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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Seward, NE

June 20, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is normally in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew has been temporarily removed to help protect against passing the Corona Virus. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader
Organist

Pastor Mark A. Haefner
Cori Humann

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DIVINE SERVICE II

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

OPENING HYMN

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds | 512

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger years we saw, And which our fathers told.
- 2 Make unto them his glories known, His works of pow'r and grace,
And we'll convey his wonders down Through ev'ry rising race.
- 3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word,
To place in him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord,
- 5 To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne'er forget his works, But walk in his commands.

INVOCATION¹

please stand, if able

M In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

¹ *The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.*

ABSOLUTION²

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C **Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD

Tune | 233

**All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

² *The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners* [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.

**Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-15

¹My son, do not forget my teaching.

Let your heart keep my commands,

²because they will add long days and many years to your life,
and peace and prosperity will come to you.

³Do not allow mercy and truth to leave you.

Fasten them around your neck.

Write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴Then you will find favor and approval
in the eyes of God and man.

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own understanding.

⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.

⁷Do not consider yourself wise.
Fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

⁸Then your body will be healed,
and your bones will be refreshed.

⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits from your entire harvest.

¹⁰Then your barns will be filled to capacity,
and your wine vats will overflow with fresh wine.

¹¹Do not reject the LORD's discipline, my son,
and do not despise his warning,

¹²because the LORD warns the one he loves
as a father warns a son with whom he is pleased.

¹³How blessed is the person who finds wisdom,
the person who acquires understanding,

¹⁴because the profit it gives is better than the profit from silver,
and its yield is better than gold!

¹⁵It is more valuable than gems,
and nothing you desire can equal it. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1

Refrain

Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone

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Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment*,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous*,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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

Colossians 3:16-21

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not treat them harshly.

²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not embitter your children, so that they do not become discouraged. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him? Alleluia.

GOSPEL³

Luke 15:11-24

please stand, if able

M The Gospel according to Luke chapter 15.

C **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

¹¹Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '

²⁰He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. ²¹The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.' Then they began to celebrate. (EHV)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

³ The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall | 506

1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his—
How sad and poor and dark it is!

2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve him still
And do in all his holy will.

3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

4 Blest such a house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless his own.

5 Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake his Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

SERMON

Proverbs 23:13-23

¹³Do not withhold discipline from a child,
for if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.

¹⁴Strike him yourself with a rod,
and you will rescue his soul from death.

¹⁵My son, if your mind is wise,
my mind will rejoice as well.

¹⁶My heart will celebrate
when your lips speak upright things.

¹⁷Do not allow your heart to envy sinners.
Instead, always fear the LORD.

¹⁸Indeed, there is a future,
and your hope will never be cut off.

¹⁹Listen, my son, and be wise,
and keep your heart on the straight way.
²⁰Do not be among those who drink too much wine,
or those who eat too much meat,
²¹because a drunk and a glutton will become poor,
and drunken stupor dresses a person in rags.
²²Listen to your father, who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother when she is old.
²³Buy truth and do not sell it.
Buy wisdom, discipline, and knowledge. (EHV)

please stand, if able.

APOSTLE'S CREED⁴

**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.**

⁴ *Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.*

be seated

OFFERING: *WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD*

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord, our Heavenly Father, 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 Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

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 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

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.

HYMN

Our Father, by Whose Name | 501

1 Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,
In love divine you claim Each fam'ly as your own.
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which your people dwell.

2 O Christ, yourself a child Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled You did to manhood come.
Our children bless in ev'ry place
That they may all behold your face
And, knowing you, may grow in grace.

3 O Holy Spirit, bind Our hearts in unity,
And teach us how to find The love from self set free.
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling-place of peace.

PRAYER

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING⁵

M 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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray | **500**

1 For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray,
That you might dwell with us each day.
Make ours a place where you are Lord,
Where all is governed by your Word.

2 We are the children of your grace;
Our homes are now your dwelling-place.
In you we trust and daily live;
Teach us to serve and to forgive.

3 United in a bond of love,
We lift our eyes to you above.
From you we gain the strength to live,
The wish to share, the joy to give.

⁵ *The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].*

4 Protect us and our loved ones dear
From pain and sorrow, want and fear;
Yet when we must our burdens bear,
"Your will be done" shall be our prayer.

5 And when you call us all to rest,
Then will we have a home more blest,
See all our care and sorrow cease,
And find with Christ eternal peace.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 8:00 AM Bible Class, 8:45 AM Worship

Wednesday: 6:00 PM Catechism

Saturday: 9 AM – 3 PM SAA Bible Study with District President Hirsch at NELHS

Sunday: 8:00 AM Bible Class, 8:45 AM Worship
7 PM Trinity Association Meeting at Trinity

Ms. Coates moving truck will arrive on Monday June 21. Anyone who is able to help load her truck can come about 10:30 AM.

Please join us for a Bible Study and discussion of ministry with District President Hirsch THIS SATURDAY, June 26, from 9 AM to 3 PM at NELHS. Immediately following the meeting with Pastor Hirsch we will have our annual Joint Bethel/Grace Voter's meeting.

The Annual Trinity Association Meeting will be on June 27 at 7 PM at Trinity.

Camp Jefferson will take place on July 16th-18th with Teen Camp following. Registration is open until 11:59PM on June 27th. If you're interested in being a camper (grades 3-8), teen helper (grades 9 through age 19), adult helper (age 20 and above), or if you're a teen who wishes to join us for Teen Camp please visit our website welscampjefferson.org and click on the "Register Now" button under the "Youth Camp" or "Teen Camp" tabs. For more information on Camp Jefferson please visit our website or if you have questions you can reach us via email at welscampjefferson@gmail.com or by phone at 402-759-1239.

New Beginnings – We are collecting donations for New Beginnings, A Home for Mothers, in the month of June. Instead of collecting change in the baby bottles this year we are asking you to give an offering designated for New Beginnings if you wish to participate.

As a reflection of Christ's love for us and as a way to show love for our neighbor, we will be gathering summer greetings for our shut-ins. Please consider putting together a personal card, letter, or even having your children create a picture for them. We will be gathering items until after the church service on Sunday, July 4. There is an area on the back counter of the kitchen in the fellowship hall where you can put your completed cards or pictures. Please make sure to clearly mark the name of the intended recipient on the item. A list of names is located on the counter. The summer greetings will then be sent out after church on July 4th. Thank you for your help in reaching out!

Given to the Lord: Attendance: 47. Facebook Live 3, Clicks 26, Bible Class 10. Offerings: For Home 790.93, WELS 260.00, Trinity 724.93, New Beginnings 90.00. **To God be the glory!**



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