

First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Service of the Word

Introduction to the Day: Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*** Congregation rises in body and/or spirit**

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

***Gathering Song: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" vs. 1 - 4 # 696**

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Please be seated.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God" pg. 213-215

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory to

God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Service of Holy Baptism for Wrenley Vera Olsen

***Baptismal Hymn:**

"Borning Cry" (Verses 1-2)

#732

Please be seated.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism pg. 228

Sponsors: We present Wrenley Vera Olsen for baptism

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your daughter Wrenley baptized into Christ?

Parents Response: We do and we ask God to guide us.

P: As you bring Wrenley to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities.

To live with her among God's faithful people.

Bring her to the word of God and the holy supper.

Teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments.

Place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer.

So that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed.

Care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents Response: We do and we ask God to guide us.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Wrenley in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do and we ask God to guide us.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Wrenley and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do and we ask God to guide us.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: Wrenley Vera Olsen I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Wrenley with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Marking of the Sign and the Anointing of Oil

P: Wrenley, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

May God bless your ears that you may forever hear God's love for you.

May God bless your eyes that you may forever see the wonders of God in your life.

May God bless your mouth that you may forever sing praises to God.

May God bless your hands that you may forever serve others and those in need.

May God bless your feet that you may forever walk in the light of the Lord.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to Wrenley's family.

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P: We now welcome Wrenley Olsen as a blessed child of God and a member of our FLC family.

Please rise for the singing of the following hymn.

***Baptismal Hymn: "Borning Cry" (Verses 3-4) #732**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Psalm 145 *Read Responsively*

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** – pg. 216 *Please rise.*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Gospel: John 6:1-21

P: The holy gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

***Hymn of the Day: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" vs. 1-3 # 708**

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain

3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing, especially . . . Arnold Frank, Aaron Johnson - he has improved, Stan Urban, Betty Lou Olsen, Marsha Rogiewicz, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Carole & Dick Minssen, Meghan Vogel granddaughter of Rosemary Sibley, Vivian Johnson grandmother of Jason Schanze, Paul Petersen cousin of Sally Johnson, Kathy Rae Deason and Lee Ann Trexler sisters of Kerry Meyer, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman, Scott Lyman son-in-law of Ken & Ellen Pannier. Community Member: Mark Sandrock. Serving in the Military: Charlie Davis grandson of Ken & Ellen Pannier, Brett Emery and Sean Pratt sons of Drew & Becky Emery, Donnie Appleman son-in-law of Larry & Lynda VanDyke, Lindsey Gardner niece of Gwen Gardner, Patrick Kelly grandson of Kathy Kelly, Anna Olsen wife of Kent Olsen, Madison Scace great granddaughter of Burdette & Dea Sandrock, Kyle Ullmark grandson-in-law of Glenda Sampson. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace: P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.** *Share the peace with your neighbors. If you are not comfortable, please stay seated in your pew. Ushers will pass offering plates to you in each pew and then bring forward to the altar. Please pass Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.*

***Offering: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” # 186**
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving. The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity.

*Lord’s Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

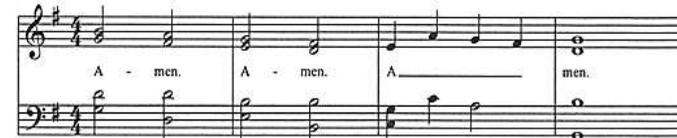
Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.



*Sending Hymn: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” # 774

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

*Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

First Lutheran Announcements

Holy Baptism: We welcome into the fellowship of Christ’s Church in the waters of Holy Baptism, Wrenley Vera Olsen, daughter of Kent & Anna Olsen. She is the granddaughter of Jeff & JoDee Olsen. She is the great-granddaughter of Betty Lou Olsen and Leonard & Faye Finck. Wrenley was born on May 18, 2021. Her baptismal sponsors are Jessica Olsen & Conrad Howard.

Pastor Will be Out of the Office: Pastor Chelsey & Chris will be leaving to Indiana today following worship through Thursday, July 29th. Chris’ grandma was placed in hospice care earlier this week. Prayers are appreciated for their family.

Brunch: On Sunday, August 8th our council will be hosting brunch following worship. They will be serving breakfast casseroles, fruit and yogurt, pastries and other goodies. All are welcome. Just come as you are!

Welcome Pads: We have returned the Welcome Pads to the pews. Please pass to those sharing the pew for our attendance taking.

CDC Phase Five Guidelines are still being followed. We advise you to social distance, but masks are optional if you are fully vaccinated.

Community Vacation Bible School: This year’s VBS will held at the Methodist Church for three evenings on Monday, August 2nd to Wednesday, August 4th. The theme will be *Love Thy Neighbor*. Registration forms and volunteers sign-up sheet are on the narthex table.

Special Community Offerings: For the summer we are collecting for different agencies in town and FLC will match up to \$1,000 for each. Today is the last day we are collecting for the Allure Nursing Home - the Activities Department. For the month of August FLC is collecting for Eclipse Square. Please make your check out to First Lutheran Church and we will send one check each month to the respective agencies.

Assisting In Our Worship

Organist Jeanne Frank
Cantor Ellen Pannier
Reader Lelia Gibson

Stewardship Record

Attendance 55
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