

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 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

WOV #776 “Be Thou My Vision”

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.*

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-13

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Rev. James T. Lehmann STS

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #222 “O Bread of Life from Heaven”  
(Please rise as you are able)

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

LBW #221 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*“O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain” (Katherine Lee Bates).*  
*God, thank you for bright summer skies, crops growing to feed the world*  
*and your countless other gifts.*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Rich Friemel

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Steen Bjerre	Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins	Kim Wyre
Maddy & Leah Graves	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	Nick Shepherd	Joyce Keith
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Michael Markarian	Bob Selby	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

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**TABLE GUILD**

**ACOLYTES**

**BULLETIN GREETERS**

**GREETERS**

**LECTOR**

**PRAYER LEADER**

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

**USHERS**

Terri Kirby, Emily Deal  
Aubrie Albers, Kyndall Cox  
Patsy Franzen, Shirley Barnes  
Sue Coffin, Karen Derges  
Dennis Albers  
Monica Carico  
DeAnn McMorris  
Rod & Sandy Heiser, Carson McClain

**WELCOME** As a family of faith, we come to rest in Jesus' presence, sing God's praises and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, our Counselor. Welcome!

**NO QUILTING IN JULY** The quilters will not meet for the rest of the month of July. They will resume meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**50+ POTLUCK** will be held this Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. in the ALC Youth Hall. Please bring a dish to share and come and enjoy this time of food and fellowship.

**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!

**JULY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** The church council will meet this Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room. The elders will meet beforehand at 7:00 p.m.

**LEMONADE STAND** The ALC Summer Camp kids are 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.

**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.

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

**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 – 115

## **JULY PULPIT SCHEDULE**

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Jay Johnson (Communion)

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Deanne Rosenbeck

July 28<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Carl Rasmussen (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:**

Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

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## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, July 7**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

### **Monday, July 8**

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

### **Tuesday, July 9**

11:30 a.m. 50+ Potluck

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### **Wednesday, July 10**

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

### **Thursday, July 11**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Elders Meet

7:30 p.m. Council Meeting

### **Friday, July 12**

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

### **Sunday, July 14**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

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