

3rd Sunday after Trinity

July 6th, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 1

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You will cast  
**all our sins**  
into the depths  
of the sea.



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #31

"When All Thy Mercies, O My God"

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

### Confession of Our Sins

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and that we daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our sins.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

*"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." (John 20:23)*

### The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

*Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"*



(P:) Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on  
earth. (C:) Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we  
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.  
For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone  
are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High,  
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect Prayer of the Day

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**P** O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**



### Luke 15:11-24

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>

And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.



## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faith-

ful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*These words are written that we may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**C** I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #342

*"Chief of Sinners, Though I Be"*

## ✠ The Sermon ✠



### Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. <sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup> You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

### **“A God Like Me?” Not at all!**

His mercy is *daily*.

His anger has *passed*.

His promise is *certain*.

### **The Offertory**

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*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

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**✠ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

## ✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

**Hymn: TLH #373**

*“By Grace I’m Saved”*

## ✠ The General Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer ✠

### **The Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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*The blessing given by God for His people.*

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**✠** 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 His peace.

**✠ Amen!**

**Hymn: TLH #351**

*“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”*

**CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal** – Eight CLC Mission Helpers are currently in Nepal proclaiming the simple Gospel message to children in Himalayan villages where Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession congregations and preaching stations are located. You can read the trip blog and see pictures at: [www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com](http://www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com).

**Open House Party** – Today, an open house will be held for Lylas Eigenberg's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday from 2-4 pm at the Cottonwood County Historical Society (812 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Windom.) No gifts please. Cards can reach Lylas at 725 Fuller Dr. Apt. 104, Mikkelsen Manor, Windom, MN 56101.

**VBS** is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be in need of many volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time to this important work of the church. There are many roles to fill, including teaching, crafts, copying/printing, games, music. If you are able to serve, please sign-up on the sheets in the entry. If you have any questions, please speak with VBS Superintendent Kassie Voit or Pastor Rodebaugh. Thank you!

**VBS Fliers** – Please consider taking some fliers from the entry-way for handing out or posting around your town!

**Budget Committee Meeting** will be held today, immediately following the morning worship service. Each Board should plan on sending one member to join the Chairman and Treasurer in order to draft the proposed 2025-2026 budget before our July 20 Quarterly Meeting. Please reach out to Treasurer Nathan Albrecht or Chairman Phil Strike if you have any questions.

<b>Ushers</b>	7/6	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	7/13	Kendall B, Larry B.
	7/20	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
<b>Cleaning</b>		This Week – Kazemba, Thaemlitz (wk. 2)
		Up Next – Dronen, Ferguson, Baumann

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Mon Matthew 5:17-19** Jesus supports the entire Old Testament, whether Law, which He will keep, or Prophets, which He will fulfill completely as our substitute, our promised Savior.

**Tues Acts 3:9-26** The people were amazed to see the lame man healed, and Peter is swift to credit Jesus for the healing, as well as forgiveness (v19). In Him is the fulfillment of all the prophets' promises (v24)!

**Wed Numbers 23:7-12** Balak hired Balaam, the sorcerer, to try to get the Lord to stop blessing the Israelites. But Balaam cannot manipulate the God of Israel, who is intent on blessing many through Israel.

**Thurs Ezekiel 18:20-24** To go against the Lord of life means death. The prophet is clear on that. But the Lord does not desire people's death, but that they would turn back to Him and live!

**Fri Matthew 5:20-26** The righteousness that Jesus gives us is greater than that of the Scribes and Pharisees. e.g. Not only will we refrain from murder, but also from hurting or harming by word or deed.

**Sat Romans 6:3-11** Our new life comes from being baptized into Jesus' death, so that we might also live with Him. As He died to sin on the cross, so also we consider ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ.

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