

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joe Johnson

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Radio Broadcast at 9:30am on KMSR 1520 AM
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Sunday, July 14, 2024
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Karen Alfson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW 656

- 1) Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*
- 2) Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*
- 3) We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*
- 4) From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L (Leader); C (Congregation)

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

1) "I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

2) "I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

3) "I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God and Almighty Lord and Savior,

C: we humbly come before you asking you to help us to be more like Jesus and love all of our neighbors and treat all people with kindness, dignity and compassion. Help us to reach out to someone who needs to hear about the Good News of your saving grace and boundless and eternal love. Thank you for loving us, help us to love each other! In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Peter 4:8-11

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Proverbs 17:17

¹⁷ A friend loves at all times,
and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 151*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-13 "No Greater Love"

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE "Calling a Friend"

(Chapter 9 from *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren)

BLESSING: "For Truth Telling" from *The Lives We Actually Have* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

HYMN OF THE DAY: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ELW 742

*1) What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*2) Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*3) Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.*

APOSTLES' CREED *ELW p. 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.**

PRAYER SONG

ELW 752

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ELW p. 154*

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.

SENDING HYMN: "Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

1) Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.*

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2) Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

3) Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)

4) Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)

5) Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain)

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Helping people experience the Love of God.**

POSTLUDE

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today:

God's Healing Presence for...

Sonja Diehl	Lane Neuschwander (nephew of Kari & Jeff Bjorge)
Larry (Butch) Lovas	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Patrick Flanagan	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Sandra Mustad	John (Veronika Pawlikowski's dad)
Kenna Kappes	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Becky Foss	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Peggy Gilbertson	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Deb Kritzberger	Jane Olson (Brittany Thompson's mom)
Liz Hanson	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Karen Paulson	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Monica Webster	Rick Krogstad (Erin Thompson's dad)
Carol Christianson	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
Susie Anderson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Charlie Anderson	Grayson Nelson (Dontray and Grace's son)
Vicki Dahlstrom	Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
Kim Olson (Pastor Joe's cousin)	Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Tom Wait (friend of Jon Bertsch)	Grant Anderson (Erin Thompson's nephew)
Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)	

Safety for those serving in the Military... especially those serving in combat areas:

Our Sympathy to... Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend: *The family and friends of DeVonne Wright*

ASSISTING MINISTER: Barb Hultin

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron

HEAD USHER: Peter Lovas

ATTENDANCE: July 7, 2024 – 66

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: July 7, 2024: \$3,730.00; July to date: \$3,730.00;
Income through June 30, 2024: \$196,089.76; Expenses through June 30, 2024:
\$191,832.79. Income less Expense: \$4,256.97

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

OSLC STEEPLE TALK NEWSLETTER: News, announcements and articles for the August newsletter are due next week already! If you are not receiving the newsletter either by mail or email, and would like to, please contact the church office at 636-5701 or oslcelca@rrv.net.

"WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE" is the theme for this year's OSLC Vacation Bible School. The schedule is as follows:

***Pre-school Children** (ages 3 and 4 years and going into Kindergarten)

Tuesday, July 30 from 9-11am

Wednesday, July 31 from 9-11am

***School age Students** (going into 1st-5th grade)

Monday, July 29 from 9am-2pm

Tuesday, July 30 from 9am-2pm

Wednesday, July 31 from 9am-2pm

Please bring a SACK LUNCH and DRINK each day! Water bottle (put their name on it), sunscreen, hat and coat/sweatshirt if needed.

***Junior Leaders** (going into 6-7th grade)

Monday, July 29 from 9am-2pm

Tuesday, July 30 from 9am-2pm

Wednesday, July 31 from 9am-2pm

Please bring a SACK LUNCH, DRINK and/or WATER BOTTLE each day!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 - there will be a free **PIZZA & ICE CREAM MEAL** served for all VBS participants, family & friends **at 6:00pm** and then a short **RECITAL/PROGRAM at 6:30pm**. All are Welcome!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, July 14 (Barb Hultin)

9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship
7:00pm AA Meeting (OSLC)

Tuesday, July 16

7:00am Text Bible Study (Subway)

Wednesday, July 17

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Subway)

Thursday, July 18

10:45am Worship Service at HMC Care Center

Sunday, July 21 (Nadia Robb-Kern)

9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship
7:00pm AA Meeting (OSLC)

Monday, July 22

Return from Youth Gathering Trip
Meal Delivery Week (Sarah Workgroup)
Steeple Talk news for August due!

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