



July 14, 2024
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 & 10:30 am Worship

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Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa, Minnesota

Rev. Drew Bakken

Rev. Michelle Ruen

GOOD MORNING & WELCOME TO LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS!

Welcome to worship as we come together in praise and thanksgiving to our living Savior!
Holy Spirit, blow through our church with power. Open our hearts to follow your call.

INTRODUCTION

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

PRELUDE

"Fantasia," Pachelbel & "Prelude in Classic Style," G. Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

HYMN #807 vs. 1 & 3

(please stand as you are able)

1. Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

READING *(read responsively)*

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This is My Father’s World,” C. Forsberg

Pickup Choir

BAPTISMS (10:30 AM)

“Santiago Luis Broadbent-Guillen”

C: Santiago, we welcome you into the body of Christ and we give God thanks and praise for you. Amen.

“Lucia Isabella Broadbent-Guillen”

C: Lucia, we welcome you into the body of Christ and we give God thanks and praise for you. Amen.

CROSS KIDS EXCUSED

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia!”

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist’s martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

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

King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Brian Wermager

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

HYMN #805

(please stand as you are able, during the last verse)

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor toll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

APOSTLE'S 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.

(please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

“Hear Our Prayer”

HYMN #178

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. Lord in your mercy, *

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, including those on our prayer list, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. Lord in your mercy, *

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. Lord in your mercy, *

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. Lord in your mercy, *

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(please stand as you are able)*

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.

(please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

HYMN #710 vs. 1 & 3

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r,
Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way---the path untried;
Your truth---the heart of stranger; your life---the Crucified.

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DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God. We will.

POSTLUDE

“Exultation,” G.W. Cassler

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Are you wearing your nametag? Please join us in encouraging all members to wear theirs. If you need one, simply send Laurie an email: laurie@lccnisswa.org.

welcome

If you are visiting or interested in joining Lutheran Church of the Cross, please leave your contact information on the Welcome to Worship cards in the pews and place in the offering baskets. If you have questions about LCC, please feel free to call Pastor Drew or Pastor Michelle at 218-963-2564.



Today we welcome Santiago Luis Broadbent-Guillen into the family of God. Join us in rejoicing with his parents Joseph & Denisse Broadbent and sponsors Vianna Garry & Kasia Szymanski &

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Today we welcome Cadence MaryAnn Anderson, Aria Faye Anderson, and Harmony Nicole Anderson into the family of God. Join us in rejoicing with their parents Joe & Nicole Anderson and sponsors Jillian Anderson and Connor Baer.

Art & Faith Exhibit in the celebration center

The first of two summer exhibits will feature our own LCC artists, Kate Carlson and Judy Swenson. The show will run from Sunday, June 2 to July 14. Under the title of “seasons,” a variety of work will be shown in various mediums.

The second summer exhibit will feature John Erickson, recognized for his widely exhibited photography from **July 28 through September 1**. The exhibit, “Characters,” explores a selection of portraits of actors at various stages of theatre productions in Lakes Area community theatre, all presented in black and white and having been made over his many years as photographer for the theatre companies.

Summer Office Hours—Church offices **close at noon on Fridays** during the summer months (June, July & August) beginning June 7th. Any church related items to be published in the Sunday bulletin must be emailed to Laurie in the office **by noon on Thursday**. (if space allows) laurie@lccnisswa.org. Monday—Thursday office hours remain the same at 8:30am-4:30pm.

Lutheran Church of the Cross - News and Notes

July 14—July 21, 2024

PRAYER REQUESTS

LCC Members: JoAnne Dayton, Sarah Verworn, Terri Langerud, Bonnie Anderson, Lowell Carlson, Wayne Van Vliet, Mark Boesen, John Wallin, David Pederson, Nancy Schmidt, Pete Mogenson, Kathleen Warden, Keith Both, Sarah Aga, Rick & Sue Pratt, Sheri McSherry

Friends & Relatives of LCC Members:

Lane & Sandy Weber (JoAnn River's friends), Martha Sather (Dick & Judy Rickbeil's daughter), Janelle Ellis (Sandy Hins sister), Jeff (Pete & Carol Christofferson's nephew), Mary Larson (Lisa Hagen's mom), Mary Kay Gergen (Colleen Both's friend), Joey Halvorson (Marty Halvorson's sister), Stephanie & Levi Dupont (Bob & Peg Beck's granddaughter & great grandson), Diana Smith (Terri Langerud's friend), Darrell Kempfert (John & Marilyn Quist's friend), Greg & Neva Cole, Steve Hedtke (Chris Hedtke's dad), Brian Krawiecki (Kelsey Kuhn's father), Sabrina Lewandowski (Tracy Olson's friend), Linda Reid (Carol Alverson's sister), Tom Anderson (Rena Bolt's dad & Pete Mogenson's friend), Angie Barnack (Darrell Barnack's mom), Pr. Erika Foss, Nick (Rob & Loretta Norgon's brother-in-law), Dave Watson & Emily Dunn (Mark & Kari Erickson's friends), Cheri Axel (Tracy Olson's friend), Merv Johnson (Kerri Nordby's dad), Pastor Tom Peterson (Keith & Colleen Both's friend), Sue Ziegler (Pr. Michelle's friend), Paul Gell (Janet Bedard's brother), Annie (friend of Dave & Marie Olness), Caitlin Deal (Colleen Both's great niece), Ronald Anderson (Jean Larson's husband), Andy Skjod (Dennis & Cynthia Skjod's nephew), Graham Kluck (Terri Langerud's grandson), LCC members in care facilities, all veterans and active servicemen and women, and those struggling with mental health or addiction issues.

Please call the church office to make updates to the prayer list. If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit, please call the church office at 218-963-2564.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers to Arlene Brodeur and family and friends on the passing of LCC member Mike Brodeur.

Funeral will be held at LCC on Tuesday, July 23rd at 11:00 am.

Visitation will be held one hour prior.

Please keep everyone in your prayers as they grieve their loss.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

The Sharing Market is Today— July 14 before and after each service! Donate plants, flowers, and produce. (We can no longer sell homemade items such as baked goods or jams & jellies.) Please purchase these items so we can help our neighbors at the Lakes Area Food Shelf in Pequot Lakes! **There will be only 2 more sharing markets this summer — August 11 and September 22.**

Next Sunday, July 21st at the 9:00 am service, we will have special music by The Spirit Singers.

Operation Sandwich - we are packing food bags for the summer Thursdays in Chapel Hall. We are accepting donations of 18 oz. jars of peanut butter and jelly (no glass), granolas bars, goldfish crackers, fruit snacks. **Item most needed is peanut butter.** To volunteer please sign up at: <https://www.bridgesofhopemn.org/operation-sandwich> and scroll down to “interested in volunteering?” section and click on the community you wish to volunteer for and complete area and dates you wish to volunteer for. Any questions, email Bill Wear at bill@bridgesofhopemn.org

Bible Studies: Men's Breakfast at The Side Track every Thursday at 8:15 AM.

Text Study on Wednesdays @ 8:30 am in Chapel Hall. All are welcome to be a part of this ministry! If you are interested, email laurie@lccnisswa.org and you will be added to the email list to receive the texts each week.

Beth Moore Bible Study, *Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent.* **Monday mornings** 9:30 am - 11:30 am June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Held in the conservatory.

Evening Bible Study—Mondays 7:00-8:30pm June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Aug. 5th.

Rummage Sale Help Needed! The garage is almost full. **A clothing and hard goods presort will be held Wednesday, July 17, 9 am – noon.** We have reached the point where we will be loading trailers and hopefully moving product to our rented garage space. Come when you can. All are welcome! Coffee, treats and water will be provided. Donations accepted Mon. – Thurs., 8:30 am – 4 pm and Friday, 8:30 am – 11:30 am. A list of accepted/not accepted items is available at LCC’s office and website. Please contact Laurie at 218-963-2564 prior to bringing items. Fall Rummage Sale is Sept. 19 – 21. Thanks so much!

Join us for ELCA Good Gifts Sunday and Blessing of the Animals next Sunday, July 21, 2023, at 10:30 am outdoor service. Did you know that donations to ELCA Good Gifts donations are also used here at home? You can stock a backpack with food, support a soup kitchen, provide housing for vulnerable youth, and provide personal and household necessities for disaster survivors. *All pets must be on a leash or in a cage/crate. If raining, please bring a **picture only** of your pet that can be put on a bulletin board for our indoor service.* Bring your own chairs or blanket for the outdoor service in the Memorial Garden. Nursery will not be provided during the outdoor service.

Gather Bible Study: July 24, 2024 at 10:00 am in Chapel Hall

At our July Gather Study, *After certainty: Community*, Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni writes, “When certainty in faith becomes the responsibility of the individual, this can isolate us from God and from community. The reformer Martin Luther’s own failures of certainty led him to return to passages in the gospels and epistles that proclaimed salvation, not as a reward for our certainty, but as a gift granted in and through community. In this second session, we consider how some of the pivotal texts of the Lutheran Reformation changed the church and the world.

Women of the Cross/WELCA Quarterly Meeting, rescheduled to July 30, 2024, at 1:30 in Chapel Hall - Please join us for our quarterly meeting. We will be discussing upcoming events and will also be deciding on where to put our rummage sale funds to the best use in our community, state, nation, and world. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

THIS WEEK AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

July 14—July 21, 2024

- SUN, 7-14:** *B-days: Darin Dirkes, Sandy Loney, Bryan Raguse*
8:30 Sharing Market before and after both services
9:00 **Worship w/ Communion & Online**
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:30 **Worship w/ Communion & Baptisms**
11:30 Private Baptisms
Youth leave for Luther Crest
- MON, 7-15:** *B-days: David Anderholm, Ryan Fogarty, Peter Mann*
9:30 Women’s Bible Study: Psalms of Ascent
11:00 Soul Sisters
7:00 Women’s Bible Study; Psalms of Ascent
7:00 People for Racial Justice
- TUES, 7-16:** *B-days: Ashley Hanson, Sandy Knutson*
8:30 Staff Meeting & Prayers
9:00 Computer Lab
12:00 Private Baptism
12:30 PEO Chapter
- WED, 7-17:** *B-days: Dick Carlson, Sharon Leese, Lyle MacIver, Darrell Paske, Steve Quisberg, Angella Roby*
8:30 Text Study
9:30 Quilters
4:00 Creation Care Team Mtg
5:30 Bells of Praise
- THUR, 7-18:** *B-days: Dennis Hanson, Jake Merseith, Greta Michaelson, Allen Schmidt, Whitney Ulrich, Lee Wangstad, Tayton Wermager*
8:15 Men’s Breakfast
9:00 Operation Sandwich
5:30 Worship & Music Committee – offsite
7:00 A.A.
- FRI, 7-19:** *B-days: Brian Stubbs*
12:00 Office Closed
- SAT, 7-20:** *B-days: Vikki Anderson, Wanita Holsapple, Michael Rasinski*
7:00 Spirit Singers Concert
- SUN, 7-21:** *B-days: Werner Schwab, Vern Westberg*
9:00 **Worship w/ Communion & Online**
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:30 **Outdoor Worship w/ Communion & Baptisms & Good Gifts/Blessing of the Animals**
11:30 Private Luncheon

**Lutheran Church
of the Cross
Daily Bible Reading
from Lectionary B
Mon., July 15, 2024**

Amos 5:1-9
Acts 21:27-39
Psalm 142

Tues., July 16, 2024

Amos 9:1-4
Acts 23:12-35
Psalm 142

Wed., July 17, 2024

Amos 9:11-15
Luke 7:31-35
Psalm 142

Thurs., July 18, 2024

Jeremiah 10:1-16
Colossians 1:15-23
Psalm 23

Friday, July 19, 2024

Jeremiah 10:17-25
Acts 17:16-31
Psalm 23

Sat., July 20, 2024

Jeremiah 12:1-13
Luke 18:35-43
Psalm 23

Please take your bulletin home with you to use throughout the week as a reminder of upcoming events.

Reminder: Before planning any meeting/event/gathering at church, call the church office for availability and scheduling. Thank you.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

It's Luther Crest Week—please keep Kari and our campers in your prayers as they enjoy a week on Lake Carlos in Alexandria!

We are still looking for playground donations—help us build our fund for this vital ministry for our young families. If you are a Thrivent member, let Kari know if you would apply for an Action Grant for this project.

Thank you to our generous and hard-working volunteers for the great help with landscaping our playground area to prep it for Copper Creek to install the retaining wall. We are getting closer to our delivery and install date!!



Many serving opportunities available. Especially need worship coordinators and sound room techs. If you can help by being a greeter, usher, worship coordinator, reader or communion assistant at any of the services or contact Todd Whipple via text or call @ 612-810-2201.



Creation Care Green Tip

Submitted by Laura Raedeke, Creation Care Team

Our Own Health is Tied to a Healthy Planet Earth: Learn More at *Your Local Epidemiologist* (yourlocalepidemiologist@substack.com)

Researchers at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor compiled a meta-analysis of studies finding that listening to **natural sounds**, such as birdsong or ocean waves, improves health, increases a positive outlook on life, and lowers levels of stress and annoyance. Unwanted noise, like the sounds of traffic, has the opposite effect, and the studies found that **transportation noise** contributed to hearing loss, hypertension, cardiac disease, and general annoyance. The intrusive noise of urbanized development induces constant fatigue and stimulation, while nature sounds do not require directed attention and thus elicit pleasure and relaxation. However, natural sounds are being threatened everywhere, even in our National Parks, with resulting **changes in behavior, physiology, and fitness in wildlife** that can alter ecosystem functioning. The health benefits in conserving nature in urbanized populations include **improved birth outcomes, mortality rates, mental health and stress, cognition performance, and lower rates of various diseases.**

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Musicians	Cheryl Karlgaard, Mike Smith	
Greeters	9:00 Jean Olson, Violet Anderson	
Ushers	9:00 Ralph Ledin, Pam Sandelin	10:30 Russ Strachan, Cheryl Swanson
Reader	9:00 Carol Smith	10:30 Erin Strachan
Worship Coord.	9:00 Tracy Olson	10:30 Carol Smith
Altar Guild	Sharon Taute, Pauline Gustafson, Darrell Paske	
Communion Asst.	9:00 Kjersten Buzek, Pat Larson	10:30 Bob & Peg Beck
Coffee Fellowship	Rick & Linda Carlson	
Tech Support	John Quist, Brad Carlson	
Nursery	9:00 Sherry Pape	10:30 Grace Whipple

****Assistive Listening Devices are available in the Narthex. If you choose to use one, please leave it on the counter when you exit so it can be sanitized for the next use.**



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