

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
305 Livingston St, Filley, NE
Pastor LuRae Hallstrom
Reformation/Confirmation Sunday
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RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 46)

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

P: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

C: "Be still, and know that I am God!"

P: I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

MESSAGE: “We Have a Place to Stand”

Rev. Arden Dorn

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Spirit Song"

(Words printed for meditation/reflection only - no singing.)

1. Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love. Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus: Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

2. Oh, come and sing this song with gladness, as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness. Give Him all your years of pain.

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Chorus

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus who taught us to pray...

THE 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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here in person, in the parking lot and on-line!

OUR THANKS to Pastor Arden Dorn for being our worship leader this morning.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pastor LuRae & Bob Hallstrom, Ron Weiss, Henry & Ann Lenner, Scott & Dayna Anderson, Delores Baehr, Dustin Fritch, our shut-ins.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of John Fritzen, Glenda (Don) Van Eperen's brother), who passed away October 19 in Lincoln. John's memorial services will be Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Fox Funeral Home. We commend John to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: This morning, Tatum Timothy Crocker, son of Timothy and Stephanie Crocker, is being received into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Tatum was born February 1, 2020 in Kearney, NE and his sponsors are Ryan Hunt and Abigail Gamez.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Brady Bledsaw, Jaxon Janssen, and Tristen Ray on your Confirmation Day! May the Holy Spirit be your guide and inspiration! Our thoughts are also with Kellen Anderson whose confirmation has been postponed until December because of Covid-19 in his family.
Brady Bledsaw - Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers for they should be called the children of God."

Jaxon Janssen - Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Tristen Ray - Genesis 27:3 "Now then take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt some wild for me."

Kellen Anderson - Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart so that I might not sin against you."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Dayna Anderson, Colten Baker, Lily Robertson (Oct. 25), Dean Heideman (Oct. 26), Lodene Kaufman, Sara Miley, Ann Weyers (Oct. 27), Travis Baehr, Jolene Huls (Oct. 28), Autumn Schmale (Oct. 29), Bill Harder (Oct. 30).

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Mike & Brie Rehms (10-27-07) and Phillip & Melissa McKernan (10-27-18).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School begins each Sunday after the Children's Sermon and is held from approximately 9:45-10:30 a.m. Classes will be divided between Preschool-1st grade and Second-Fifth grade. We are looking for two teachers for each Sunday and would prefer to have parents of students. **Please sign the sheet in the narthex for the Sundays that you are willing to help.**

JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT – Saturday, October 31, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at American Lutheran, Filley. Candy, games, food and prizes! Reserve your trunk at 402-239-0049.

FOOD DRIVE: The competition is on!! The council is asking all members to participate in the Thanksgiving Food Drive Challenge. The kickoff is October 22. Each participant will be given an empty box and a calendar page listing a food item to be placed in your box for each of the following 30 days. On November 22, we would ask for you to bring the filled box back to church, when we can display the boxes before delivering to the Community Food Pantry for distribution for those in need. Please contact a council member to get your box and calendar page.

FREE MASKS: If you haven't received your free mask yet, be sure to get one this Sunday. They come in grey and black and say FAITH > *(is greater than)* FEAR @ American Lutheran Church/Filley, NE.

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BULLETINS EACH WEEK CAN BE FOUND on Facebook and on our website, filleylutheranchurch.com. Bulletins are also being sent out by email to everyone that we have an email address for. If you are not receiving the bulletin by email and would like it, please email Sandy at smahleris@gmail.com with your email address.

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