

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska

Rev. Jonathan Jensen, Transitional Minister, 402-768-3665

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16)

P: ¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: ²I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."

P: ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

C: ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

P: ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

P: ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: ⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

P: ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C: ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

P: ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GATHERING HYMN: "Prayer of St. Francis"

#174(OSB)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” ¹⁷he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (*Noisy offering is taken at this time.*)

(Children are excused to go downstairs for Sunday School.)

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Jesus, Still Lead On” LBW 341, vv. 1,3,4

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 PEOPLE:

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. Bring healing, we pray, to Helen, Dustin and Sara. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

(All those who have served our country are asked to stand if possible and remain standing during the prayer.)

All: Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

CLOSING HYMN: **"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"** #566(LBW)

(Excerpts of this service are taken by permission from "Worship Resources, Making it Work in the Parish" by Rev. Jerry Nelson) (Portions of this service reprinted from *Lutheran Book of Worship*, ©1978. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #13855-L)

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! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Helen Fritzen, Dustin Fritch, Sara Miley and our shut-ins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Matt Baehr, Stephanie Whitlinger (Nov. 14) Avery Keedy, Tracy Lenner (Nov.15) Wyatt Currie, Brandy Sathoff (Nov. 18) David Norton (Nov. 20)

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Lenhart Fritzen who celebrated his 95th birthday on November 10. His family will be serving cake at fellowship in honor of his birthday..

THE SHAKE & BAKE CHURCH CHICKS Will be meeting this Wednesday Nov. 17 at 9:30 here at the church to prepare meals that will be delivered.

COOKIES, COCOA, & HELPERS are needed for the stone Barn Christmas on Dec. 5 Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you can help.

MERCY MEALS Will be held December 6 from 4-6 pm at Odell Community Building. Sign up sheet will be in the back of church.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS will take place at our worship service today.

SECOND ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE: The council is asking all members to participate in the Thanksgiving Food Drive Challenge again this year. Please check your October Newsletter for the calendar of food items that we will be gathering. You can bring all your items to church on November 21 or before - we will display all the items donated and then deliver them to the Community Food Pantry for distribution to those in need. If you need a calendar page, there are extras in the back of church. Thank you for participating in this ministry!

FOR THE 2ND YEAR we have qualified for a \$500 grant from Thrivent, if we can gather 500 cans of food during October 24th through November 21st. Our church has selected Beatrice Community Food Pantry as the recipient. Please pick up your calendar and boxes and let's do it again. Let's give with a gracious heart and help others.

SUNMART RECEIPTS: Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan

Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 two times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about **\$65,000.00**. You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE: You can find our church website at www.filleylutheranchurch.com or by scanning this QR code:



BULLETIN ITEMS are due by Tuesday evenings. Please call or text Britan Meints at (308)-730-0599 or email her at britanrace@gmail.com

BULLETINS EACH WEEK CAN BE FOUND 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 Britan at britanrace@gmail.com with your email address.

COMING UP:

Every Wednesday – BeLoved/Confirmation, 4:00-5:30 p.m. (no classes on Nov. 24, Dec. 22, Dec. 29)

Sunday, Nov. 21 – Thankoffering Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 28 – First Sunday in Advent

Monday, Dec. 6 – Mercy Meals

WORSHIP HELPERS:

Transitional Minister – Pastor Jonathan Jensen, 402-768-3665

Council – Dave Norton-President (402-520-3555), Virgil Jobman-Vice President (402-310-6339), Carol Frerichs-Secretary (402-223-7919), Brenda Hippen-Treasurer (402-688-4466), Linda Searcey-at large (402-223-8237).

Reader: Mary Ann Harms

PowerPoint Preparer/Presenter – Brenda Hippen/Susan Frerichs

Accompanist: Sandy Mahler

Fellowship: Fritzen Family