



Life does not consist in  
an abundance of  
possessions.

Luke 12:15, NIV

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, July 12, 2020

## 9:30 AM Worship Sixth Sunday after Pentecost LBW Setting One Non-Communion

### PRELUDE AND BELLS

LeAnn Richard

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” – Boddie Winter

“Faith of Our Fathers” – Boddie Winter

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 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.

**C: Amen**

“Thy Word” .....Brent Petersen

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

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**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

**Heavenly Father, scatter the seed of your word in our hearts. Grant that it may be received in joy, sprout and bear the fruits of your mercy as we grow in faith, hope, and love. Then send us into your world to scatter the seeds of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING ..... Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

PSALM.....Psalm 65:1-13

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed.

<sup>2</sup> O you who hear prayer,  
to you shall all flesh come.

<sup>3</sup> When iniquities prevail against me,  
you atone for our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!

<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,

the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas;

<sup>6</sup> the one who by his strength established the mountains,  
being girded with might;

<sup>7</sup> who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples,

<sup>8</sup> so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at  
your signs.

You make the going out of the morning and the evening to  
shout for joy.

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;  
you provide their grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

<sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,

<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

**SECOND READING ..... Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

ALLELUIA

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

GOSPEL READING ..... Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

“Trust and Obey” ..... Brent & Theresa Petersen  
Rick & LeAnn Richard

SERMON ..... Pastor Curt Hanson

“Seek Ye First” ..... Brent & Theresa Petersen  
Rick & LeAnn Richard

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 CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

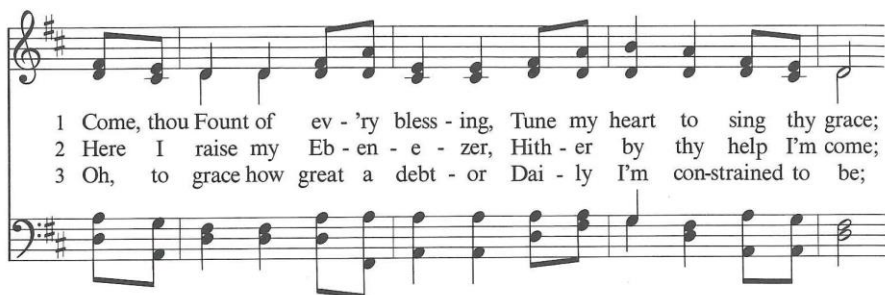
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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**POSTLUDE**

Today’s Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

**PASTOR ..... Pastor Curt Hanson  
READER ..... Brent Petersen  
ORGANIST ..... LeAnn Richard  
USHERS/GREETERS ..... Kaitlyn Carlson & Tiffany Schmitz  
ALTAR GUILD..... Claudette Ness & Maybell Job  
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ..... Randy & Gwen Hall**


## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



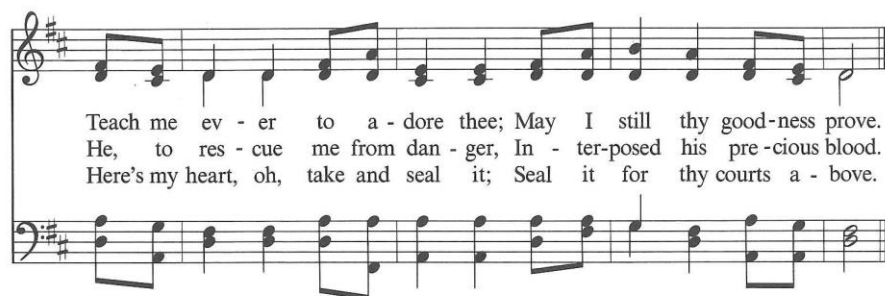
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 And I hope, by thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now like a fet - ter Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.



Teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; May I still thy good - ness prove.  
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts a - bove.



## **Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

## **Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Isaiah declares that the word of God will surely accomplish God’s purpose (55:11). May we eagerly hear God’s message so we might also live it. Welcome to worship.

## **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

## **Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>                      Attendance - 56  
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$5,782.00

## **Prayer Requests**

Virgil Wisdom, Harold Holtz, Cindy Delmonicao – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Mike Thyberg, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Taylor Gardner, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

## **After Worship**

We ask that after the worship service today, if you don’t plan to take your bulletin home with you to please throw it in the garbage can in the narthex on your way out. Also, if you plan to visit, please step out of the building and do so with social distancing in mind. Thank you!

## **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Arlene Bender and family of the death of her husband, LeRoy Bender. LeRoy’s funeral will be this Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am here at First Lutheran. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

## **Sunday, July 19**

Next Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Pastor David Darling from Holland, Indiana will be our pastor.

## **Office Hours**

Jeannette will be in the office this week Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday all day. Friday from 9 – 11 am.

## **FLCW**

FLCW will have a gathering/general meeting at Riverside Park this Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair and a beverage and enjoy an evening of fellowship. In case of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled.

## **Deborah Bible Study**

Deborah Bible Study will meet this Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am at the home of Cathy Sheldon. Cathy Sheldon & Ardee Kurle host.

## **Custodian Position Opening**

We are sorry to say that our custodians, Jared & Sharon Hendrikson have turned in their resignation effective July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in the position please see Jeannette in the church office for a job description and application. Applications are to be returned no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> to the church office.

## **LCMC 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering Delegates**

LCMC 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN. Yes, one day only this year. This is due to the current restrictions placed on group gatherings in the state of Minnesota due to COVID-19. Breakout sessions, fellowship and networking activities, and vendors have been canceled for this year. Registration is limited to 250 people at the gathering and is first come first serve, online only, and limited to voting delegates. **First Lutheran is allowed two voting delegates.** The deadline to register is September 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will be live streamed as usual, however this year they plan to offer a more interactive experience for those who will be “attending” the event from home. If you are interested in being a delegate, please see Jeannette in the church office. She also has a schedule for October 5<sup>th</sup> if you would like to see it.

## **Special Music**

Anyone wishing to do special music during the worship services, please talk to Jeannette in the church office.

## **Our Daily Bread**

The June/July/August issue of *Our Daily Bread* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

## Camp of the Cross

Summer Sundays on the lake at Camp of the Cross Ministries is through Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Worship at 10 a.m. with community picnic to follow – “rain or shine”.

## First Lutheran Church Updates as of July 1, 2020

- First Lutheran will keep maintaining worship services as is, limiting up to a total of 150 people. **Face masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Bring your own mask, if you don't, masks will be available for your use.** As of now we will have Facebook Live services today and next Sunday. See what happens after that.
- There will be no gathering downstairs with the exception of utilizing the restroom facilities. It was determined that AA (Sunday nights), FLCW quilters (no more than 10 people to meet one day a month for quilting), Pastoral Call Committee and Church Council will be the only groups allowed to meet at this time.
- Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- The front door only will be open daily from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm to help keep traffic down during this pandemic.
- We ask that you remember your tithing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church if you will not be attending worship at the church.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
TUES.	10:30 AM	LeRoy Bender Funeral
WED.	7:00 PM	FLCW General Meeting/Fellowship at Riverside Park
THURS.	9:30 AM	Deborah Bible Study at Cathy Sheldon's
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—July 12, 2020**

*“Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” –Matthew 13:8–9*

Why do some people respond to God’s word while others don’t? Jesus answers this question in the parable of the soil. In this parable, the seed represents the Word of God, and the soil represents the human heart. If the seed falls upon good soil, it will take root and grow. However, if it falls upon bad soil, it will not grow to maturity. Thus, the human heart must be good and soft for God’s Word to take root and grow within it.

To make this point, Jesus discusses four types of soil. Some hearts are as hard as a well-trodden path. When God’s Word is sown among such hearts, it remains on the surface and is snatched away by hungry birds. Other hearts are like rocky soil. When God’s Word is sown among these hearts, it sprouts up quickly but soon wilts under the heat of persecution since it has no depth of soil. Still other hearts are like thorny soil in which the thorns represent the cares of the world. When God’s Word is sown in these hearts, the thorns grow up and choke it out.

But there is also good soil which is soft. When God’s Word is sown upon good soil, it takes root and grows up to produce much grain. In other words, God’s Word works within a soft heart, causing one to mature in Christ and bear fruit through good works. Lest we try to take credit for a soft heart ready to have the seed of God’s Word planted within us, we remember that it is all in his capable hands. He tills the soil and plants the seeds. He causes the growth and good works.

By our own sinful nature we are all like the hostile, unreceptive soil, but God has the power to change our hearts so that we become receptive to his Word. He does this through the Word itself! Because God’s Word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), it creates faith in empty hearts just as it once created the world out of nothing!

Thus, we need not despair as we speak God’s Word to others. Since the Spirit works through the Word, God may well use his word to change the very heart that has been previously unreceptive to his Word!

**Prayer:** God, give us confidence in the power of your Word to change unbelieving hearts. Amen.