



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

August 21, 2022 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion. Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor, or Pastor can commune you, or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.

Reminder; we are videoing “live”.



Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord’s day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

**Prelude
Welcome**

Pat Anderson

Hymn “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Red Worship Book 553

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown; let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone, so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine; howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Prayer of Day

C: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the

sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 103:1-8

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and forget not all God's benefits—

L: who forgives all your sins

C: and heals all your diseases;

L: who redeems your life from the grave

C: and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; R

L: who satisfies your desires with good things

C: so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

L: O LORD, you provide vindication

C: and justice for all who are oppressed.

L: You made known your ways to Moses

C: and your works to the children of Israel.

L: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. R

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 205

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 206

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

Children's Sermon

Elaine Garaghty

Sermon

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Hymn "God is Here!"

Red Worship Book 526

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Offering/Hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Red Worship Book 188

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

Offering Prayer

L: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **C: Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

L; Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 208

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.

Blessing

L: The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

Hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again "

Red Worship Book 536

1 God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: *Till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet again,) till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet again.) God be with you till we meet again.*

2 God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. **Refrain**

3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

the worship is ended ... let the service begin..



****The Noisy offering for this month is for**

Faith In Action, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.**

Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm
Psalm 112

Second Reading
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Daniel Hohler (Kathy Thompson's cousin), Gary Wells, Judy Smith, Lana Jensen, Wally Guptill, Rev. Mike Pancoast, Rev. Ericka Foss, Karen Johnson (mother of Jamie and Amy Johnson), Leigha Ness, Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth), Yvonne Guptill, Drew (Mindy's brother), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and Alysa McFadden (daughter of Robert and Pat Anderson).

Care facility member ~Dorothy Svendsen.

For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 Worship with Elaine Garaghty preaching..

Mon. SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE; 6:30 pm All Boards.

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study; Rural Music Festival leaving at 5 pm from church.

Fri. 3 3 pm Dorion Wedding at church.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC; Rural Music Festival leaving after Worship.



Thank you to Elaine Garaghty for preaching for last Sunday for Pastor Brenda. You did a great job!

Sunday School packets are available on the table in the Narthex for the upcoming Sunday. Please feel free to come in and pick one up or get one when you come to Church Sunday morning. They are changed every week. Lessons, Crafts, and color sheets for pre-readers and readers.





Little Lambs Preschool
is now enrolling for Fall 2022
Open House-Thursday, August 25th 6-7 pm
Register Online at <https://bit.ly/3bC2Ee7>

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 405 2nd St. NW, Hinckley, MN
Contact Staci Klein at 320.384.6267 ext 3 or 612.801.2674

Holy Communion instruction training, is being offered at First Lutheran Church for any child that has not had their training in Holy Communion. Age requirement is 1st grade and up. These classes are the beginning of our learning about Holy Communion and no matter the age, we grow and learn more about this every time we worship and hear the words of Institution.



We will be meeting Mon., Sept. 19th and Tues., Sept. 20th from 3:15-5:30 pm at church. Please let Pastor Brenda know or call the church office (320-384-6393) to sign-up.

First Communion will be on Sun., Sept. 25th during the 9:30 am Worship Service.

I am looking forward to this special time with your child to mark this monumental day welcoming your child to the table.

Pastor Brenda Wicklund



Northeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Lay Leaders Ministry
Sept. 2022-April 2023-4 Session & Annual Gathering in February
(Sept./April in person in Duluth and Brainerd.
Nov./Feb. via Zoom)

Cost: \$220 + books (scholarship money is set aside for this)

Lay leader Network is designed to educate and train lay people for leadership in the congregation, the community and in the Synod.

It is intended to refine theological knowledge and leadership skills in addition to stressing personal enrichment, spiritual growth and the development of ministry skills.

2022-2023 Yearly Intensive Series Dates:

Session 1-October 1-Duluth, Oct. 15- Brainerd, In-between session of Zoom Oct.25

Session 2 Zoom-Nov. 12, In between session on Zoom-Jan. 10, 2023

Session 3 Zoom-Feb. 4, Annual Gathering-Feb. 25 in person, I-between session on Zoom -
March 14

Session 4-April 15-Brainerd, April 22-Duluth

If interested or for more information contact Elaine Garaghty at 763-229-1035.