



July 26, 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Seek Ye First

Setting, Mark Albright

Gathering

Kyrie

ELW Setting VIII

Hymn of the Day

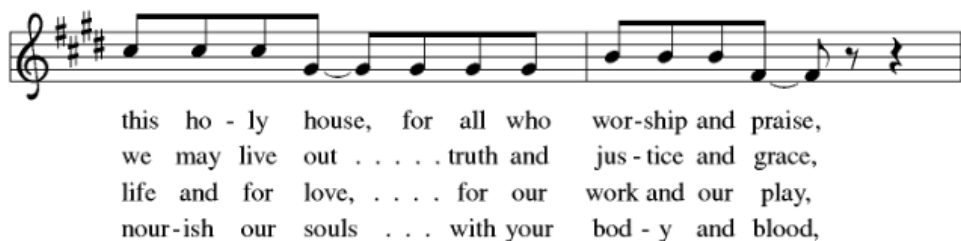
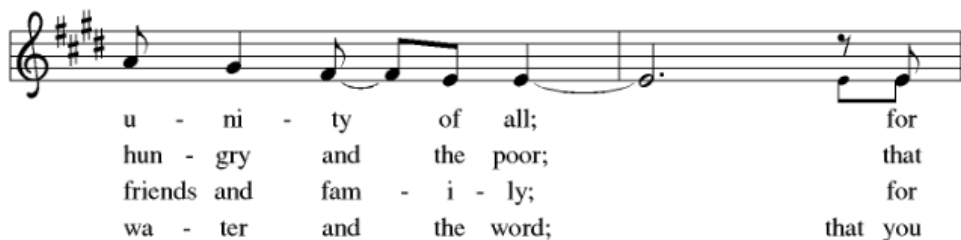
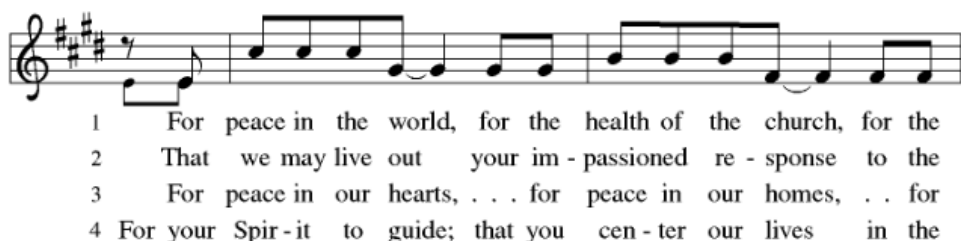
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

Knowing, Sharing, Celebrating Christ

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

Kyrie ELW Setting VIII



1Kings 3:5-12

Solomon's prayer for wisdom

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."



Romans 8:26-39

Nothing can separate us from God's love

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Happy are they who follow in the ways of God. (ps.128:1)

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

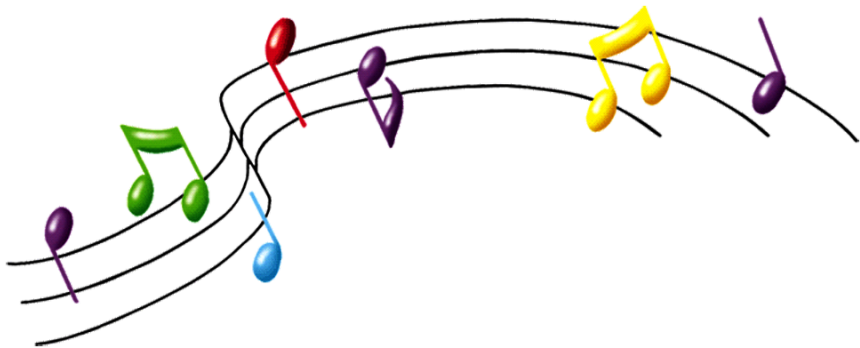
⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

¹Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its
righteousness, and all these things shall be
added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

²Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

³We do not live by bread...alone, but by
every word that proceeds from the
mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia



PRAYERS FOR Health and Healing:

- Alice Sterner (mother of Diane Moore)
- Don Foor, health issues (brother of Carol Geiger)
- Kay Reitnauer, health issues (friend of Donna Biehl)
- Gloria Christman, recovering at home from recent hospitalization
- David Clifton, covid 19 (Stand Down Vet group)
- Julie Flowers, grieving (Carol Geiger's sister)
- Linda Lyle, pancreatic cancer

PRAYERS FOR Those in Grief:

- Family & Friends of Carolyn Hornung (Connie Hukari's cousin)
- Family & Friends of Mary (Toni Derr's mother)
- Family & Friends of Esther McFarland
- Family & Friends of Randy Barber (cousin of Carol Geiger)
- Family & Friends of James "Posey" Flowers, (brother-in-law of Carol Geiger)

PRAYERS FOR Those Needing Continued Prayers:

Bob Arobone, Larry Billger, Roy Geiger, Jalen Gray, Travis Reese,
Cookie Stasik and Khristopher Yoder

For prayer requests, please contact the church office at 610-367-9738.

Sponsors of the Eternal Flame:

By Rev. Don and Ruth Nice in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary

Sponsors of the Bulletins:

By Rev. Don and Ruth Nice in honor of their children, Jonathan and Lois' birthdays

Video Lectors	
July 26 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 2 9 th Sunday after Pentecost
Joe Vendetti	Megan Ingram
1 Kings 3:5-12	Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 8:26-39	Romans 9:1-5

Sunday Summer Worship in the Pavilion at 9:30

Tune your FM station to 91.3

Masks & physical distancing are required.

Please bring your own lawn chair and find a shady spot!

S'More Jesus

Sunday, August 2nd

7:00-8:30PM

At St. Luke Lutheran Church Pavilion

All young people who have completed 6th through 12th grade are invited.

(Grace, Emmanuel and St. James from Pottstown; St. Luke and New Hanover in Gilbertsville.)

Supplies for S'Mores will be carefully prepared in individual kits.

Water will be provided.

Please bring your mask. You may also bring your own chair and S'more stick,

Celebration

It's a girl! Congratulations to Melinda Conrad and proud grandparents, Donna & David Conrad on the birth of Madison Jane. Madison was born July 17th weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz and 19" long. Many blessings!

100th Anniversary Campaign

Pledges received year to date: \$96,430

Actual year to date: \$60,410

Worship and Stewardship

Our June Commitment

Our Generosity

Overage/Shortfall

Budget \$11,964

\$10,919

-\$1,045

Mission Support \$700

\$541

-\$159

Hall Rental, Sanctuary Lamp, and Bulletin \$745



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