

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska
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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 97)

P: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

C: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

P: Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

C: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

P: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth.

C: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

P: All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

C: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.

P: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

C: The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

P: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

C: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

GATHERING HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #561 (LBW)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought 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: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14; 16-17, 20-21

²⁴"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Soon and Very Soon" #744 (WOV)
Offerings will be received at this time.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

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.

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 HYMN: "When Peace, like a River" #346(LBW)

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! 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: Elva Parde and our shut-ins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Amy Heidemann, Ashley Weyers (May 29), Chris Milburn, Madisyn Shufeldt (May 30), Karla Hill (May 31), Elva Parde (June 1), Zachary Baehr, Ryan Hunt (June 2), Sunday Bowhay (June 3).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Lorin & Bonnie Bartels (May 30, 1969), Ray & Lee Lenner (June 1, 1984), Dave & Betty Norton (June 1, 1996), Norm & Sandy Flesner (June 2, 1972), Henry & Ann Lenner (June 2, 1957), Rodney & Eileen Schmale (June 4, 1988).

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Elva Parde, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on June 1. God's richest blessings be with you!

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Keilan Schultz, Nick (DaLena) Schultz's brother, who passed away Saturday, May 21. We commend Keilan to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES will be at the Virginia Cemetery starting at 9:30 a.m. and the Filley Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Please join us following the services for lunch at the Virginia Legion Hall.

NORMAN AND SANDRA FLESNER OF VIRGINIA are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple married June 2, 1972. An open house will be held at the Virginia American Legion Hall June 4, 2022, from 4-8 PM. Well wishes may also be sent to 60715 720 RD, Virginia, NE 68458.

CONGRATULATIONS to Henry & Ann Lenner, who will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on June 2, God's richest blessings be with you!

WELCA will meet on June 1, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Bible Study Leader is Pat Jobman on Tamar page 41. Hostess is Delores Huls.

THANK YOU to Tom and Jane Young for help picking up the roadside on Hoyt Road.

CHURCH MEMBER CONTACT BOOKLET we are in the process of making a Church Member Contact List Booklet. We would appreciate it if you could fill out the information on the slip in the bulletin or in the June's newsletter and return to the church, give to Jolene Huls, Pat Jobman or email to alcfilley@hotmail.com.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY is in Kearney June 2-4. Our delegates Pat and Virgil Jobman along with Pastor Jensen will be attending. The big item on the agenda is the election of a new Bishop. Candidates are listed on the Nebraska Synod website. The website is www.nebraskasynod.org and in the search box type bishop candidates 2022 and it should bring up the candidates for election. Let one of your assembly attendees know your feelings on the candidates.

JUNE THRIVENT PROJECT: Undie Month!! We will be collecting all sizes of new underwear for children, women and men through the month of June. We will deliver to area schools and other organizations that are in need. This Thrivent Action Project is sponsored by Delores Huls.

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 three times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$48,500.00. 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!

COMING UP:

June 2-4 – Synod Assembly in Kearney

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER If anyone would like something published in the monthly newsletter email Dave Norton at norton_dan@yahoo.com by the third Sunday of the month.

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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 Brenda at filleylutheranchurch@gmail.com with your email address.

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