

IN NOMINE JESU CHRISTI

"Come follow me," said Christ, the Lord, "All in my way abiding;
Your selfishness throw overboard, Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear your crosses and confide
In my example as your guide."

My dear friends and fellow members in Christ! How beloved and cherished you are to me. Not only are you my friends—but you are the very Light of the world and Salt of the earth. God chooses you to do His work to ***"Tell the Good News about Jesus."*** There is nothing to compare to the power He gives you and all of us to accomplish His will. In this moment of summer I want to speak directly to your heart of faith.

You are a member of the Body of Christ. You have received forgiveness in His blood. You **own the *certainty*** of eternal life in His Resurrection. You are a partaker of the total love and grace of God in Word and Sacrament. Nothing is impossible for your God to accomplish through you. This mighty status before God carries with it an expectation of joyful response. We joyfully model our lives upon the life of Jesus our Savior.

Is our joyful response to be absent from worship? Is our joyful response to refrain from hearing the forgiving Word of Jesus? Is it to neglect the reception of the Lord's Supper? I'm sure you would say, "NO! Far be it from us to be so ungrateful!" Yet sadly, that is exactly what so often happens in this season of rest and relaxation. I must tell you that I get very few communion cards or worship bulletins from your vacation churches. And sadder still, there is no excuse for this behavior before the living Lord.

"'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep is holy.' ***What does this mean?*** **We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." (Luther's Small Catechism) God's command about worship remains.**

He commands worship because He loves His children and wants only the best for us. He doesn't need our praise. He will always be God and everyone and everything must give Him glory. But *we need to worship Him!* Constant contact with the Word of Christ and reception of the Lord's Supper is what assures us of God's presence, love, and forgiveness. Not only so—being in Word and worship strengthens our faith in times of stress and trouble.

As your Pastor I'm not willing to settle for the excuse, "Well, that's what happens in the summer." Please, dear friends, if you're here at home, be with your CTK friends and family in worship and in your time away from home remember to worship in the place where you are. I promise you, God will help your efforts to do His will. See you in church! God bless you.

The Lutheran Hour is aired each Sunday at 7 a.m. on WPOS-FM (102.3) or you can visit Real Audio on the Internet at www.lhm.org. Hear the broad-cast available to our military at: www.lutheranhour.org/AFN/listen.htm. For August invite you to tune in and listen to hear messages on the following topics:

August 2, 2026

"Why Jesus Told Parables"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Archives August–Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus' parables point us to Himself.

Mark 4

August 9, 2026

"Extreme Neighborliness"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Archives August–Jesus is the ultimate "Good Samaritan," the unlikely Rescuer who binds our wounds, carries us to safety, and pays the price through His cross.

Luke 10:25-37

August 16, 2026

"Look at Me"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Archives August–God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father.

Luke 18:1-8

August 23, 2026

"Real Riches"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus

Archives August–It's not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly.

Luke 12:15

August 30, 2026

"Tell Me a Story!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer

Archives August–God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary.

Mark 4:1-20, 26-34



SET UP
SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD
(AFTER SERVICE)

AUGUST 24, 25 (MAYBE 27)
@ 10 AM

SALE DAYS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 28TH & 29TH
9 am - 3 pm

SIGN UP SHEET POSTED

SERVICES

AUGUST 2

Music	SOS
I-Tec	Dave Mulligan
Deacons	Jay Reaume & Brian Morton
Altar Care	Cyndy Higgins & Karen Komorowski

AUGUST 9

Music	SOS
I-Tec	Dave Mulligan
Deacons	Tom Miazgowicz & Keith Fischer
Altar Care	Cyndy Higgins & Karen Komorowski

AUGUST 16

Music	Reverend Ron Diener
I-Tec	Dave Mulligan
Deacons	Dave Mulligan & Jay Reaume
Altar Care	Cyndy Higgins & Karen Komorowski

AUGUST 23

Music	SOS
I=Tec	Dave Mulligan
Deacons	Keith Fischer & Tom Miazgowicz
Altar Care	Cyndy Higgins & Karen Komorowski

AUGUST 30

Music	SOS
I=Tec	Dave Mulligan
Deacons	Jay Reaume & Dave Mulligan
Altar Care	Cyndy Higgins & Komorowski



BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

5	Keith Fischer
6	Karen Komorowski
6	Laurie Kranz
9	Derek Koester
9	Justin Stepp
10	Mark & Carla Prenkert
15	Brian Haupt
15	David Mulligan, III
16	Easton Spaulding
18	Bob & Phyllis Parisien
21	Beverly Johnson
28	David & Mabel Hollender

