



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

August 7, 2022 – 9th 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”.



Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

**Prelude
Welcome**

Joanne Richards

Hymn “Give Me Jesus”

Red Worship Book 770

1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

3 Just about the break of day, just about the break of day, just about the break of day, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

4 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. **Refrain**

5 And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. **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.

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: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

First Lesson: Isaiah 1:10-20

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 33:12-22

L: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

C: Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

L: The LORD looks down from heaven,

C: and sees all humankind.

L: God sits firmly enthroned and watches

C: all who dwell on the earth.

L: God fashions all their hearts

C: and observes all their deeds. R

L: A king is not saved by the size of the army,

C: nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

L: The horse gives vain hope for victory;

C: despite its great strength it cannot save.

L: Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,

C: upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

L: to deliver their lives from death,

C: and to keep them alive in time of famine. R

L: Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,

C: our helper and our shield.

L: Surely, our heart rejoices in you,

C: for in your holy name we put our trust.

L: Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,

C: even as we place our hope in you. R

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead,

descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 143

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 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 143

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

Children's Sermon “We Trust God”

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

Sermon “Learn to Do Good”

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Hymn “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Red Worship Book 771

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
- 2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.
- 3 As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew: children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun; great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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: Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. 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. 145

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 "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 "Blessed Assurance"

Red Worship Book 638

- 1** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2** Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. ***Refrain***
- 3** Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *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 “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*

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm

Psalm 82

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56



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

Church Council Next Sunday, July 14th after Worship!

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.

Mon. 9 am Library

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; 1:15 pm Pastor @ Elderwood Bible Study.

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship-Elaine Garaghty serving; 9:30 am Worship/HC; Church Council.



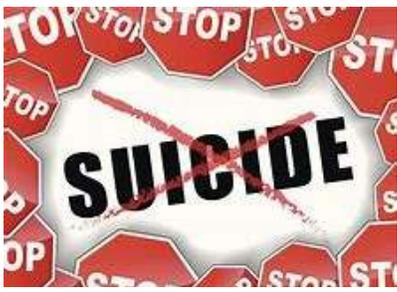
**If you are interested in joining the church, please let
Pastor Brenda know or the church office. Thank You!
320-384-6393 or firstlcpastor@scicable.com**

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.



Owen, Griffin, Matt, Corrina, Lainey, Kenna, Josie, Paige and Bella.

Please check out the church webpage (fichinckley.org) under photos and read accounts from the youth about their mission trip.



Call 988 or Text Chat-988 lifeline.org



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.

First Baptist Church, 304 Main St. So., Cambridge
Wednesdays-6:30-8 pm in Fireside Room
Sept. 21, 2022-Jan. 11, 2023

Where can I learn more about DivorceCare?

800-489-7778

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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.
