

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LBW #346 "When Peace, like a River"

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**

whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Job 38:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 562

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 124

L: If the LORD had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

C: if the LORD had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,

L: then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

C: then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;

L: then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

C: Blessed be the LORD! He has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

L: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

C: Our help is in the name of the LORD the maker of heaven and earth.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Pew Bible pg.1211

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:35-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 4th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

“Thus Far, and No Farther”

Pastor Carl Rasmussen

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #467 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
(Please rise as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) Congregation Sings: **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: **Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

WOV #723 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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*May I meet today's challenges in your name, O God, as David faced Goliath:
"I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty" (1 Samuel 17:45, NIV).*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Steen Bjerre Family of Ron Stonestreet

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Maddy & Leah Graves	Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins	Kim Wyre
Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey	Earl Smith
Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser	Denny Doyle
William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen
Mary Mallicoat	Bob & Jenny Hobby	Nick Shepherd	Joyce Keith
Bob Selby	Michael Markarian	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival
Joyce Williamson			

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	LouAnn Baugher
Mildred Flessner	Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon
Janet Withers	Joan Mathis		

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sally Bauer, Midge Seim

Carson McClain, Jack Flesner

Wendy Watkins, Emily Deal

Jackie Roelfs, Marcie Rodgers

Sheila Sherman

Sondra Sipes

Ron Howe

Lloyd Schluter, David Hulse, Donna Hustedt

WELCOME On this first official Sunday of summer, we greet you in the bright, warm love of Jesus! Welcome to worship!

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Joan Cleary* in remembrance of family.

BATHROOMS CLOSED The men and women's bathrooms located right outside the Narthex are still closed due to remodeling. Please use the bathroom in the back of the Narthex or the ones located in the Education wing.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE for the call of a pastor continues to be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

JOHN SCHADE MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at 3:00 p.m. this Thursday, June 27th, at Maplewood Cemetery for those who would like to attend.

LEMONADE STAND The ALC Summer Camp kids will once again this year be having a lemonade stand each Friday afternoon during summer camp from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (weather permitting). If you are in the area during those times, please come by for a refreshing cup of lemonade. Proceeds will be going to the Humane Society.

HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY is a service provided to our ALC shut in members. We visit the homebound and serve them communion once a month. Our members include Terry Doyle, Tom & Mary Edwards and Rich & Shirley Friemel. For more information or comments please contact one of the members.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 3rd Quarter (July-September) are available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

USHERS NEEDED We are still in need of more ushers! Please consider helping if you can! Call Shirley Friemel at 217-766-4111 to volunteer or with any questions.

SHEETS NEEDED The Quilting group is still in need of cotton sheets (flat only). These are used for liners in the quilts. Donations may be brought to the church office.

FUNERAL MEALS We are still collecting names of those who would like to be on the list of people that are called to provide salads and desserts for funeral meals. Please call Nikki in the church office if you would like your name added to our list.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. ***Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 111

JUNE PULPIT SCHEDULE

June 30th – Sean O’Donnell

July 7th – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)

July 14th – Pr. Jay Johnson (Communion)

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

NO Women’s Bible Study

Monday, June 24

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, June 25

6:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, June 26

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, June 28

2-4:00 p.m. ALC Summer Camp Lemonade Stand

Sunday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women’s Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024 – June 29, 2024

Prayer: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	Judges 4:1-24	Psalm 33	Luke 18:1-14
Monday	Judges 5:1-31	Psalm 34	Luke 18:15-30
Tuesday	Judges 6:1-40	Psalm 35	Luke 18:31-43
Wednesday	Judges 7:1-25	Psalm 36	Luke 19:1-10
Thursday	Judges 8:1-35	Psalm 37	Luke 19:11-27
Friday	Judges 9:1-57	Psalm 38	Luke 19:28-40
Saturday	Judges 10:1-18	Psalm 39	Luke 19:41-48

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen