup>21</sup> "The servant arrived and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town, and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'
- <sup>22</sup> "The servant said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.'

Many make excuses and reject our Lord's invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles.

<sup>23</sup> "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and urge them to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> Yes, I tell you that none of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.'"

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired | CW 567

SERMON

*Luke* 14:15-24 | **There is Still Room!** 

## APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand.

С	I believe in God, the Father almighty,	2 Cor. 6:18
	maker of heaven and earth.	Is. 51:13
	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18
	who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,	Lk. 1:35
	born of the virgin Mary,	Lk. 1:34; 2:7
	suffered under Pontius Pilate,	Lk. 23:16
	was crucified, died,	Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47;
	and was buried.	Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42
	He descended into hell.	1 Pet. 3:19
	The third day he rose again from the dead.	1 Cor. 15:4b
	He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34
	and is seated at the right hand	
	of God the Father almighty.	Heb. 1:13
	From there he will come to judge	Mt. 25:31
	the living and the dead.	2 Tim. 4:1
	I believe in the Holy Spirit,	Mt. 3:16-17
	the holy Christian Church,	Eph. 5:23
	the communion of saints,	Eph. 4:3-6

Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life • everlasting. Amen. Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7

1 Th. 4:17

Be seated.

## **OFFERING**

Moved by God's love

in Christ, by our Offering we offer him our first and best

gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not

feel obligated to give an offering.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

M Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence.

- M Heavenly Father, bless us, Your baptized children, who were once far off but have been brought near by the blood of Christ, through whom we have access in one Spirit to You. Hear our prayers and supplications, and unite us together in the unity of faith and the bond of peace. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Gracious Father, through Your faithful servants, You invite all sinners to come and feast at Your great banquet. Send forth such faithful servants and bless them to proclaim to all, "Come, for everything is now ready!"

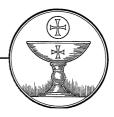
  Through the faithful preaching and administration of Your Holy Word and Sacraments, fill Your banquet hall with sinners redeemed by Christ the Crucified. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Merciful Father, look upon the poor, hungry, homeless and unemployed with compassion, and tend to their needs. Fill us with Your mercy and compassion, and remove from us any excess love of earthly treasures, that we would be moved to provide assistance to those in need. Bless the charitable organizations and social agencies of our land, that relief would be found in them for those who need it. Lord, in Your mercy, lear our prayer.
- M Loving Father, have mercy on all who are suffering and desire Your aid at the present time. According to Your gracious will, heal their infirmities and

give them strength to bear all their crosses in Christian patience, always looking to Your Son, Jesus Christ, for courage and care. [We pray especially for...] Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

- M Holy Father, here at the holy altar we are blessed to receive a foretaste of the feast to come at Your great banquet. As we partake of the very body and blood of Christ, which is, for us, the medicine of immortality, forgive our sins and preserve us in body and soul unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- M Heavenly Father, we remember all who rest in Your nearer presence, especially those in our families who have gone before us in the faith. Prepare us every day to fall asleep in the wounds of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, that we may rise with them in glory at our Savior's return to judge the living and the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, 

  C hear our prayer.

# The Service of the Sacrament



**PREFACE** 

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

- And also with you.
- M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41

- **C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

- It is good and right so to do.
- It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the

First recorded in A.D. 220, this dialogue and prayer begins the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Each season has its own unique text (italics).

saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Lord!

might - y



As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and give thanks for salvation history in the Church's table

prayer.

"Sanctus" means
"holy." The body and
blood of our Lord are

present in this

Matthew 21 to

Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from

acknowledge the holy

God's holiness in this

canticle. May we pray that we daily show such reverence.

presence of God in this meal. Take note of the intense reverence of

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Ho - san - na,

C Amen.

us

## LORD'S PRAYER — Pater Noster

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

M Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver ❖ us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION** — Verba

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ♣ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

and eat. This is my ❖ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance

## **PEACE OF THE LORD** — Pax Domini

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

c Amen.

of me."

M

The Lord's Prayer, given us by Christ himself, is wonderfully and appropriately spoken here as we approach his Supper.

Daily the baptized people of God pray.
The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

his body and blood for our forgiveness.

Though we are blessed with many good foods, no other meal gives the body and blood of Christ to sinners. For this reason, we cherish and crave this meal each time it is offered.

The words of our Lord

they say. In the words of consecration the Lord's Word delivers

bestow exactly what

The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of the disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks peace to us on his behalf.

During stressful

times, remember the

peace of Christ that you received in his Supper today. "Agnus Dei" [ägnüs-dā-ē] means "Lamb of God," and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness.

Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a Closed Communion. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.



Be seated.

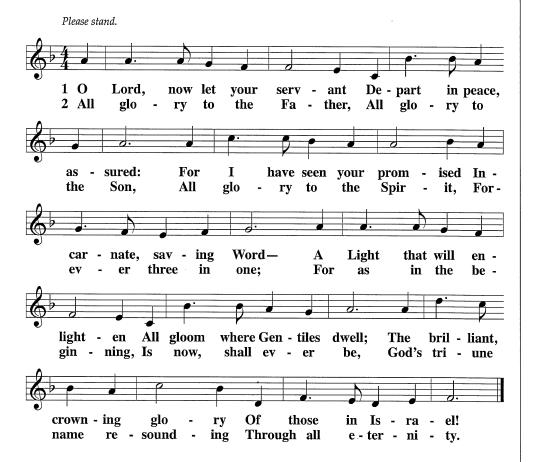
#### DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

**Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper** can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

## **SONG OF SIMEON** — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32 Tune: Angel's Story [CW 368]



## POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

Psalm 107:1

M O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C And his mercy endures forever.

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put his name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.

Live each day with confidence, knowing that you have the Lord's blessing and presence with you.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and ❖ give you peace.

C Amen.

Be seated.

**CLOSING HYMN** 

O Christ, Our True and Only Light | CW 569

## **Announcements**

**FAMILY BIBLE CLASS TODAY** After the service today, we will begin a 19-Minute Family Bible Class. The class will only last 20 minutes, and is intended for the entire family. Consider staying and keeping the Bible study habit alive during these summer months!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT Routine maintenance pays off. You change oil in your car to keep it running longer. Give your marriage the attention it needs to flourish and run all the way to the end. Let the upcoming WELS Marriage Enrichment and Get-Away Weekend, *Mysterious Marriage*, help you. Spend the weekend growing closer to your Savior and each other at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Breckenridge, CO, October 5-7, 2018. See the poster or brochure in the entry way or visit www.wels.net/adult-discipleship.

**REACHING MORE OF OUR NEIGHBORS** This April the Board for Home Missions approved support for seven new mission congregations as well as support to enhance mission-minded ministry at seven other congregations. To learn more about WELS Home Missions work in North America, including new congregations, cross-cultural ministry, and multi-site congregations, visit wels.net/missions.

## This Week's Calendar

Thursday, June 14ALL DAY — Pastor in North Platte		
Sunday, June 17		
Ushers: Jamie Scott & Randy Webb Greeter: Webb Family		
Cleaning (6/10–6/16) Church—Stutz; Fellowship—Webb; Ed. Bldg.—Wenz		
Mowing—Scott		

Upcoming	Events
JULY 1	Pastoral Installation @ St. Paul's, Broken Bow
JULY 8	Pastoral Installation @ St. Paul, North Platte
OCT 5-7	Marriage Enrichment in Breckenridge, CO

Last Week's "Numbers"		
Divine Service/Lord's Supper41/33		
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