

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

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Message: Eric Olson



PRELUDE *Spirit Alive*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GREETING:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *'Cornerstone'*

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FIRST READING: *Genesis 15:1-6*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of

the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord. ~ **Thanks be to God**

HYMN: 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'

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GOSPEL: *Luke 12:32-40*

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: *Eric Olson*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Jim Koppen*

NICENE CREED:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *'Blessed Assurance'*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: More work on Golf Ave is beginning soon if not already! Please note that the entrance to our lot from that street may not be open if at all during this next construction period. Please use the north entrance to access our parking lot.

MISSION TRIP SHARE: Join us Sunday, August 14 for this special youth lead service where we will learn about the important connecting work the ORLC Youth did in Kentucky this summer.

CREATION CARE TEAM: *Creating a Creation Care Team at Our Redeemer Lutheran...We NEED YOU to join us in becoming a leader in the community on how to model an environmentally friendly organization!!*

We are looking for volunteers from all areas of the church – worship, youth, WELCA, music, property, council etc. to become part of a Creation Care Team. As you may have noticed some changes are already in the works! For example, cloth napkins, collection of our plastic bags, bee houses in the gardens, and the start of a future pollinator garden on the west lawn. There is no age restriction for joining the team– *Creation Care affects us all and we all have something to share.* To find out more about the Synod EcoFaith Team go to <http://www.nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html> and sign up for the Green Blades Rising newsletter that comes out monthly. ***If this is something you think you might have an interest in please contact Mary Jo Mettler – djmjmettler@gmail.com***
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RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG: Update: June collection weight: 85 lbs ~ July collection weight: 104 lbs. We are right on track...keep up the good work of recycling those plastic bags! *For easy drop off we have placed 3 white collection boxes around the Church.*
Inside: Sanctuary doors and in the hallway outside the kitchen. ***Outside:*** Backdoor.
Thank you for your help!!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Duane Krause.

RADIO BRADCAST: Thank you to the Woulfe family for sponsoring the month of August.

M,TO PRAY FOR: Jenny C, Joie N (sister of Bev G), John E, Julie D, Carol B, Randy L (Greg L brother), Katelyn L, Adrienne R, Virginia W, Oscar T, Jennifer (daughter of Jane T), Craig M (nephew of Larry & Linda S), Kris P, Carl P, Joyce L, Jon R (family of Marilyn S), Mike M (son of Donna & Ronald P), Eric J. (son of Merietta & Sherwood J.), Gail M, Ty L, Brittney H, Lynn Z, Jeffery Z (brother of Tammy S), Dale K, Shirley H (sister of Marge K), Barb L, Kay K, Evelyn M, Carl & Carole A, Mauricio T (son-in-law to Jay & Tam S), Pat H, Janet K (Michelle V sister), Angela Z, Jeff K, Bill M, Ashley J, Gail R, Brian H, Paulette R, Rod B, Karen B, Steve M, Jim J, Tonia J, Betsi M O, Laurie M, Bonnie A, Karen K (sister-in-law to Julie & Lee W), Deb H, Aine C (Judy & Larry B's grandchild), Evie R (great-granddaughter of Donna & Ron P), Steven M (brother-in-law to Jeff D), Margaret M

In Sympathy: for the family of Duane K on his passing.

Lift up our youth this week as they travel and experience God's beautiful creation while in the Boundary Waters.

for those who serve in the armed forces, and all those we hold in prayer in the quiet of our hearts.

GREEN TIP for the week. nemnsynod.org/green-tips.html

Our Christian faith calls us to care about our world and to love and protect God's amazing creation.

Do you use a charcoal grill when you barbecue?

Did you know that the briquettes we buy are made from timber waste, sawdust, cornstarch and then bound together with lighter fluid to help the briquettes start more quickly? When lit the chemical charcoal gives off carbon monoxide poisoning and the cornstarch and lighter fluid can affect the taste of your grilled food. Real charcoal is made from real hardwood that is purposefully grown for charcoal and doesn't have any added chemicals. For a natural firestarter, use some of the lint from your dryer lint trap.

Just make sure it is 100% cotton (like after drying towels)