



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

July 24, 2022 – 7th 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”.



Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

**Prelude
Welcome**

Pat Anderson

Hymn “Abide With Me”

Red Worship Book 629

- 1** Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2** Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3** I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

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,

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



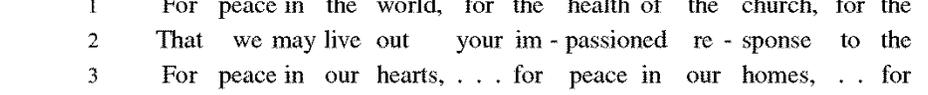
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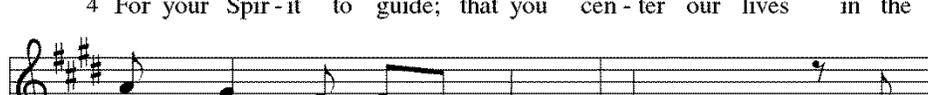
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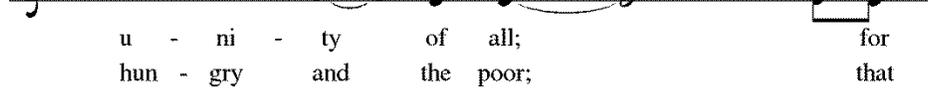
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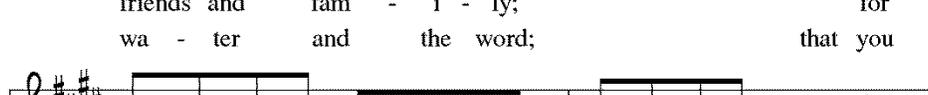
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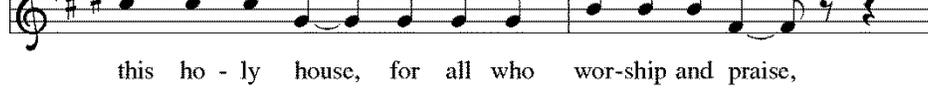
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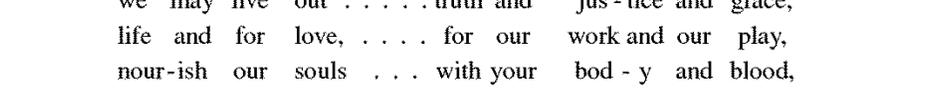
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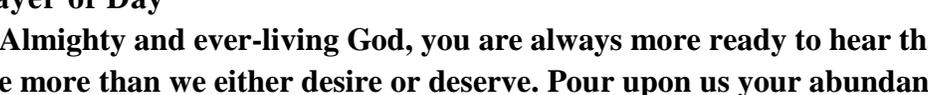
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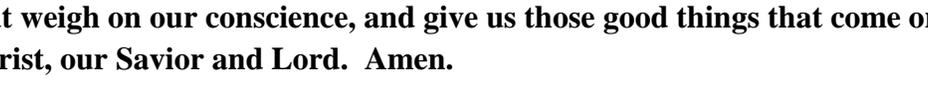
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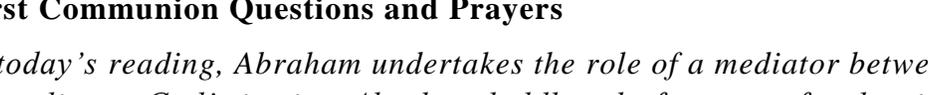
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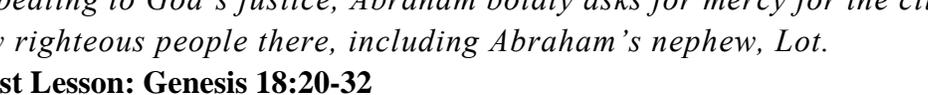
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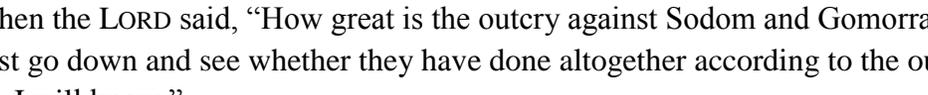
life and for love, for our work and our play,



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 and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Communion Questions and Prayers

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the

fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Psalm 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C: before the gods I will sing your praise.

L: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

C: for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

L: When I called, you answered me;

C: you increased my strength within me.

L: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,

C: when they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: They will sing of the ways of the LORD,

C: that great is the glory of the LORD.

L: The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,

C: perceiving the haughty from afar.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

C: you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

L: You will make good your purpose for me;

C: O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

Second Lesson: Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up

without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 143

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of Our Lord

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

Children's Sermon "Where Did That Come From?"

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Sermon "Praying as Dance"

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Hymn "Children of the Heav'nly Father"

Red Worship Book 781

- 1** Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2** God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3** Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4** Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Offering/Hymn "We Are an Offering"

Red Worship Book 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hands. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. 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

"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 "Come, Let Us Eat"

Red Worship Book 491

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,) come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. (Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,) come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. (Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,) in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. (In the presence of our Lord we gather,) in the presence of our Lord we gather.

4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,) rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. (Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,) Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body" Red Worship Book 496

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *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 "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*

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.



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

Seven of our young people received Holy Communion instruction.

Four will be receiving Holy Communion today for the first time.

Invited to share in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ today

are: Ian Blesener, Greyson Hendrix, Colton Thompson and Mason Thompson.

Alaina Hartl, Henry Hartl and Harlow Patrick will be receiving Holy Communion at a later date.

We keep these young people in our prayers, as they begin sharing in the Holy Sacrament.

Thank you to Nikki Thompson and Jaden Fischer for their help during the First Communion classes.

****The Noisy offering for this month is for Foodshelf, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.****



Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Psalm

Psalm 49:1-12

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~Youth and Leaders on Mission Trip: Youth-Paige Denton, Kenna Johnson, Lainey Johnson, Owen Johnson, Josie Kordiak, Matt Masterson, Griffin Stiel, Corrina Tvedt and Bella Ziegler; Leaders-Madelyn Miller, Allyce Mulder, Tim and Mindy Johnson, Rev. Gerald Allen, 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 Sweeney) and Alysya 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 am Worship/HC/ First Communion.

Mon. **ALL BOARDS CANCELLED DUE TO CONFLICTS.**

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

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study; 6:30 Sound of Summer Concert at Westside Park-Amy & Jamie Johnson family serving food for their kids Mission Trip.

Fri. 6-8 pm Visitation at Methven funeral home for Ruta Kalnins.

Sat. 11 am Funeral for Ruta Kalnins with Visitation at 10 am First Lutheran Church; 8 pm AA mtg.

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

**BOARD
meeting
CANCELED**

All Boards on Monday, July 25th has been cancelled due to some conflicts. Boards may choose to meet if you would like.



Come support the Jamie & Amy Johnson family working at the Summer Concerts to help with the expense of Owen's Mission Trip.

July 28th the Jamie & Amie Johnson family will be working the food stand for the 6:30 pm concert.



Service of the Resurrection for Ruta Kalnins Saturday, July 30th at 11 am at First Lutheran Church. Visitation is at 10 am before service. Also, Visitation Friday, July 29th from 6-8 pm at Methven Funeral Home in Hinckley.



We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Reverend Norm Belland. May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.



Bunker Beach Water Park and Feed My Starving Children- August 2nd leave church at 9 am and return at 10 pm – sign up on youth bulletin board.



Please join us for the Community Meal on Wednesday, August 3rd from 5-6 pm with Worship at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

