

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29th, 2021

9:00am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Loraine Mix

Lay reader: Heather Rheingans

Sound/Video: Hayden Moore, Mark Willand

Counters: David & Sharron Petznick, Steph Perkins

Altar Guild: LEAH Circle

Prelude

-Loraine Mix

Welcome – Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us.** It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. **Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" ELW 863



1 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
2 How won-der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
5 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

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

Psalms 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

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Gospel

The holy gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Becky Sogge

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering is received in the plates at the entrance of the sanctuary or electronically through Give Plus+

Offering Prayer

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.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" V. 1,2 & 5 ELW 879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ
That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

-Lorraine Mix

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Hulshizer Pipe Organ Recital, August 31st at 12:15pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 222 6th Ave. S.W. Rochester, MN.

The altar flowers are in celebration of Lauren Severson and Anthony Welty's wedding.

The additional flower arrangement is in memory of Evelyn Urbatsch from her family.

There are two quilts for silent auction in the Narthex. Bidding will go through Sunday, August 29th and all proceeds go towards the "Kitchen Fund".

First Lutheran Church Council and Pastor Becky have decided to move Sunday morning worship outside until further notice due to the rise COVID rates. Please bring your lawn chairs and join us!

Mission Project for August
FLC Youth Fund

Weekly Attendance and Giving		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
August 22	41	\$1,451.00
August 15	57	\$535.00
August 8	38	\$1,895.00
August 1	51	\$1,098.00

Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, August 29	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Worship Service with N.O.* JH. Youth
Tuesday, August 31	11:00 am 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting AA –Al-Anon
Wednesday, September 1	7:00 pm	SH. Youth
Thursday, September 2	8:30 am 9:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Quilting Prayer Group Taekwondo Stewardship Meeting
Friday, September 3		Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, September 4		Gordon / Madson Wedding
Sunday, September 5	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Worship Service with H.C.* JH. Youth

*H.C. is Holy Communion and N.O. is Noisy Offering