

**WE ARE  
MORE THAN  
CONQUERORS  
THROUGH  
HIM WHO  
LOVED US.**

**ROMANS 8:37**

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, July 26, 2020

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

PRELUDE AND BELLS

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**

“Are You Washed in the Blood” .... Peggy Moran, Arden Wagner  
Gwen DeMontigny, 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)

**Almighty God, through your Son's death and resurrection you draw all creation into your eternal reign. Grant us the grace to recognize the signs of your reign that surround us every day and the faith to proclaim your coming kingdom to those who have yet to experience your mercy and grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING ..... Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>{Moses said to the Israelites,} "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, 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. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations ...."

PSALM.....Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup> For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

<sup>4</sup> Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts!  
<sup>5</sup> But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!

SECOND READING ..... Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.  
<sup>29</sup>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 among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."  
<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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.

ALLELUIA

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

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 8:23-27

<sup>23</sup> And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.  
<sup>24</sup> And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.  
<sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

"He Leadeth Me" ..... Peggy Moran, Arden Wagner  
Gwen DeMontigny, Brent Petersen

SERMON ..... Pastor Curt Hanson

"It Is Well with My Soul" ..... Peggy Moran, Arden Wagner  
Gwen DeMontigny, Brent Petersen

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

**HYMN .....On Back Page  
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

POSTLUDE

Today’s Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

- PASTOR ..... Pastor Curt Hanson
- READER..... Kathy Keller
- ORGANIST ..... Theresa Petersen
- USHERS/GREETERS ..... Alton & Brenda Krebsbach  
Claudette Ness
- ALTAR GUILD ..... Claudette Ness & Maybell Job
- SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ..... Randy & Gwen Hall

**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.**

Welcome, dear friends. Because nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39), we have gathered to respond in worship and praise.

**Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

**Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> Attendance - 72  
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,170.00

## **Prayer Requests**

Marilynn Wollmuth – Sister-in-law to Steve & Peggy Wollmuth, Jim & Mary Ann Foss – Friends of Arden & Sande Wagner, 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!

## **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.

## **Special Music**

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

## **Church Cleaning**

Church cleaning for August has been put on hold. Due to the church being unlocked limited hours and the rise in COVID 19 numbers it was decided to not do a deep cleaning at this time.

## **Christ in Our Home and Our Daily Bread**

The July/August/September issue of *Christ in Our Home* and 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.

## **Connections Magazine**

The July/August issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to read updates from NALC & LCMC plus other interesting articles.



## **LWR Kits**

With school supplies going on sale, now is the time to help put together kits for LWR. Put the items in the quilting closet at the bottom of the front stairs when you bring them to the church. Bolded items are especially needed. The following are items needed to make one school kit and one baby care kit:

### School Kits:

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper**
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One 2 1/2" eraser**
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

### Baby Care Kits:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

## **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".

## 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.

## 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. Watch Facebook and our website, [www.flcwashburn](http://www.flcwashburn) for further updates on Facebook Live services.
- 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
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—July 26, 2020**

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”*

*– Matthew 13:44 –*

Jesus said that the kingdom of God is at hand, yet it has not yet come in its fullness. For now it is hidden, but one day it will be fully manifest. To express this complex reality, we say that God’s kingdom is “both already and not yet.” However, since this kingdom is also realized in time, perhaps we should say that it is “already, not yet, and coming.”

God’s kingdom is both costly and valuable. It costs us our entire lives, but it also gives us better lives in return. It gives us better lives by placing our daily work within a context of ultimate meaning and purpose, thereby ensuring that even our “mundane” work is eternally significant. In exchange for such value we should be willing to pay a commensurate price. As my grandfather once said to me, “Son, if you want good oats, you have to pay a good price, but if you want the oats that have already been through the horse, why they’re a bit cheaper.”

A parable uses an illustration to make a single point. Therefore, we should not unduly press the details of a parable. In our parable the man found the treasure, but we know that God is the one who finds us. In the parable the man hid and hoarded the treasure, but we know that we should proclaim and share the kingdom. In interpreting our parable, we don’t press these details because they are not the main point. The main point is that the kingdom is hidden, costly, and valuable.

The kingdom is valuable because it gives us something to live for. It is not just fire insurance that keeps us from going to hell. It calls us forth to invest our lives in God’s purpose in all that we do. Because the kingdom is a reign not a realm, it is not limited to the church. Rather, it is realized in every vocational sphere (family, church, state, workplace, and neighborhood) where God’s rule is embraced. And for just this reason, it infuses every aspect of our lives with ultimate purpose and meaning.

**Prayer:** Father, use our lives to advance your kingdom in all that we do, in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

## Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Source of pur - est plea - sure, Tru - est  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me Can - not  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, For the Lord of glad - ness, Je - sus,

friend to me: Ah, how long I've pant - ed, And my heart has  
 reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be  
 en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, Though the storms may

faint - ed, Thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot-less Lamb;  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell  
 gath - er, Still have peace with - in. Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,

I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, Nought I ask be - side thee.  
 With their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 Still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!