A silhouette of a city skyline, likely New York City, is shown against a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. The buildings are dark against the lighter background, with some windows visible on the right side. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

**Be transformed  
by the renewal  
of your mind.**

**Romans 12:2**

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, August 23, 2020

## 9:30 AM Worship Twelfth 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**

“Faith of Our Fathers”..... Randy & Gwen Hall  
Rick Richard, Peggy Moran

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)

**Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING ..... Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup>For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

PSALM.....Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.

<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.  
<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
<sup>5</sup> and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.  
<sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.  
<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING ..... Romans 11:33-12:8

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” <sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 16:13-19, 21-26

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

<sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ..... Randy & Gwen Hall  
Rick Richard, Peggy Moran

SERMON ..... Pastor Curt Hanson

“Lord of All Hopefulness” ..... Randy & Gwen Hall  
Rick Richard, Peggy Moran

**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 Next Two Pages  
"The Church's One Foundation"**

**POSTLUDE**

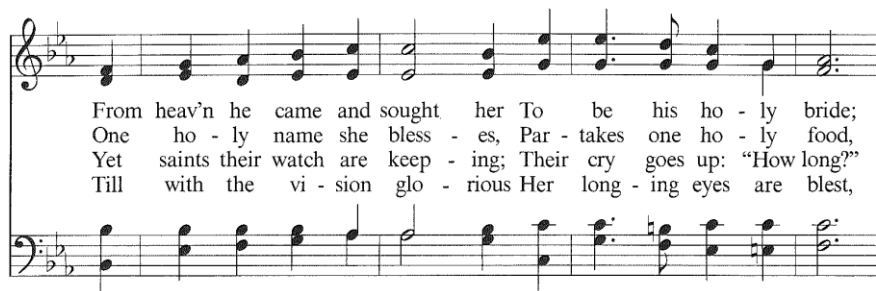
## The Church's One Foundation



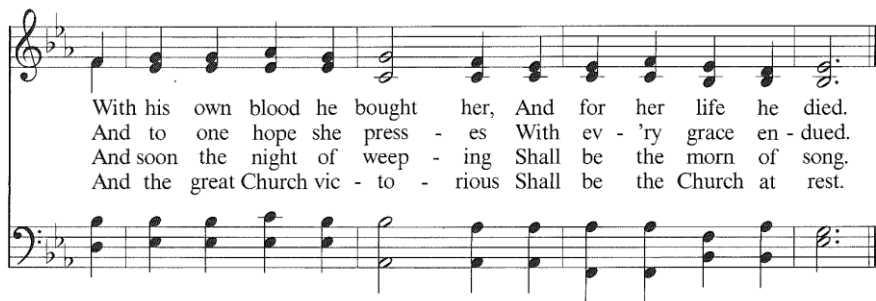
1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.



5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see you face to face.

*Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900*  
*Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876*

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Curt Hanson  
READER..... Sonja Bergstedt  
ORGANIST..... LeAnn Richard  
USHERS/GREETERS .....Randy & Janet Hanson  
ALTAR GUILD ..... Claudette Ness & Maybell Job  
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS .....Randy & Janet Hanson

**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 to this opportunity to worship our loving and life-giving God! “Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

**Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

**Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> Attendance - 70  
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$1,765.00

**Prayer Requests**

Wes Sauer, Lori Ficklin and family on the loss of their Mandan apartment due to fire, Taylor Gardner, Alexis Thompson – Granddaughter to Sylvia Thompson, Virgil Wisdom, Harold Holtz, Cindy Delmonicao – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, 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!

## **Sunday, August 30**

Next Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, we have two exciting events happening.

1. Confirmation Sunday – Seven youth will reaffirm their baptism during the worship service. They will take pictures starting at 8:30 am. They will also receive their gifts during worship that should have been given to them at the confirmation tea which was cancelled due to Covid-19.
2. At approximately 10:45 am we will have a special congregational meeting to vote on calling Charles Mann as our pastor as recommended by the call committee. All members are welcome. Only voting members (defined as confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year) will have the privilege of voice and vote at this meeting. Materials for the meeting will be placed in the narthex prior to start of the meeting. These materials will include voter registration and ballot sheets, pens to be taken and retained by voters, and a draft Letter of Call for your review.

The purpose for this meeting is specific to the call of a pastor for First Lutheran Church, and will include the following two orders of business provided the requirements for a quorum are met:

- A vote by written ballot to approve placing a Letter of Call to candidate Charles Mann will be held (approval will require a 2/3 majority).
- If the candidate is approved, a second vote by sign to approve the salary and compensation to be included in the Letter of Call will be called (approval will require a simple majority).

## **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.

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

The September/October/November issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the July/August/September issue of *Christ in Our Home* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy of each to use with your daily devotions.

In addition to being available in print, both standard size and large print, *Christ in Our Home* is now available as eBooks. You can purchase them on Amazon Kindle, Barnes and Noble Nook, Apple iBooks, Google Play Books, and Kobo Reader Stores. This is a great way to get the devotional if you can't get to church to pick up your subscription, or if you're new to the devotional!

## **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, one baby care kit and one personal 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

### Personal Care Kits:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

## First Lutheran Church Updates as of August 5, 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. Watch Facebook and our website, [www.flcwashburn](http://www.flcwashburn) for further updates regarding Facebook Live services.
- It was determined that the following groups of no more than 24 people are the only groups allowed to meet at the church at this time - AA, FLCW quilters (one day a month for quilting), Pastoral Call Committee, Church Council, Choir, Bell Choir, Deborah Bible Study, Chat & Sew Quilters and Mommy's Group. **No food to be served at this time or coffee hour.**
- Doors will be open daily from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- 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.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
THURS.	9:00 AM	Quilting
SAT.	1:00 PM	Private Baptism
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Rite of Confirmation
	10:45 AM	Special Congregational Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting

# Listening for the Promise

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2020

*[Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

How many people in this world do you really, truly know? Maybe a handful? Maybe one or two? Sometimes it’s hard enough knowing ourselves, let alone others. Just when you think you know someone, they reveal something about themselves that either shocks or delights you. Knowing those we love and care for can be a life-long endeavor.

Jesus wanted to know what people were saying about him, but more than that, he really wanted to know if his closest friends and disciples knew who he was. As the men reported back to the Lord what others were saying about him, “some say you are John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the other prophets,” Jesus challenged them asking, “But who do YOU say that I am?” Simon Peter got this one right! “You are the Messiah, the chosen one of Israel, the Christ we’ve been waiting for.” Well, he didn’t exactly say all that, but he did get the right answer. Jesus told him that it was the Holy Spirit who provided that response, but congratulations none-the-less.

Peter’s confession of faith was rewarded with a phrase that has often been read into, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.” Simon’s nickname, “Peter,” is “rock” in Aramaic. In the early church this was taken to be a justification for the papacy. Whether you believe that part or not is beside the point. The point is really about his confession of faith which would be used by Christ as the foundation of the nascent church.

We are called to make this same confession when asked, “Who do you say Jesus is?” There are many phrases that answer that and each of them is an acknowledgment of who Jesus is, to us and the world, and what anchors us to his life-giving, self-sacrificing love. “He is my Lord.” “He is the Savior!” “He is my all in all!” However we say it when we are queried is the very rock that Christ builds his church upon. Two thousand years ago the rock was Peter, Paul, James, John, Thomas, Mary, Martha, and the rest. Today it’s you, me, our neighbors, friends, church family and saints all around the world who have been built into the Living Stone, the solid rock foundation of the Bride of Christ! Don’t complicate it too much. Take Jesus at his word and know that he gives you the faith you need to confess him as Lord and on your confession he builds his church. He does this! Amen.

**You Are Invited!**



# BE THE GENERATION of Faith

Join Us in Support of Global Missions & SON Network

L I V E S T R E A M I N G E V E N T

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 | 7:00 PM CENTRAL / 6:00 PM MOUNTAIN

For more information, visit: [SONetwork.org](http://SONetwork.org)



**REV. DR. GEMECHIS BUBA**

NALC Assistant to the Bishop  
for Global Missions



**PASTOR GREG FINKE**

Executive Director,  
Dwelling 1:14



With a message of invitation  
from SON Executive Director,

**PASTOR DAVID BREIDENBACH**



**A Great Event for Families, Youth Groups, Bible Study Groups, and Church Leaders!**

SON (Spiritual Orphans Network) was formally known as (EEMN) East European Missions Network.

As we find ourselves in this extraordinary time in life and ministry, Christians everywhere are seeking ways that we can still make a Kingdom impact in our own communities and in the lives of pre-Christians across the globe. This is why SON Network is inviting you and those you love to join us for an evening of inspiration, worship, learning, great music, and an invitation to BE THE GENERATION of Faith!

This 90 minute program will feature Keynote Speakers: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba – NALC Assistant to the Bishop for Global Missions; and Pastor Greg Finke – Executive Director of Dwelling 1:14 and author of *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. They will also be joined by Christian musicians, Tom Crow and friends; testimonies from overseas ministry partners, along with a personal invitation from the Executive Director of SON Network, Pastor David Breidenbach to BE THE GENERATION of Faith.

Families, Youth Groups, Bible Study Groups, and Church Leaders are all encouraged to tune in and receive messages of hope, inspiration, and encouragement to join our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in His mission!

This is a FREE LIVE STREAMING EVENT!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th

8pm Eastern / 7pm Central / 6pm Mountain / 5pm Pacific

LOG ON to:



[SONetwork.org](https://sonnetwork.org)

*This 90 minute program will also be recorded for later viewing on our Spiritual Orphans Network Facebook page.*