



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 21, 2024, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Erik Rundquist

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Welcome to Worship this morning!

To receive Holy Communion, you may come to the front and receive the bread and wine or grape juice, you may ask an usher to have the pastor bring the elements to you in the pew, or you may pick up the cup/wafer in the narthex before the service and commune yourself at your seat.

Reminder: We are videoing “live.”

Please sign the pew pad and pass down the aisle. Thank You.

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Mark’s gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today’s gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn’t think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers’ need. We are sent from Christ’s table to care for others and for ourselves.

Prelude

Joanne Richards

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

“All are Welcome” (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

Red Worship Book# 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: ***Refrain***

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: ***Refrain***

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Diane Ausmus

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm 23

Diane Ausmus

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

Diane Ausmus

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its

commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia....."

Red Worship Book pg. 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 143

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 143

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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Erik Rundquist

Sermon

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Hymn of Day "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Red Worship Book# 611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Nicene Creed

Red Worship Book pg. 104

Prayers of Intercession

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes (*especially*): Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick (*especially*). Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: In thanksgiving for those who have died (*especially*): Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Song

“When We Are Living”

Red Worship Book# 639

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 2 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3 Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind; and when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942

st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

Spanish text, sts. 2-3 © 1983 Abingdon Press and tr. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House, admin. The Copyright Company

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Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Red Worship Book pg. 144

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Red Worship Book pg. 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 145

Distribution of Holy Communion

This is the gift of God for all people without exception of faith tradition or age.

We provide gluten free bread and grape juice at your request.

Communion Hymn

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Red Worship Book #789

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Communion Hymn

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Red Worship Book# 465

Refrain: *As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. **Refrain**

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1, 3 & 5) Red Worship #654

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life she died.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song and for her life he died.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

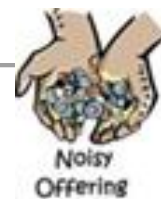
the worship is ended ... let the service begin ...

Announcements for July 21st

***Just a friendly reminder that I will not ask you for money or gifts,
neither will anyone else from the church.***

Pastor Erik Rundquist

****The Noisy offering for the month of July is for the Food Shelf****



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Kathy Burkhardt (friend of Robin Hendrix), Family of Jeremey Pederson (nephew of Kathy Thompson and family), Ellie Nelson, Gary Wells, Joe Cappuccino, Karen Johnson, Vernon Zehms (brother of Joyce Seegebath), Allie, Mya and Morgan (daughter and grand babies of Rebecca Wiczek), Richard Holmberg (brother of Sue Skalicky), Bob Kinblom, Tom Williams (brother of Robin Hendrix), David Shober, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, and Judy Smith.

Care facility member-Ron Klapel.

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

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship; Church Council after Worship.

Mon. August Newsletter Deadline

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

Thurs. 7 am Men's Fellowship; 7:30 am Men's Text Study.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship, Congregational Potluck Meal after Worship.

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE

If you are interested in joining the church, there will be a New Member Dinner Thursday, August 1st at 6 pm.

Please contact Pastor Erik or the church office.



Valley Fair and Feed My Starving Children.

Wednesday, July 31st

leaving at 10 am return around 10 pm

Cost \$30 sign up on bulletin board.

Financial Report for June- Mary Mortenson-treasurer

General Fund June income \$16,398.10

General Fund June expenses \$ 19,309.27

General Fund balance is (\$2,603.18)

