

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JULY 27, 2025

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH IS THE VOICE OF FAITH- Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, “how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would “surely become a great and mighty nation” (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold “fast to the Head” (Col. 2:19), “rooted and built up in him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:6-7).

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN

“FATHER MOST HOLY”

504

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (PG. 268-271 IN LSB)

BAPTISM: BRYOR JAMES MCCARTHY, SON OF MARSHALL MCCARTHY
AND SABRINA WILLIAMS

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

²⁰Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

ROMANS 10:15B; ISAIAH 52:7B, ALT.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY “OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE” 766

vs. 1-4

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE” 766

vs. 5-9

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

G Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Bryor James McCarthy	+ Deb Zebell
+ Doris Kosek	+ Darian Litzau
+ Dan Gueningsman	+ Chad Feltmann
+ Karen Strei	+ Jeremy Radtke

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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CLOSING HYMN "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

770

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 140

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BAPTISM- Congratulations to Bryor James McCarthy, son of Marshall McCarthy and Sabrina Williams, who will be baptized during today's service. Sponsors are LaDamien Gatlin-Coellner, Morgan Bruzek and Jason Dorn.

2. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING-Please attend the Quarterly Voters Meeting TODAY, Sunday, July 27th. The meeting is set to begin at 10:00 AM (following the church service). All communicant members who have reached legal voting age are welcome to attend! Minutes from the last Quarterly Meeting are available on the table near the elevator for you to review.

3. THANK YOU! We had a great week of Vacation Bible School!! The kids learned about Jesus' teachings and the love he has for us. We couldn't have done it without our many helpers who committed to teaching our youngest members. Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS: Camp Omega helpers: LaJean Hoof (check-in tables and snack serving, Thrivent card donation for snacks); Levi Lee, Emmitt Christen, Krayton Ruschmeyer, and Beau Mike (youth helpers); Gene Starke and the Barlau family for hosting camp counselor meals; Jen & Joey Schauer for hosting the counselors at their cabin; Jane and Fred Holasek for hosting youth night. VBS helpers: Teachers: Sarah Mueller,

Amanda Streufert, Amanda Barlau, Patsy Schauer, Jane Holasek, Ellie Schulteis; Opening and Closing: Pastor Barlau and Jane Holasek; Youth helpers: Ella Bebo, Brea Bebo, Cora Bebo, Teagan Herrmann, Addisyn Lind, Hailey Schmalz, Lucas Schauer.

4. THANK YOU: Stewardship Committee would like to thank Pastor Barlau, wife Amanda and daughters for riding on the float in the Prairie Days parade. Thank you also to Paul Logelin for driving and providing the trailer and four-wheeler. We would also like to acknowledge the monetary donation Paul made this year to rebuild the cross attachment on the back of the trailer. Paul's annual commitment to helping the stewardship committee for this event is very much appreciated

5. NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY / MARK YOUR

CALENDARS: The Stewardship Committee is planning a new church directory event coming this Fall. Photo appointment slots in the church building will be available on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 2pm to 8:30pm and on October 4th from 10am to 4pm. Each sitting will receive one FREE church directory; one 8x10 photo and have the opportunity to purchase additional photos (no pressure sales). All photos will be shipped directly to your home. Please make sure the church office has your current phone number, street address AND PO Box number (if applicable). Mark your calendars and stay tuned for scheduling details in August.

6. SERVANTS NEEDED: Host/Hostess servants are needed to assist with checking families in during the church directory photo sessions on Oct 1st thru Oct 4th. You will be required to attend one simple training meeting, at the church, prior to the directory photo event. If interested, please contact a stewardship member or call the church office at 320.395.2573. We appreciate your service. Darlene Schmidt 320.583.3022; Julie Dial 952.484.4436; Kimberly Reed 612.281.4759

7. LWML will meet on Monday, August 4 at 6:30 at the home of Jane Holasek (1502 185th St, LP). Please bring a lawn chair if the weather is nice. All women of the congregation are invited to join us for God's word, treats, and fellowship.

8. THANK YOU to our Lester Prairie Days burger stand workers Jim Klaustermeier, Gaylen Schoenfeld, Jim Hlavka, Audrey Litzau, Jane & Fred Holasek, and Michael Foust. The Lester Prairie Days Committee appreciates all of the volunteers that helped to make 2025 Lester Prairie Days such a success! Thank you!

9. SAVE THE DATE! Rally Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7! Kids from ages 3 - high school will meet to celebrate the start of the Sunday school year! Watch the website, Facebook page, and your email for registration information.

10. SCHEDULE- For August 3 (one service)~ Ushers: Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Larry Roth; Acolytes: L. Dressler, K. Schauer; Greeters- Audrey Litzau; Flowers: Jane Holasek; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

General Fund Update

Weekly Average Needed To Make Budge	\$ 6,806.74
Weekly Average (= Sunday deposits + \$ transferred from Gift Fund Endowment Buildings & Grounds, Undesignated)	<u>\$5,270.25</u>
Net + / - Per Week	Short Weekly -1,536.49

calendar of Events

Sun. July 27th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP Quarterly Voters Meeting Endowment Committee Meeting
Mon. July 28 th		Pastor at Conference
Tues. July 29 th		Pastor at Conference
Wed. July 30 th	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin Pastor at conference
Sun. Aug. 3rd	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION