



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 30, 2024, Sixth 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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A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

Red Worship Book# 712

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burden your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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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: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Lamentations 3:22-33

Charles Mans

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Psalm 30

Charles Mans

L: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**C: O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

L: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**C: Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

L: God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**C: While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

L: You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**C: I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

L: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

**C: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

L: You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**C: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Charles Mans

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

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 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord

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

Children's Sermon

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Sermon

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Hymn of Day "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Red Worship Book# 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide: strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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Nicene Creed

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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.

P: God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife (*nations and places may be named*) and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for (*names and*) all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead (*especially*) who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: 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

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Red Worship Book# 860

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Text: African American spiritual

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

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Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

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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**“Come to The Table”****Red Worship Book #481**

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

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Communion 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.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

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****“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”****Red Worship #886**

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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 June 30

****The Noisy offering for the month of June is for Pastor's Discretionary Fund****



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Gary Wells, Joe Cappuccino, family of Jon Youngblom, Karen Johnson, Vernon Zehms (brother of Joyce Seegebarth), Allie, Mya and Morgan (daughter and grand babies of Rebecca Wiezek), Richard Holmberg (brother of Sue Skalicky), Bob Kinblom, Tom Williams (brother of Robin Hendrix), David Shober, Larry Edin, 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.



We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Richard Mayer (husband of Lynnea). May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.

Announcements/Calendar

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

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; 5-6 pm Community Meal.

Thurs. 7 am Men's Fellowship; 7:30 am Men's Text Study; 4th of July Holiday.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

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



Please Join us for the Community Meal
5-6 pm on July 2nd.

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE

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

Please contact Pastor Erik or the church office.



Please join us at First Lutheran Corn and Carnival Food Stand, Friday, July 12th or Saturday, July 13th

Sign-up sheets are on the table in Narthex.
Please sign up if you can help.

Carnival stand will be very simplified this year.
Money will be used for Mission Trip.

It's always a great time to rekindle old friendships, see family members and have something good to eat!

Questions? Call Amy Johnson 320-592-0653 or Jamie Johnson 320-910-5815.



Sign up to Serve – ways you can help!

Fill the Blessing Box – two ways.

- Non-perishable foods can be donated by placing in the box in the narthex marked "blessing box" (suggestions: canned meat or tuna, ramen noodles, ready to eat meals.)
- Fill the box by the sidewalk one day a week for one month with donated items or bring your items for the box.

Be a Greeter – welcome people with a smile and handshake as they enter church on Sunday. Ask visitors to sign the visitor registration book. Be a greeter once a month or as often as you like.

Host a Potluck – Congregational Potlucks are usually the last Sunday of the month. Hosts set up for serving, prepare beverages and clean up.

How do I get involved? *Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.* Call the church if you have any questions.



Change in Out to Lunch Bunch for July 18th.

*We will be going to Mia's Café (formerly Nichols Café) in
Pine City.*

Please meet at 11 am to carpool down to Pine City.