

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 24, 2022**

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska

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

PRELUDE: "Spirit Song", "Sanctuary"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**C: Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 138)

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

**C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

P: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**C: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

P: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**C: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**C: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Here In This Place" 718 (WOV) vv. 1-2

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Name of The Lord"

*Offerings will be received at this time.*

**1. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High! Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High!**

CHORUS: **The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run in to it, and they are saved. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run in to it, and they are saved.**

**2. Glory to the name of the Lord. Glory to the name of the Lord; Glory to the name of the Lord Most High! Glory to the name of the Lord. Glory to the name of the Lord; Glory to the name of the Lord Most High!**

CHORUS

**3. Holy is the name of the Lord. Holy is the name of the Lord. Holy is the name of the Lord Most High! Holy is the name of the Lord. Holy is the name of the Lord; Holy is the name of the Lord Most High! CHORUS**

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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: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

P: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**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: "You Are My All in All"

**You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame. Rising again I bless Your name, You are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up. When I am dry, you fill by cup. You are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

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## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE: "God Be With You"

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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:** Helen Fritzen and our shut-ins.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Andrew Peterson (July 29), Tanner Bowhay (July 30).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Jim & Carol Frerichs (July 30, 1966).

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Dennis Milburn, Chris (Ashley) Milburn's father, who passed away July 15. Dennis's funeral was Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Wymore. We commend Dennis to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with the BeLOVED program on Wednesday afternoons. We will work with your schedule. You can do one day a month, two or three whatever works. We need kitchen help, teacher assistance, teachers, where is your talent. We have approximately 50 youth. We will start September 14 and go through the school year. The youth arrive about 4 and we end at 5:15. Let Brenda Hippen know if you are available. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** for all the lovely quilts. They are beautiful. The families really appreciate them, as each is able to take one home with them. We also use the quilts to cover the incubators, which make the room look so homey! Ellen/NICU.

**THANK YOU** for all the food and monetary gifts you have donated to the Community Food Pantry. Your generosity is truly appreciated to help feed many needy families. Karen Mains, Food Pantry Coordinator.

**BELOVED MEETING** Sunday, August 7 following worship. Any person who volunteers in any capacity please join us.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** August 7, 2022 from 4 to 6 pm at St. John Lutheran Church basement in Sterling, Ne. University of NE Dairy Store Ice Cream, vanilla, butter brickle and strawberry. Homemade cake and drinks. Free will donation with proceeds to repair tombstones at St. John Cemetery. Sponsored by St. John Cemetery Committee and Thrivent Action Team.

**JULY THRIVENT PROJECT:** We are looking for gently used SHOES for kids and adults. Stop at garage sales – look in your closets – or ask your grandkid if they have some outgrown shoes. Let's do our part in helping others. ALSO, we will be taking COATS now and in the month of August. Thrivent Card sponsor is Betty Norton.

**DAY ONE** - Our church is sponsoring Day One that is broadcast on KWBE Sunday mornings at 7:00 am.

July 24 & Aug. 7- Sponsored by American Lutheran Church of Filley as a Thrivent Action Team Project to remember those less fortunate by contributing to your local food pantry for items in need.

We **Thank You** for your continue support in this ministry and being a **Light** in many lives.

**PLEASE HELP FILL OUR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS!**

School sales are on so please add the needed items to your shopping lists and bring them to church. Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies sometimes mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. And when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority...yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. All items should be new and in good condition.

Each School Kit needs:

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 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One 2½" eraser

Please help fill our bags and be a part of this ministry. Jane Young is sponsor of this Thrivent card. Thank you!!!

**THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** will meet **TODAY** after church.

**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 \$84,000.00. 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!

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** If anyone would like something published in the monthly newsletter email Dave Norton at [norton\\_dan@yahoo.com](mailto:norton_dan@yahoo.com) by the third Sunday of the month.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE:** You can find our church website at [www.filleylutheranchurch.com](http://www.filleylutheranchurch.com) or by scanning this QR code:



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**BULLETINS EACH WEEK CAN BE FOUND** on our website, [filleylutheranchurch.com](http://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](mailto:filleylutheranchurch@gmail.com) with your email address.

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