

July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from all congregations – Hope, Augustana, First Lutheran
Worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

www.hopeff.org www.augustanalutheran.org
www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being in the presence of our beloved God.

Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

GATHERING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW #556 vv. 1-3

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ry

CANTICLE OF PRAISE*Congregation sings refrain only*

ELW #S185

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Gloray to God in the high-
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

(vs. 1) ELW # 595

Vs. 1

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

RECOGNITION OF KAELE PETERSON

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:18-25

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S 188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:24-30; 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of

Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

VICAR LYNN MELCHIOR

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793 vv. 1, 2, & 4

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I may ev - er reach heav - en's joys, thou with me, Lord.

thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: Irish traditional

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THE 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

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

HYMN

"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.

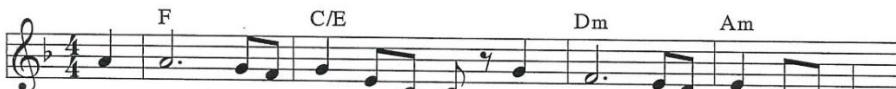
Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: Handt Hanson

GOOD SOIL
P.M.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks"



F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



B♭ F/A E♭ C⁷

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



B♭ F/A E♭ C⁷

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Am Dm⁷ Gm C⁷
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways.

In an upper room of a guest house in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The body of Christ given for you. (*all share in eating the bread*)

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you. (*all sharing in drinking of the cup*)

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW#656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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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

Almighty God, Father, [†]Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

ELW #574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
 Music: Daniel L. Schutte
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HERE I AM, LORD
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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INTERIM PASTOR AT AUGUSTANA – We would like to welcome Pastor David Strom as our interim pastor. His first day with us was Wednesday, July 1st. He will be working with us part time. If you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please contact Angie and she will get his phone number to you. WELCOME PASTOR DAVID!

SUNDAY WORSHIP—Sunday morning services can be heard at 9:30 am on 97.7 FM or viewed on YouTube by searching First Lutheran Fergus Falls.

OFFERING – If you have offering you would like to give to Augustana, please mail it to the church at 308 East Douglas Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. Other options for giving are Simply Giving and Tithely. For Simply Giving, contact Angie for an authorization form and she will get you signed up. Tithely is our new online giving option. You can visit our Facebook page for the link to Tithely or you can download the Tithely app on your smartphone or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. Any questions, call Angie at (218)736-5308.

ONLINE CHURCH SOCIAL – Every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm, all Augustana members are invited to our Online Church Social. You can also participate by phone. Come to check in with each other and visit! If you need the Zoom link sent to you again, please let Angie know. July's online social will be July 22nd and August's socials will be August 5th and 19th.

COMMUNION – This Sunday we will have communion during our livestreamed and broadcasted worship service. We will be celebrating communion every Sunday. You are encouraged to participate as you feel comfortable by having your own bread (whatever kind works for you; even a cracker works) and wine or juice (even water works) at home to share during that time in worship.





Augustana Lutheran Church's Welcome Statement

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-off or down on your luck. We especially welcome crying babies and excited toddlers. We welcome single parent families and those with no family at all, individuals with special needs and individuals in need of Christ's love. We welcome you whether you can sing like Michael Buble or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up or just got out of prison. It makes no difference to us if you were awarded a Sunday School Perfect Attendance Pin or you haven't been to church since Christmas Eve Service when you were five.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those with an 11:30 tee-time, and those with nowhere to be, active duty military members, veterans, keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, 'vegetarians, junk food eaters, teetotalers and homebrewers. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because you're visiting Grandma and she insisted on coming. We welcome those who are tattooed, pierced, both or neither.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or took a wrong turn on Cascade Avenue and ended up here by mistake. We don't believe it was by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, vacationers, seekers, skeptics, believers in God, people in need of a God who believes in them, and, of course, you.

- *The origin of Augustana's Welcome Statement is a bit mysterious. It was adopted at Coventry Cathedral in England, but shared with their minister by a friend from the US. Later, the minister of Coventry Cathedral was contacted and told that it came originally from a small church in Wales who simply asked that whenever it was used people would thank God for its writer. We thank God for the writer and for those who contributed to its present adaptation and, especially, for those who strive to live out Jesus' wide welcome day after day.*