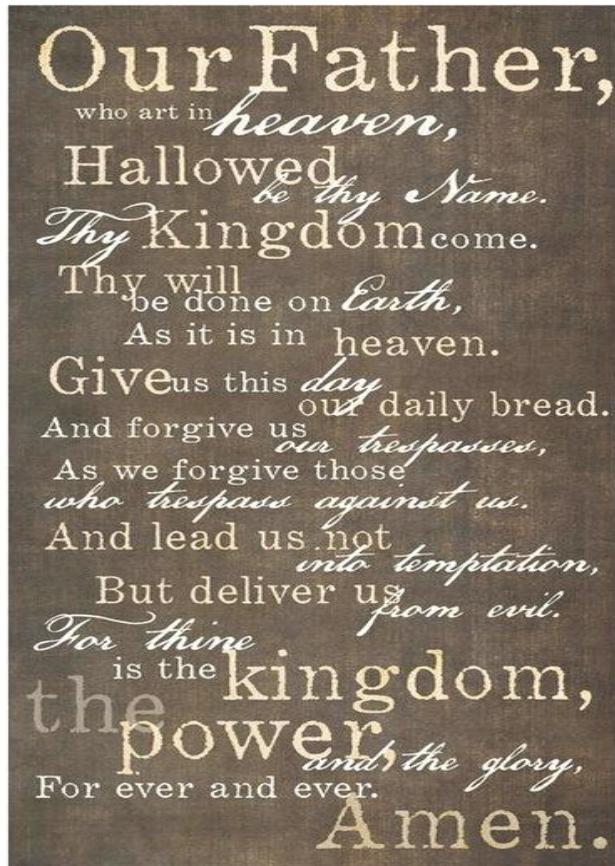


First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 2022

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Six

Introduction to the Day: Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Special Music:

Father & Son Reunion

Gathering

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

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. 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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

“Lord of Light” vs. 1 - 3

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***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Kyrie pg. 165 – 166

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Word

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

First Reading: Proverbs 15:25-30

²⁵The LORD tears down the house of the proud, but maintains the widow's boundaries.

²⁶Evil plans are an abomination to the LORD, but gracious words are pure. ²⁷Those who are greedy for unjust gain make trouble for their households, but those who hate bribes will live.

²⁸The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.

²⁹The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. ³⁰The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the body. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 *Read responsively.*

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:8-15

⁸See 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.

⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when 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. ¹³And 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, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** pg. 171 *Please rise.*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*Gospel: Luke 11:1-9

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke the eleventh chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus 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."²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And 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; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And 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.' ⁸I 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. ⁹"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. The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

***Hymn of the Day: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

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*The Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C: 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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with your neighbors. Please be seated.

Special Music:

Father & Son Reunion

Prayers of Intercession

A: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: 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. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Guide the work of public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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.

We pray especially for ... Avis Chamberlain, Stan Urban, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Emilie Ricknell mother of Lynda VanDyke, Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

Please pass the Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.

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.

Ushers will pass offering plates to you in each pew and then bring forward to the altar.

Please rise.

***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. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***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

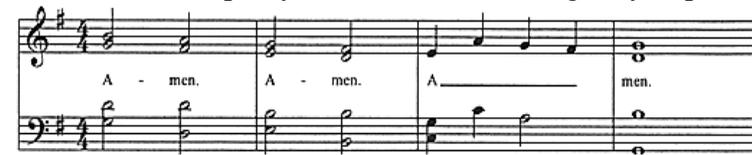
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Special Music:

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***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:** "Lord, Be Glorified" vs. 1 - 3 # 744

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning, especially our guests.
We invite everyone to sign the Welcome Pad during the offering.

This Week at First Lutheran

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Birthday Reception for Joyce McCracken

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship – Served by Evangelism Committee

Today we welcome Paul and Steve McCracken, Mike and Larry Dohogne. The quartet are sharing their musical talents. Thank You!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God today in honor of Joyce McCracken's 95th birthday given by her grandchildren.

A Birthday Reception is today following worship to honor Joyce McCracken for her birthday. Her family invites everyone to attend!

Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus will be here on Sunday, July 31st to share their talents by presenting a choral sermon. FLC member Paul McCracken is part of this chorus. Fellowship will be served following worship. Everyone is invited to attend!

Happy Birthday greetings to Sandy Plautz who will be 80 years old tomorrow. The family has asked for you to send her a greeting at 203 Riverside Drive, Prophetstown, IL 61277.

Assisting In Our Worship

Organist Jeanne Frank
Cantor Aaron Johnson
Reader Rick Woolums

Stewardship Record

Sunday Attendance: 56
Offering General Fund: \$ 580.50
PADS Homeless Shelter: \$ 20.00
Geneseo Antique Engine & Tractor Association: \$ 240.36
(Use of their Steam Whistle for VBS)

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