



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

June 26, 2022 – 3rd 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 you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.

Reminder; we are videoing “live”.



We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus’ call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit’s fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

**Prelude
Welcome**

Connie Odendahl

Hymn “I Come with Joy”

Red Worship Book 482

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

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



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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

C: I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

L: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,

C: upon those who are noble among the people.

L: But those who run after other gods

C: shall have their troubles multiplied.

L: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

C: never take their names upon my lips.

L: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;

C: it is you who uphold my lot.

L: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

C: indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

L: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C: my heart teaches me night after night.

L: I have set the LORD always before me;

C: because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

C: my body also shall rest in hope.

L: For you will not abandon me to the grave,

C: nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: You will show me the path of life;

C: in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-evermore.

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Red Worship Book pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 206

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."
⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 206

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

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Hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me” (vs. 1-3)

Red Worship Book 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 - 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
 - 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

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: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L; God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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 "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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Red Worship Book 697

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

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 Me, Guide Me"

Red Worship Book 768

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way: Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

- 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour. Help me through the darkness thy face to see. *Refrain*
- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, I am putting all my trust in thee. *Refrain*.
- 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see. Lord, just always let me thy servant be. *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
Backpack Program, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.**

Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

Second Reading

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Psalm

Psalm 66:1-9

Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Ruta Kalnins, Lana Jensen, Wally Guptill, Connie Odendahl, Jacob Roubinek, Rev. Mike Pancoast, Rev. Ericka Foss, Karen Johnson (mother of Jamie and Amy Johnson), Leigha Ness, Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil and Joyce Seegerbarth), Yvonne Guptill, Drew (Mindy's brother), Reverend Norm Belland, Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and Alysa McFadden (daughter of Robert and Pat Anderson).

For our members in care facilities ~Ruta Kalnins and 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 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC; Church Council after Worship in Library; Fellowship Hall being used by Shawn Denton Noon-4pm; Paige Denton's graduation party 1-3 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Mon. 6:30 pm All Boards.

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

Wed. 6:30 pm Fellowship Night Take Me Out to the Ballgame-Knights Brennan Field-game at 7:30 pm (FREE)

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

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

Fellowship Night-Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Wednesday, June 29th-Brennan Field

Meet at 6:30 for games and concessions.

Game time 7:30 pm.



FLC has the party desk reserved and a concession deal for \$3 (hot dog, chips, and pop.)

Everyone is welcome and admission to the game is FREE!!

We will have treat bags and fun prizes and games.



Please join us at the
First Lutheran Corn and Carnival Food stand ,
Friday, July 8th or Saturday, July 9th to help support
the youth.

Sign-up is on the table in the Narthex, this is always a great time to rekindle old friendships, see family members, support the youth and have something good to eat!



Church Council will be today, Sunday, June 26 after
Worship in Library due to conflict.



Come before the Sounds of Summer Concert
Thursday, July 7th at 6:30 pm to help support The
Stiel Family Youth (Tony, Shana, Griffin, Nolan
and Brittyn) going on the Mission Trip by having
something to eat.



Out to Lunch Bunch-July 21st at Betty Reiter's home for picnic.
Sign-up on table in Narthex. Please bring dish to share.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Delores Wachsmuth(mother and mother-in-law of Tom and Donna Wachsmuth). May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.

