

# July 4, 2021 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Last Sunday we saw that faith does not eliminate suffering from our lives. This Sunday we see that the suffering includes even death. The unbeliever who has only tears and despair in the face of death vainly hopes in his fear that death ends all. The Christian clings to the one who has overcome death for us even when faced with death.



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD



#### **STAND**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

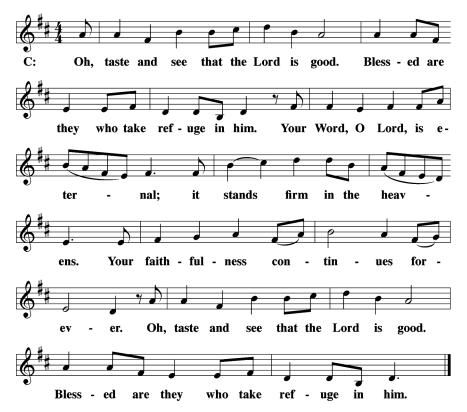
- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# **OH, TASTE AND SEE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

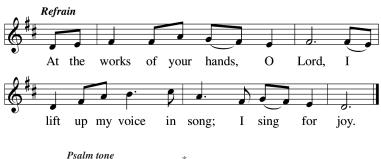
# THE WORD

# **FIRST LESSON**

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV84)

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

#### PSALM 30





Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;\* praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,\* but his favor lasts a lifetime;



weeping may remain for a night,\* but rejoicing comes in the morning.

#### Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;\*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;\* O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing,\*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

#### SECOND LESSON

# 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14 (NIV84)

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. <sup>5</sup> And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. <sup>6</sup> So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup> But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. <sup>8</sup> I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. <sup>14</sup> At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY



**STAND** 

#### GOSPEL

# Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43 (NIV84)

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him.

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" <sup>36</sup> Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." <sup>37</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.

<sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." <sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. <sup>43</sup> He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

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**SERMON** 

Lord over Death

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

STAND

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

#### **OFFERING**

#### **GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS**

**STAND** 

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(Silent prayer.)

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

#### 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.

BE SEATED

**HYMN** 

I Walk in Danger All the Way

431 (p. 12-13)

STAND

M: Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.





Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993, alt. Tune: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

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# I Walk in Danger All the Way





- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way;
  His guidance never fails me.
  He takes my ev'ry fear away
  When Satan's pow'r assails me,
  And, by his footsteps led,
  My path I safely tread.
  In spite of ills that threaten may,
  I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
  Await, my soul, the morrow,
  When you farewell can gladly say
  To all your sin and sorrow.
  All worldly pomp, begone!
  To heav'n I now press on.
  For all the world I would not stay;
  My walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863-1938, alt. Tune: Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, 4th ed., Halle, 1708

DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT

# **Announcements**

# **In Our Prayers**

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

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# **Mowing Schedule**

July 2 thru 8 - John Thielke July 9 thru July 15 - David Covell July 16 thru July 22 - Frederick Jensen July 23 thru July 29 - Cody Kauzlarich July 30 thru Aug. 5 - Peter Nolte

# **I-Cubs Baseball Fellowship**

July 30 at 7:00 pm, \$9/ticket 3 years old and under do not need a ticket. Sign up to reserve your tickets today.

# Game Night Fellowship

Saturday, July 17 4 - 8 pm

Games for all ages and abilities. Bring one or more of the following: yourself, your family, some friends, favorite games, a snack to share. Sign up on the table in the entry.

# **Building Fund Update**

\$23,000 donated as of 6/27/2021.

# Forward in Christ - July Issue

The July issue of Forward in Christ is on the table near the sanctuary entrance or at forwardinchrist.net.

This issue highlights the graduates of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Martin Luther College, with photos and a list of where they will serve in full-time ministry. This is a good reminder to pray for the new graduates and their work, celebrate ministerial education in our congregation, and to encourage congregational youth to consider the public ministry.

Articles of interest this month include the following.

Richard Gurgel, president of Martin Luther College, discusses how the synod's ministerial education schools are raising up a new generation of called workers who stand on God's truth amidst worldly opposition. Read it on page 10. Richard Lauersdorf is back with his Bible Study "The book of James: A blueprint for living out our faith". Look on page 31. Two articles talk about our spiritual freedom and what that freedom allows us to do. Read these on pages 5 and the back cover. These are a great reminder at a time when we are celebrating the United States' Independence Day.

# Vacation Bible School—"Soaring High"

We are trying something new this summer. Instead of having one week of VBS, we will have 5 Wednesdays of VBS! We know students and teachers will miss a night or two for summer vacations. However, we hope this schedule allows more students to invite their unchurched friends for one night...and maybe more! Wednesdays, 6—8 pm July 7, 14, 21, 28 & Aug 4 Entering Preschool—6th Grade Register at <a href="www.lhelc.org/vacation-bible-school">www.lhelc.org/vacation-bible-school</a>

# **Homeless Ministry to Benefit from Sales**

For the month of July 2021, Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church- Homeless Ministry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee 3221 SE 14th Street, Des Moines IA.

It's easy! Just purchase a bag with an attached Giving Tag. Follow the instructions on the tag within 7 days of purchase. Go to MyHy-VeeCause.com, enter the tag's unique scratch off code and choose your organization's name from the list.

# **Prepare for Next Sunday**

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Ezekiel 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Mark 6:1-6* 

#### **Pastor Gunn**

Our Savior Lutheran Church is extending an invitation to celebrate the retirement of Pastor Dean Gunn. The retirement service will be held on Sunday, July 11 at 3:00 pm at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 600 8th Ave NW, Kasson, MN 55944. A dinner will follow the service. oursaviorlutherankasson@gmail.com can be used to RSVP.

#### **Ordination/Installation in Cedar Rapids**

Pastor Lucas Callies recently graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and was assigned to Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cedar Rapids and North Liberty. He will be ordained and installed on July 11. The service is at the Cedar Rapids church at 4 pm with a meal to follow. Members of Lincoln Heights are invited to attend this special day. Thanks to the Lord of the Harvest for sending another worker in the harvest fields.

#### **Installation in Ames**

Pastor Mike Smith will be installed as the new pastor at Bethany Lutheran in Ames on July 11. The service will be at 4 pm with a meal to follow. Members of Lincoln Heights are invited to attend this special day. We thank the Lord of the Church for providing a pastor for the members of Bethany and the community around them.

# THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

July 4 - 11

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
•	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
•	8:45am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Child Protection Committee Meeting
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship

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