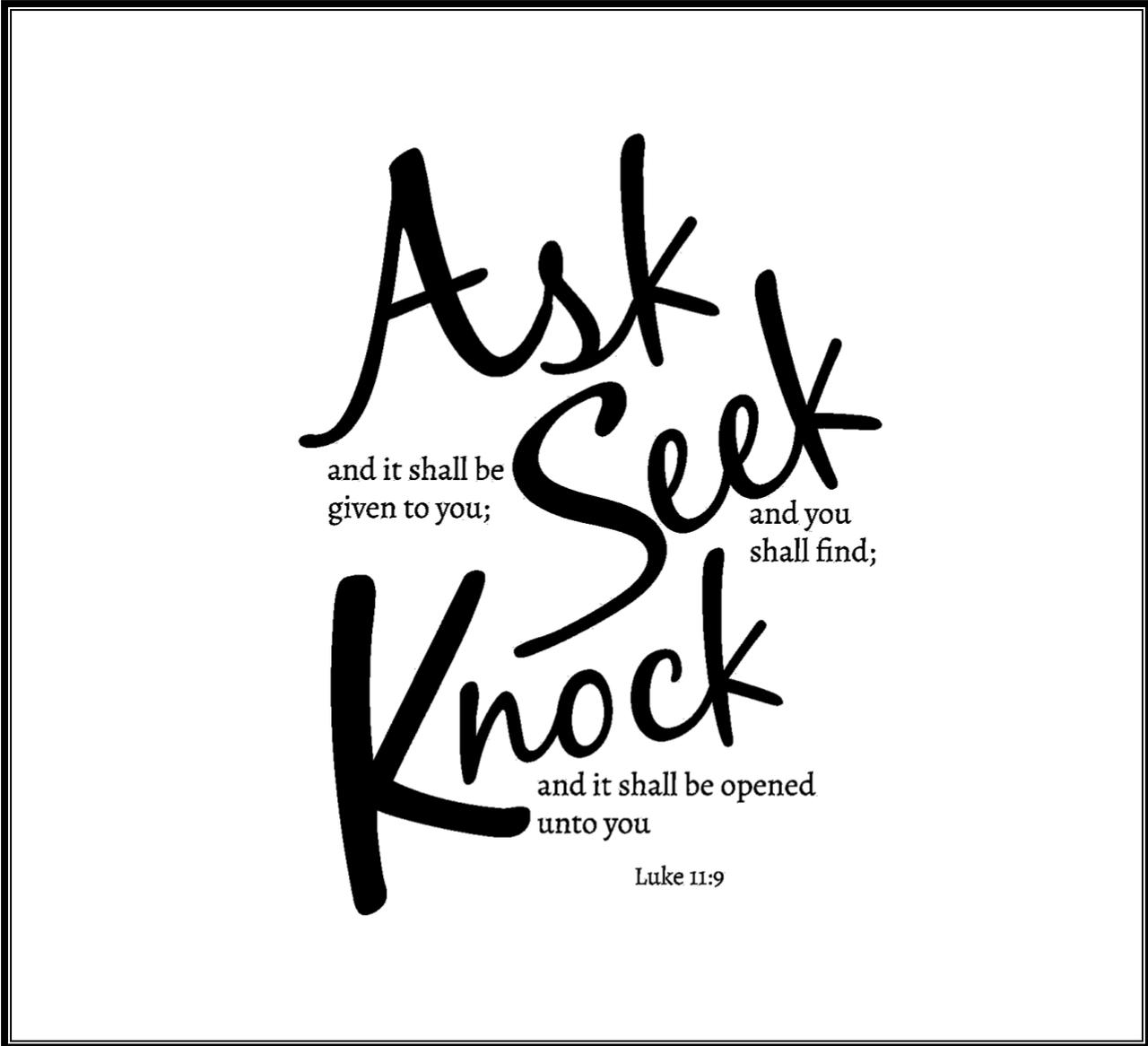


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**PENTECOST 7
JULY 24, 2022**

Silent Prayer Before Worship: Almighty God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and You gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymnals: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal), The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH, blue hardcover hymnal), and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

Welcome

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 520, verses 1, 3 and 4

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

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

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We

are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

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

C: Amen.

ANTICLE OF PRAISE, "Glory be to God," (ELW, p. 204)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We know how hard it is to get from one day to the next sometimes, LORD, but we forget to ask You for help, and at other times we think You have more important things to do. Remind us, we pray, that You love us enough to take the time needed to assist us in whatever ways we need. We ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

FIRST READING, GENESIS 18:20-33 (NIV)

Abraham does not give up.

The LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached Me. If not, I will know."

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached Him and said: "Will You sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will You really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing – to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from You! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the LORD, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will You destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," He said, "I will not destroy it."

Once again he spoke to Him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

Then he said, "May the LORD not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the LORD, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

Then he said, "May the LORD not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, He left, and Abraham returned home.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, PSALM 138 (NIV)

David expresses great appreciation to God for His answers.

I will praise You, LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing Your praise.
I will bow down toward Your holy temple
and will praise Your name
for Your unfailing love and Your faithfulness,
for You have so exalted Your solemn decree
that it surpasses Your fame.
When I called, You answered me;
You greatly emboldened me.
May all the kings of the earth praise You, LORD,
when they hear what You have decreed.

May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
 for the glory of the LORD is great.
 Though the LORD is exalted, He looks kindly on the lowly;
 though lofty, He sees them from afar.
 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 You preserve my life.
 You stretch out Your hand against the anger of my foes;
 with Your right hand You save me.
 The LORD will vindicate me;
 Your love, LORD, endures forever –
 do not abandon the works of Your hands.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Tune is Unser Herrscher, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty")



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 11:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus encourages His followers to be "up front" with God.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of his disciples said to Him, "LORD, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

*"Father,
hallowed be Your name,
Your Kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."*

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a

scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED (ELW p. 206)

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.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

*** catholic means universal*

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 787

"On Eagle's Wings"

SERMON, "Ask!"

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." – Luke 11:9

OFFERING *(The plate is available in the back of the church.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG, ELW 659, verses 1-4

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Spoken Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (7/17) was 31. The total offering was \$1,537.00 including \$25 to Trinity First, and \$150 from use of building.

Celebrations This Month

Happy Birthday Kathy Riley (7/10), Marlette Steinke (7/25), Michael Schlueter (7/25). Happy Anniversary to Andy and Darcy Tatham (7/28).

Weed & Water

The sign-up calendar and directions are in the narthex. Thanks so much for your help again this summer.

Now Available

- 2022 Membership Directory
- June/July Newsletter from Erick and Courtney Horrmann
- Lutheran Disaster Response info for Ukraine on the back table.
- Portals of Prayer (July to September) issue

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume today in the Family Room after the service.

Lutheran Night at the Twins

The date is Tuesday, August 2nd, the Twins will be playing the Detroit Tigers. See the flyer on the back table for more information.

Treasurer Needed

Below is the list of treasurer duties. These are the duties that will remain after the payroll portion is transferred to an outside vendor. The job has really been simplified over the years and will take approximately 1 to 2 hours per week. They include:

- Write a few checks per month and mail them
- Review and enter weekly bank deposits (from the Sunday collection)
- Enter the direct deposit donations into Church 360
- Review and enter direct deposits and fees into checking account
- Balance the checkbook every month
- Balance the Staff debit card and transfer funds as necessary
- Prepare annual budget
- Prepare reports for Council meetings

Trinity First School Wishlist

Trinity First school has made their 2022-2023 "wishlist" available. If you would like to support Trinity First school by purchasing items for a classroom or the office, you can do so in multiple ways:

- 1) Through the Amazon Wishlist. (Copies available on the table in the back of the church.) Or go to <https://a.co/bVCzlwe>
- 2) Teachers also greatly appreciate gift cards to Lakeshore Learning or Teachers Pay Teachers.
- 3) Child-sized disposable covid masks.
- 4) To give a monetary donation you can use your offering envelope OR give directly on TF website. Go to trinityfirstschool.org and click on "Donate Now" in the banner. In the blue box you can click on "Donations," "Wishlist," or "Donate Now."

SERVING THE LORD

Serving Today, July 24

July Altar Guild: Mary Lange

July Elder: Jim Likely

Counters: Lynn Oolman and Sandi Likely

Lector: Linda Scanlon

Organist: Julie Wright

Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Mary Lange

Ushers: Tim Phelon & Keith Lange

Water & Weed: Kim Blomberg

Serving Next Sunday, July 31

July Altar Guild: Mary Lange

July Elder: Jim Likely

Counters: Adam Horrmann and Gail Klatt

Lector: Sally Gorski

Organist: Julie Wright

Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Open

Ushers: Steve Blomberg and Ed Copeland

Water & Weed: Open

Thank You