



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

August 14, 2022 – 10th 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”.



The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Prelude Welcome

Connie Odendahl

Hymn “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

Red Worship Book 774

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,) safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,) leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

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



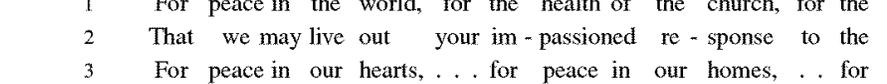
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



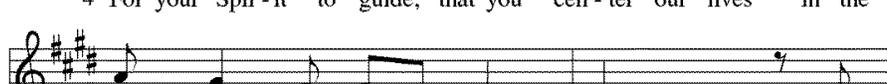
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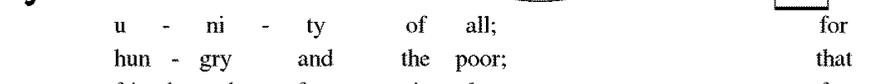
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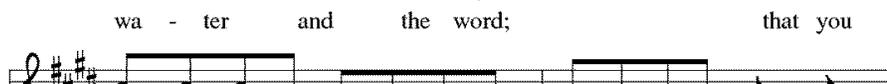
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the



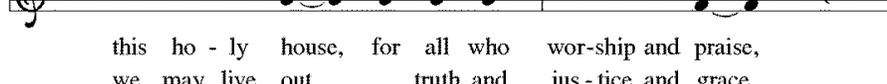
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for



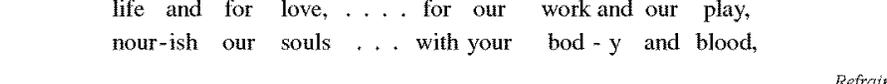
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



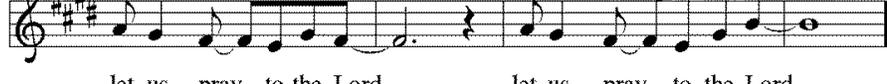
u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



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,



Refrain



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

Prayer of Day

C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Communion Questions and Prayers

The prophet sings about a beautiful vineyard, carefully planted and cultivated, that nevertheless yields wild grapes. The owner therefore determines to destroy the vineyard, which represents the sinful people of Israel and Judah.

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalm 82

L: God stands to charge the divine council assembled,

C: giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

L: “How long will you judge unjustly,

C: and show favor to the wicked?

L: Save the weak and the orphan;

C: defend the humble and needy;

L: rescue the weak and the poor;

C: deliver them from the power of the wicked. R

L: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

C: all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

L: Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,

C: and all of you children of the Most High;

L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

C: and fall like any prince.’ ”

L: Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

C: for you shall take all nations for your own. R

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 205

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 206

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

**Children's Sermon
Sermon**

**“Family of Faith”
“God's Mission Be Done”**

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Hymn “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Red Worship Book 400

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
- 2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

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; Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest 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.

Word of Institution

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.

Communion Hymn

"Eat This Bread" 3 times

Red Worship Book 472

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Communion Hymn

"Let Us Go Now To The Banquet"

Red Worship Book 523

Refrain: Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

- 1** I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. ***Refrain***
- 2** God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. ***Refrain***
- 3** May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. ***Refrain***

Communion Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers"

Red Worship Book 812

1 Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

- 2** The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free; and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. ***Refrain***
- 3** Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife; proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. ***Refrain***

Communion Prayer

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

“Lead on, O King Eternal!”

Red Worship Book 805

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- 3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

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



Three youth will be receiving their Holy Communion today for the first time. Invited to share in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ today are: Alaina Hartl, Henry Hartl and Harlow Patrick. We keep these young people in our prayers, as they begin sharing in the Holy Sacrament.

****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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-8

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17



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-Elaine Garaghty serving; Blood Pressure checks during coffee fellowship by parish nurse; 9:30 am Worship/HC/1st Communion; Church Council after Worship.

Mon. Youth swimming event 3-5 pm for grades 1-6; 5-8 pm for grades 7-12 at Grand Casino RV Park.

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

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study; Pastor Bishop Zoom mtg.; Out to Lunch Bunch-meet at 10:30 at church, leave at 10:40-reservation at 11L30 at Kafe Stuga, Harris, MN.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

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

Following the service today, you are invited to watch Reverend Norm Belland's funeral service on You-Tube. It will be set-up in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee and cookies will be served. Also, a card will be available for you to sign and it will be mailed to Judy.



If you are interested in joining the church, please let Pastor Brenda know or the church office. Thank You!
320-384-6393 or firstlcpastor@scicable.com

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.

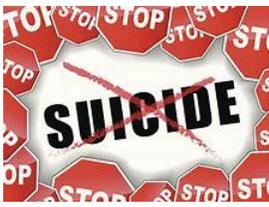
First Communion will be on Sun., Sept. 25th during the 9:30 am Worship Service.

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

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.





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East Central Minnesota
Tuesdays, August 16-November 1
6-8 pm

First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN
Fireside Room

To Register or Questions?? Church office: 763-689-1173

Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to register for the GriefShare course facilitated by First Baptist Church in Cambridge.



Help and Healing:
For the hurt of separation & divorce

Divorce is one of the most painful experiences you can face. So many emotions. So many challenges.

DivorceCare offers support, answers, and practical tools to help you manage the many stresses of separation and divorce and find healing.

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Wednesdays-6:30-8 pm in Fireside Room
Sept. 21, 2022-Jan. 11, 2023

Where can I learn more about DivorceCare?

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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.



End of Summer Youth Party

August 15th

Pre-K- 5th grade – 3-4:30 pm

Swimming, crafts, games, and snacks

**If child cannot swim, please stay, and join
them in pool**

6th – 12th grade 5-8pm

Swimming, volleyball, basketball, dinner, campfire and smores

AT THE GRAND CASINO RV PARK POOL AREA

PLEASE BRING YOUR SWIM SUIT ☺

Please RSVP to 320-469-3774 (you can text to this number also)