

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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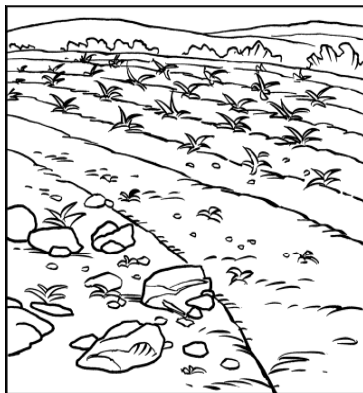
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



As We Gather– Behind the Gospel "No Depth of Soil"

The parables of Jesus have always aroused the imagination of those who read or hear them. Jesus takes the ordinary events of life and hallows them into a spiritual significance. How often have we seen a farmer plant crops and thought only of the backbreaking and tedious hours in the extremes of weather? But Jesus saw more. To the simple act of sowing seed, the Savior gives a heavenly interpretation. The sower throws out a handful of seed, but because it does not fall on fertile ground, the plant dies. It is amazing on what tiny bit of ground a weed will grow, but not the wheat. But what does this mean? Here Jesus gives some pertinent points and significant interpretations.

The devil goes to church, but not to hear. He goes to divert our attention from the preaching so it does not benefit us and strengthen our belief. If we begin to daydream, the Word will not take root.

Or we may go to church and our feelings may be hurt. Someone was not as cordial as they ought to be or we thought the preacher was aiming his darts and arrows at us. We leave in a huff and the Word finds no room in our unreceptive hearts.

Or we go to church burdened with worldly problems---unpaid bills, family issues, job insecurity. We worry and fret and that closes the door of our hearts and the Word cannot get in. We return without having benefitted by the promises of God.

So if we are to benefit from listening to the Word and the sermon, we must do so with concentration, earnest prayer, and watchful preparation. Therefore Jesus says, "Take care then how you hear." (Luke 8:18)

Prayer

Humbly we come into Your presence, O Lord God, mindful of our own unworthiness. As we worship You with all Your children on earth, let no distracting thoughts nor vexing problems of

life rob us of Your Word. Bless the preaching of the Gospel upon our hearts, and give us the grace to do Your will day after day as we move among our fellow men and perform our daily tasks. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF JESUS, THE SOWER OF GOD’S ETERNAL GRACE

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING FOUR

THE OPENING HYMN *“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” LSB 903*
(We cheerfully rise and sing)

THE INVOCATION

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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If You, O Lord, kept a record to sins, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

3

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.

Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29,36; Rev.5:9-14; Eph. 1:20-21

THE SALUTATION *(Spoken)*

3

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”... William Steffe, arr. Wilhousky
Haakon County Crooners, guest vocalists*

The Crooners invite the Congregation to join them on the final chorus:

***Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!***

THE EPISTLE *Romans 8:12-17 (The Spirit works faith through the Word of God.)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (The Power of God's Word)*

THE SERMON HYMN *“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” LSB 577 (Tune TLH 49)*

THE SERMON *“Keep On Pedaling”
St. Matthew 13:3
Pastor Brad Urbach*

THE CREED 8:20 *The Apostles’* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 *The Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Building Together in Faith” gifts*

THE OFFERTORY *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” ...Rick Founds (Sung Twice)*

*Lord, I lift Your Name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high!*
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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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= Gracious God, we give You glory and thanksgiving for all Your gifts, but especially for Your gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God whose blood has set us free to be people of God. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

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Q **hear our prayer.**

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- We pray especially for Your holy Church on earth, all Your people who gather around Your Word and Sacraments in congregations large and small. Keep them, and us, from all despair of Your help. Save us from sinful conflict. Teach us the joyful hymn of all creation that rejoices in Your deliverance, peace, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,



hear our prayer.

Among the nations, O God, inspire the rule of justice and the ways of peace in those entrusted with positions of leadership. May all in authority bow in obedient praise, ascribing to You all power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,



hear our prayer.

We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... Speak Your Word of patience and healing, that all may receive Your help and give You all honor, glory and might. Lord, in Your mercy,



hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

THE 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.

The 8:20 service concludes on page 7 with The Benedicamus

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

11:00

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI




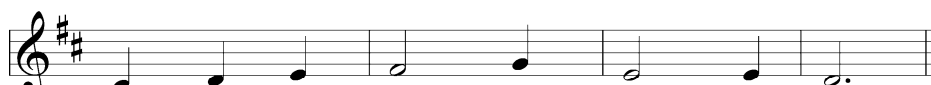
John 20:19

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



And also with you.

AGNUS DEI


1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641

"Lamb of God" LSB 550

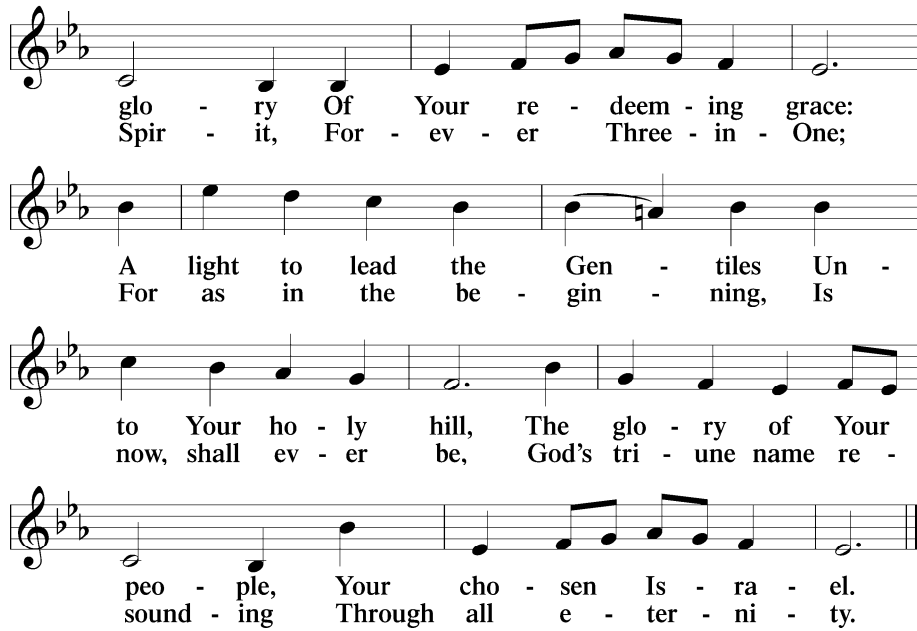


NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32


1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE BENEDICAMUS

³ Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

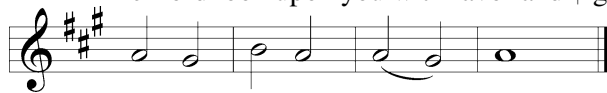
THE BENEDICTION (*With Sung Amens*)

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



A A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN “*On What Has Now Been Sown*” *LSB 921*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid

you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Brenda Kleinjan
Ron & Lana Blair

After Early Service

Jerry & Margaret Pier
Royce & Jeannine Loesch



Before Late Service

Brad & Laurie Schultz
Jeff & Paula Tronvold

After Late Service

Matthew & Jessica Reitzel
Corey & Deb Bowman

Preaching this morning is our Pastor, Reverend Brad Urbach. Pastor Urbach will be preaching at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt between our two services.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service today. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

Our Morning Fellowship Join us for a cup of coffee in the Christian Family Life Center between services.



Sunday School There is NO Sunday School or Adult Study today. Sunday School resumes September 11.

Nursery Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. This is located in the Preschool Room. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Both Sunrise and our Cable Broadcasts are made possible this morning by Jerry & Margaret Pier in thanksgiving to God for the Baptisms of grandchildren Isaac Grey Pier, the son of Jon & Stephanie Pier, and Elliot Sinikka Pier, the daughter of Jac & Susanna Pier. Thanks Jerry & Margaret, may God bless you and those 5 grandchildren.

Did you know that "Sunrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to www.TodaysKCCR.com.

The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex.
 Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sunrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

July 3, Att. 304; General Fund \$9,589.10; Building Fund \$1,314.33 (Building \$204.33, Elevator \$300.00, Debt Retirement \$810.00); Love Fund \$50.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$2,7016.00 (General \$2,396.00; Building Fund \$305.00); Broadcasts \$60.00; Women's Bible Study \$13.00; Utecht Ministries \$175.00; (6-26-11) Elevator Fund in memory of Frederich Marso \$500.00; Hong Kong Trip \$100.00; Flowers \$16.50; Forever Young \$8.00; Memorial in memory of Ruth Titze \$25.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Lennard Blucher \$25.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: July 10

6:15 am LYF arrive at church to load vans
 7:00 am LYF leave for Twin Cities Trip
 8:20 am Worship
 11:00 am Communion
 6:30 Bd. of Missions, Bd. of Education
 7:00 Bd. of Elders, Bd. of Parish Fellowship
 7:00 Board of Stewardship

Mon: July 11

LYF Twin Cities Trip
 7:30 pm LWML

Tues: July 12

LYF Twin Cities Trip
 8:25 am Staff Devotions

6:30-8:00 pm Pickleball

Wed: July 13

LYF Twin Cities Trip
 6:30 am Women's Bible Study
 8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: July 14

8:25 am Staff Devotions
 3:00-4:30 pm Pickleball
 7:30 pm Faithful, Abundant, True Study
 LYF return home

Sun: July 17

8:20 am Worship
 11:00 am Communion



Building News

Thank you for your gifts of \$1,619.33 to our Building Fund. The gifts were designated to our three accounts:

- The Building Account; \$240.33
- The Elevator Account; \$300.00
- The Debt Retirement Account; \$810.00

Debt Retirement With our regular July 1 Church Extension Fund payment of \$5, 487.00, which

comes from the General Fund, we were able, because of your gifts to the Debt Retirement, to make three advance Principal payments. We have now made 34 advanced payments, saving \$157,134.85 in interest.

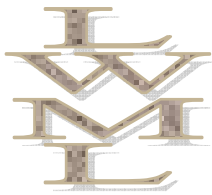
HVAC At our Trustees June meeting they have approved the installation of the rectangular ductwork for the Sts. Luke, John, and Paul rooms. The proposal from Leidholt, McNeely, and Leidholt is for \$5,860.00. This will provide needed ventilation in these 3 rooms that are used on a regular basis and will make it possible to now bring in heating and cooling from the rooftop units. Your continued gifts have made this possible. Thank you!

Elevator In order to proceed further upstairs the installation of an elevator is essential. Our elevator committee is awaiting responses from Architecture Inc. and Sioux Falls Construction before making a decision on the two proposals they are reviewing.

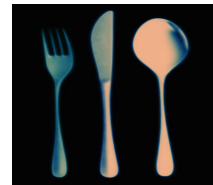
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Call On Father's Day, June 19 our Voters Assembly voted unanimously to call Pastor Darren Olson of Zion – Canistota & St. John Lutheran – Montrose, SD to serve as our Associate Pastor.

Darren is a native of Gettysburg, SD. He and his wife, Susan, have three children. Please be prayerful for Pastor Olson as he considers this call.



Many hands are needed at the next LWML meeting on Monday, July 11. Following our regular meeting, we will be unwrapping, washing, and storing our new flatware in the kitchen. We meet at 7:30 in the Living Room. Lunch is potluck.



“Faithful, Abundant, True” A Women’s Bible Study

Continues Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.



Soup Suppers Community Bible Church, located at 1516 North Harrison, will be serving a free soup supper every Tuesday evening through August 16, 2011 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. This meal is for people in the local community displaced by the flooding in hopes that it will ease their burden of eating out and assist many generous care-giving families.

Building Fund Envelopes! During July/August we are going to use up some of our older Building Fund envelopes. You will find these on the Oak Table.

So please during July and August use either the –

- Building Fund Envelope in your Envelope boxes, or
- Help us use up some of the older envelopes.



Please indicate on the envelope if it is for –

- The Building Account
- The Debt Retirement Account
- The Elevator Account

Thanks for helping us use up some older envelopes and for your ongoing support of the Building Fund as we continue to –

- finish out the upstairs
- save remarkable amounts of interest by doing advanced payments
- and prepare, God willing, to put in an elevator this fall.



Faith Lutheran will hold our next Blood Drive July 26th from 8:00 AM until 1:30 PM. Call 224-7654 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

LYF & JYM YOUTH NEWS

LYF Meetings We will meet all the Wednesdays of July at 8:00 p.m. All the newly confirmed youth are invited to join us. There will be NO meeting this Wednesday. Our LYF kids are off on their summer trip.

Twin Cities Trip Our LYF group left this morning for the Twin Cities and will be returning home on Thursday, July 14.



Circuit Bible Camp “The Power of Water” is the topic for the One-Day Pierre Circuit Bible Camp on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Come join us for a fun one-day Bible Camp! We will have Bible Study, we will learn to kayak, do some swimming, maybe even learn to spear fish. Then back to the church for another Bible study and ice cream sundaes! The cost is \$20.00. Y’all Come!

HONG KONG KIDS ENJOY LUNCH IN PIERRE

- A BIG thanks to all who hosted 18 brand new kids for lunch on Tuesday at Faith.
- Many of last year’s host families joined in the lunch with great burgers, courtesy of the Doud Ranch.

- Thanks to Nick Hill, Jeff Logan, Jared Doud, and Norm Neilan for their help. All four of these have made a trip to Hong Kong.
- There is a February 2012 mission trip now being planned to Hong Kong. Would you like to be a part of this? Please speak to Nick Hill.

Watch 'The Bible on Trial' July 18

The validity of the Bible has been questioned for ages and still remains an intriguing subject! *The Bible on Trial*, a television program from Lutheran Hour Ministries, takes a unique look at the subject and presents facts about the most widely printed book in history. Watch *The Bible on Trial* on Monday, July 18 at 9 p.m. Eastern through the National Religious Broadcasters Network (Channel 378 on DirecTV, Channel 126 on Sky Angel, as well as online at www.nrbnetwork.tv). Visit www.TheBibleTrial.com for more information and broadcast times.



Main Street Living may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls or at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. The program may be viewed on the web at www.mainstreetliving.com.

Life Quote “Stand beside and help that single mother. Stand beside and help those with special needs. Stand beside and help those caring for an Alzheimer’s patient. And, beloved Church, for which our Savior died, please faithfully teach the full council of God, so much of which is anchored in the doctrine of the sanctity of human life.” *Rev. Don Richman, Lutherans For Life International Representative* – A **“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life** – www.lutheransforlife.org