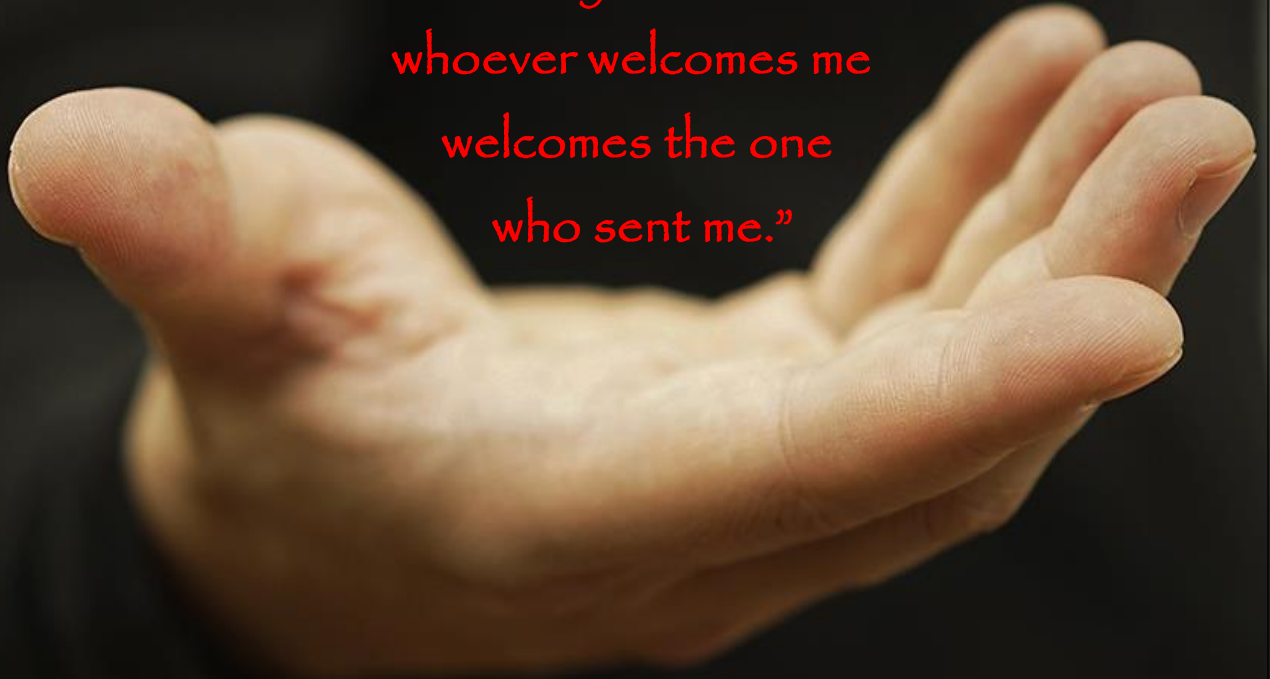


“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one
who sent me.”



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND
July 2, 2023

5th Sunday After Pentecost

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy...that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “*My Country Tis of Thee*” vs.1&4

**1. My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From ev'ry
mountainside Let freedom ring.**

**4. Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light. Protect us by
thy might, Great God, our king.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 28:1 –9* PB 638

In that same year, at the beginning of the reign of King Zedekiah of Judah, in the fifth month of the fourth year, the prophet Hananiah son of Azzur, from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying, ²“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. ³Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD’s house, which King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. ⁴I will also bring back to this place King Jeconiah son of Jehoiakim of Judah and all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, says the LORD, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.” ⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: *Psalms 89:1-18* PB 475 (read responsively, verse by verse)

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD,^[a] forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

³You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴**‘I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.’**

” *Selah*

⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

⁶**For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,**

⁷a God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and awesome^[b] above all who are around him?

⁸**O LORD God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O LORD? Your faithfulness surrounds you.**

⁹You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

¹⁰**You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.**

¹¹The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it—you founded them.

¹²**The north and the south^[c]—you created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.**

¹³You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.

¹⁴**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and**

faithfulness go before you.

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶ **they exult in your name all day long and extol^[d] your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸ **For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: *Romans 6:1-23* PB 917-918

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed^[a] from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments^[b] of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments^[c] of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations.^[d] For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Softly & Tenderly” ELW 608 vs.2

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

REFRAIN: “Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.” Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home!”

L:The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL *Matthew 10:40-42* PB 791-792

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" ELW 888



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

***APOSTLE'S CREED** pg.105

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 into Hell. 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.**

***OFFERING** *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* ELW 686 vs.1

We give Thee but thine own, what e’er thy gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. AMEN.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SING: *“Just As I Am”* **1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me come to thee,**

REFRAIN: *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

MEAL

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL SING: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered together as one family around one table, let us join hands as we pray the prayer Our Lord taught us: **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.**

INVITATION/DISTRIBUTION

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in his grace. AMEN.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray... We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with tender care, and feeding us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your hands, the wisdom of God be reflected in your words, and the knowledge of God flow from your heart, that all might see, and seeing, believe. Amen

***SENDING HYMN** “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*” ELW 890



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat,
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

***DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, be a warrior of prayer and a light of hope in a darkened world! **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

Today, 7/2/2023

9:00am—Worship—w/Holy Communion

10:00am—Fellowship

Next Sunday, 7/9/2023—6th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: July-June:** Kids Closet
- **Noisy offering:**
Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Larimore Days:**
Mon., July 10th – Sun., July 16th
- **OSLC VBS (Vacation Bible School):** July 18-20.
- **Funeral:** Sandy Lein's funeral will be held at the Larimore Methodist Church: Saturday, July 8th @ 2:00pm.

Serving this Sunday

Ushers:

Reader:

Prayer:

Communion: R. & M. Johnson

Fellowship: Muirs & Voights

Serving Next Sunday (7/9/23)

Ushers:

Reader:

Prayer:

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: J. Knudsons & G. Rankins

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Olson, Family of Sandy Lein, Dillon Norman (USM), Pr. Rena Peterson, OSLC Call Committee, Cindy Olson, Bonnie Olson, Marv Jemtrud, David Barnett (relative of Robert Stover), Arlene Lilja, Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson), LaVonne Jacobson, David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover), Robbie Leake