

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
North Branch, MN
Sunday, July 26th, 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Song ***“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”*** (led by Barb Mork)

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:
we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow’rs with you;
great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow’r,
facing us with life’s destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose, serving others, hon’ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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

Let us pray, Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading ***Romans 8:26-39*** (read by Carol Gustafson)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For 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. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he also not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Jesus Christ, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor 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.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jon Yurk

Prayers of Intercession Turn to us, O God: **be gracious to us.**

Communion Liturgy

The Lord’s Prayer *(led by the Morgan & Baumann families)*

**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.**

Communion

Post-Communion Blessing

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Song *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (led by Barb Mork)*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life and health and peace.

He speaks, and list’ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Trinity's Prayer List

Those with cancer...

Wendy G - ovarian cancer (friend of Lori Goodroad)

Tim Rye (brother of Lynda Chilstrom)

Deborah Jackson-brain tumors (niece of Kathleen Nordaune)

Steve Olmstead-undergoing treatment for cancer

Mark Lenzen-living with cancer (husband of Joy, friends of Barb Mork, Lori Olson, Jan Berthiaume)

The Damjanac family as their mother battles cancer & depression

Scott Anderson-healing & treatment (son of Beverly Otterness)

MonaRae Cich-stage 4 cancer (niece of Darlene Nelson)

Phyllis Boho-stage 4 brain cancer (mother in law of Corey Ploetz)

Jerry Mollberg (friends of Jim & Pat Guptill) **Nancy Boyce** gastric cancer

Tom Schoon-kidney cancer stable, continued prayers of thanksgiving
(husband of former Trinity Pastor Sue Schoon)

Tom Olsen– Stage 4 lymphoma, lung and bladder cancer (dad of Jen Minick)

Sally Barott-return of cancer that has spread (friend of Irma Ekstrom)

Delores West-cancer (mother of Terry Nelson) **Tim D**-cancer-friend of Dan Newes

Corey Ploetz-Acute Myeloid Leukemia-currently in remission (son of Joanne Ploetz)

Jackie (friend of Kelly Rogstad)

Danita Mattick-aggressive carcinoma (niece of Steve & Shari Denny)

Karla Hermann-cancer **Mark Nelson**-colon cancer (son of Mike & Barb Nelson)

Joy Lenzen - breast cancer **JoAnn Peterson** (friend of Jane O'Brien Bliss)

Kim Salo – breast cancer

And For...

Pam Mattick-at Gracepointe Crossing **Missy M.** (friend of Lori Goodroad)

John Elmstrand-recovering at home

Pam Johnson-health concerns– Walker Health Facility, Mpls.

Lilly Glaser–influenza complications (niece of David & Michelle Anderson)

Summer Danich-(6 yr old daughter of Andrea & DJ)

Matthew Seidlecki-young child with spinal meningitis, surgeries, recovery

Emily Rafferty– Lyme disease and serious co-infection

(daughter of Shawn & Tara Rafferty, niece of Dennis & Melissa Rafferty)

Diane Turnacliiff-health concerns (mother of Gail Mattson)

Haiden Gallagher-heart transplant, stroke (friend of Allen Matkaiti)

Jason Battles- awaiting heart transplant (friend of Steve Hals)

Jan Nunery-cardio defibrillator implant (friend of Kathleen Nordaune)

Sharlyn Good-autoimmune disease-health concerns

Colleen Johnson-dementia (sister of Kathleen Nordaune)

Becca Nyreen-early stages of dementia (daughter of Colleen Johnson, niece of Kathleen Nordaune)

Annabelle Johnson (friend of Nordaunes)

Bob Rugar-leukemia in remission (friend of Doug & Vicky Trampe)

Christopher Staples-personal crisis (son of Ron & Sharon Sperry)

Darlene (Walters) Boyce– open heart surgery January 17 (friend of Shirley Fisk)

Kari Hoffman—stage 4 colon cancer (friend of Laura & Chris Darst)

TJ Howe-health concerns **Ardell Ring** –health concerns

Emmett Norman –multiple health concerns (infant son of Tandra & Matt Norman)

Scott Jensen -heart transplant (nephew of Kathleen Nordaune)

Dan & Shirley Walden (Martha Arnold's brother & sister in law)

Sharon Fairbanks – broken femur **Craig Nelson** – stroke recovery (son of Karen Nelson)

Missions: Pawaga, our sister congregation in Tanzania

Missionary: Dr. Stephen and Jody Swanson, Tanzania

Those Serving in Active Duty **Eric Chilstrom, Abigail Peno Hales, Aly Wuertz, Adam Wuertz, Jon Amundson, Rachel Bogart, Alex Fitcha, Josh Pfaffendorf, Gina Amundson, Justin Murray, Jonathan Fish, Jolene Amundson, Robert Hales (husband of Abigail Peno Hales) deployed in dangerous area.**

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