

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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+The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude "*Jacob's Ladder*" Franklin Ritter Nadine Berg

Welcome and Announcements

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen.**



***Gathering Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

#434 (ELW)

***Greeting**

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

***Kyrie**

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1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and here our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

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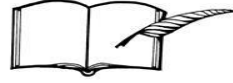
1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord above, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.



A reading from **Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music (Julie Jordan)

"God Will Take Care of You"

Julie Jordan

Children's Message

Pastor Brian Birk

***Gospel Acclamation**

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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.

*Gospel



Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

The holy gospel according to Matthew 11:16-19, 25 30
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Brian Birk

*Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#611 (ELW)

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 Intercession**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Reception of Offering "*Woodland Meditation*" Roy E. Nolte Nadine Berg

***Offertory Response** *This is My Father's World* #824 (vs.2 ELW)

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the
Morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
Rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'ry-where

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



*** Lord's Prayer** p. 208

***Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** "*Lord of All Hopefulness*" #765 (ELW)

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude "*Firm in the Faith I Stand*" David Paxton Nadine Berg

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Brian Birk
Lector: Lynn Wilson
Choir Director : Roy Berg
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Keith & Cindy Eggert / Al Lipke
Videographer: Dustin Davidson & John Law
Tellers: Fred Fawkes & Donna Hoag
Altar Guild: Patty Rediske & Peggy Vidmar

NEWS & NOTES

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Darrold & Laurie Persson in Memory of Dave & Myrna Persson.

The Women's Bible Study will be taking place this Thursday at 10:00 am. Copies of the study will be on the table outside of the church office.



Organs in Revue continues its 39th Summer Recital Series 2023 July 12, 2023 with organist Amy Szumal at 12:00 pm at Faith United Lutheran Church (8964 Highway 37, Iron). All recitals are approx. ½ hour and are free and open to the public. Lunch will be served following most church recitals at a cost of \$8.00.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 9th

9:00 Worship
Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG
10:00 OSLCW
11:15 Chapel of the Pines

Tuesday, 11th

6:30 Church Council Mtg.

Wednesday, 12th

8:00 TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
8:30 Bible Study
10:00 Staff Meeting

Thursday, 13th

10:00 Women's Bible Study



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Get Ready For Day Camp! OSLC along with First Lutheran Church is hosting a Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Day Camp for grades K-5. The day camp will be at First Lutheran Church Monday-Thursday, August 7-10 from 9:00am-3:00pm each day. Registration sheets are available at the Church Office. If you have any questions feel free to give us a call (218) 263-7422. Please register by July 24th.



Camp Vermillion's Bluegrass Festival is now
Sounds of the Northwoods

This summer the festival will happen
on August 5th.

Come and participate in many of the activities
You've enjoyed previous years.

There will be music (of course), food, fellowship,
auctions, the silent auction, the Church Basket Raffle, and more.

Our Savior's "Basket" is entitled
"Everything but the Kitchen Sink."

If you'd like to contribute items to our "Basket,"
We'll be collecting them in the Com Room.