

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 7th, 2024

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Message: Gary Nerlien

Organist/Pianist: Delores Knudson

Lay Reader: Gladie Hagen

Usher: Petznick family, Stu Anderson

Counters: David & Sharron Petznick, Steph Perkins

Sound/Video: Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

Prelude

-Delores Knudson

Welcome – Announcements

Greeting

The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Dialogue and Prayer

God called to Abraham: **“Go! Set out! And I will bless you.”**

God calls to us: **“Come! Feel the water on your head!**

Hear the promise of new life. **Spread my word through all the world.”**

Let us pray. God of beginnings, you called Abraham and Sarah, leading them to unknown places. In the waters of baptism, you claim us and send us out as your children. Wash us with your grace and shower us with your Spirit, so that we journey into the world overflowing with your love.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” ¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Hymn..... *O Word of God Incarnate* ELW 513

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Reading

Message Text: 1 Peter 2:6 “The Rock”

⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Message

Gary Nerlien

Hymn of the Day*Faith of Our Fathers* ELW 812

Dialogue and Prayer

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” **We believe in God, we believe in Christ.**

“I go to prepare a dwelling place for you.” **You are the way, the truth, and the life.**

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.” **Lord, we abide in your love.**

“You know the way to the place where I am going.” **Jesus, lead us in the path of your peace.**

Let us pray. God of resurrection, **neither death nor life will separate us from your love. Walk with us when our journeys lead toward home. Strengthen us to follow the way of the cross and bring us at last into the joy of your heavenly kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn.....*Just a Closer Walk with Thee* ELW 697

Offering – Noisy offering

Offering is received in the pews, or electronically through Vanco.

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* ELW 414

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

-Delores Knudson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome, we are glad you are here!
Join us for coffee in the Fireside room after worship.*

The Lifest crew is packing up and coming home today!

Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering on Sunday, today and the 28th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is Day Spring Children’s School.

Sunday Attendance and Giving		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
July 7	37	\$10,575
June 30	47	\$2,445
June 23	Fairgrounds	
June 16	45	\$1,605

Electronic Income	
<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$3,514.05	\$17,172.63

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 14	9:00 am	Service with N.O.
	10:30 am	DCV
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday, July 16		Manna Truck
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, July 17	7:00 pm	S.H. Youth
Thursday, July 18	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, July 21	9:00 am	Service with H.C.
	10:30 am	DCV with H.C.
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth

Mission Project for July
Dayspring Children's School