



Faith Lutheran Church

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Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN

July 26, 2020 ~ 10:10 a.m. Library Square

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music “Come, Now is the Time for Worship”

**Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship; Come, just as you are before your God. Come.**

**Chorus: One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.**

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Greeting/Announcements

Song “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

**You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

**Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat, now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well what I have Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain***

**You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary,
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain***

**You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen.**

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.

C: **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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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 fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ 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.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us, by your Spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Faith Seeds Niki Pokornowski

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: "Good Soil"

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of Your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Sermon “The Heart of Romans: The Power of Love” Pastoral Intern Jeff Amundson

Song “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God; Allelu alleluia.**

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Baptized Today

Sunday, July 26, 2020, 10:10 service

Henrik Giovanni Richard Merkins

son of Andrew Merkins and Shannon Timperio

Sponsors: Thomas Wangerin and Brandy Rise

Treydon Allen Mackedanz

son of Anthony and Tayja Mackedanz

Sponsors: Jeremy & Marysa Anderson and Mike & Brittany Hill

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made these new brothers members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive them with love and rejoice with them at their entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering/Special Music "Remember Me" Mona Hjerpe and Ronda Eckhart

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

**Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near; When my life is almost gone
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

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"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:
Romans 8:28-39

- † What are some of the things we worry will separate us from God? How does this word of promise ring through our doubts and fears?
- † How do we feel about being selected by God? Do we have comfort in this selection? Can we become overconfident being one of the selected?
- † Why do we fail in applying God's love? Why must we hear the message of the promise over and over? Why do we doubt?

Important Notes!

- *If you or anyone in your home feels at all unwell, please stay home and watch one of the broadcasts.
- *If you are anxious about gathering at the church, feel free to stay home for now.
- *According to current health guidelines, we do encourage you to print and bring your own copy of the bulletin through the summer to cut down on the contact passing them out entails. The bulletins can be found weekly on our Facebook page and website.
- *We ask family/household groups to maintain social distance when in the church and the park.
- *According to state guidelines, wearing a face mask is now mandated, with some exceptions.
- *More information is available on Faith's Facebook page or in the church office.

~ **Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored by Mike and Karna Blake in honor of their wedding anniversary and in memory of loved ones.

~ **Lectionary Texts for next week:** Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-13 and Matthew 14:13-21

~ **Faith Matters Assembly:** Meet in the Faith Center this Tuesday at 9 a.m.

~ **Caregiver Support Group:** This group will resume meeting again on Thursday, July 30, at 4 p.m. in the Faith Center. If you are stressed out from caring for a family member, please join us. Newcomers are welcome! This may be your opportunity for relief, healing and renewal.

~ **Martin Luther on Trial:** "A virtual presentation by the Fellowship of Performing Arts of this acclaimed production of an afterlife trial for the soul of Martin Luther at Lucifer's request. A fantastical courtroom drama featuring Hitler, Freud, MLK Jr. and Pope Francis as witnesses. All this and a thorough examination of Luther's life and his loving relationship with Katie. Plus, a live talkback with Max McLean following the presentation." This free event will be on Sunday, August 2, from 3-6 p.m. We will show it in the Faith Center. Registration is limited to the first 45 people who contact the church office. You can find more information or register to watch it at home by going to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

~ **Celebration of Life for Mick Wigen:** Please join the Wigen family Friday, August 7, at an open house from 4-7 p.m. at the Crow River Country Club. Honor Mick by wearing Vikings, Twins, Gophers or tropical attire.

~ **Faith Family Fun is Back with Faith Day at the Lake:** Are you ready to get out of the house and have a little fun with the family? You are invited to Piepenburg Park on Sunday, August 9, from 3-6 p.m. At 4 p.m., there will be a Corn Hole Tournament (register at worship today to be placed in the brackets), 5 p.m. is dinner (please pack your own food and drink), other activities will include tie dye (bring your own shirt), swimming, frisbee, sponge and water bucket relay, and more.