

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(for silent prayer during the prelude)

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.¹ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM MATTHEW 11:28-30)

One: The Gospel of Matthew quotes Jesus telling those who are weary:

All: Come to me. I will give you rest.

One: Those who are carrying heavy burdens:

All: Come to me. I will give you rest.

One: He is gentle and humble in heart. In him, you will find rest for your souls.

All: For his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Near to the Heart of God" #527

There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God, A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God, Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God, A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God, Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God, A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God. O Jesus,

blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God, Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

*CALL TO CONFESSION (FROM ROMANS 7:15)

As Paul wrestles, we also wrestle in doing what we do not want but doing the very thing we hate or strive to eliminate. Let us confess our sins and ask God for the strength to overcome them. Let us pray.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, we strive to eliminate sin from our lives but as Paul, we fall back into sinful patterns. Strengthen and embolden us in this fight. Make known to us the sins that we commit, and may we overcome that sin through your Holy Spirit's work within us. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to repentance. In the name of the one who committed no sin. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Gospel of Matthew testifies to our Lord Jesus the Messiah who is gentle and humble in heart. He calls us to come to him and offers us forgiveness and eternal life in return. Know that we are forgiven. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" David Arends

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 p. 20

EPISTLE READING Romans 7:15-25a p. 157

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 p. 11

SERMON "Sinners Anonymous" Rev. Andy Smothers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Questions 6-8)

One: Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

Many: No. God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.

One: Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

Many: The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition.

One: But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

Many: Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Creator God, all that surrounds us relies on your divine creation. All that we have originates with you. You have blessed us in many ways and sustain us in every moment. With our thanksgiving, accept our dedication of our talents and gifts, time, and finances for your purposes and for the work of your church, the bride of Christ. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.

CLOSING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" #442 (vv. 1, 4 & 5)

The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the word; From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the

consummation Of peace forever more; Till with the vision
glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church
victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One, And mystic
sweet communion With those whose rest is won: O happy ones
and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and
lowly, May live eternally.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ⁱ *Book of Common Worship, 361.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning! As we continue to social
distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free
to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy.
You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. Weather
permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Martha Orcutt, soloist David
Arends and organist Ernestine Olson.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **Sunday, July 19th**
and **Sunday, August 16th**.

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for our outdoor
coffee hour this summer. A signup sheet will be on the table
near the food after worship.

Come and join us on Wednesday Evenings for Evening Prayer at
7:30 PM. Several of us join Pastor Andy for scripture readings
and reflections, liturgy, prayer, and fellowship.

In partnership with the Conrad Lutheran Parish, we have been
planning Vacation Bible School for this summer. Two options
will be available. You may register for a kit you can take home
or register to participate in the in-person program. For children
entering grades 1 through 6, the in-person program will be July
27th-30th. For 3, 4, and 5-year-old children, the program will be
July 28th-30th. Watch the church website for a registration form
and for more information.

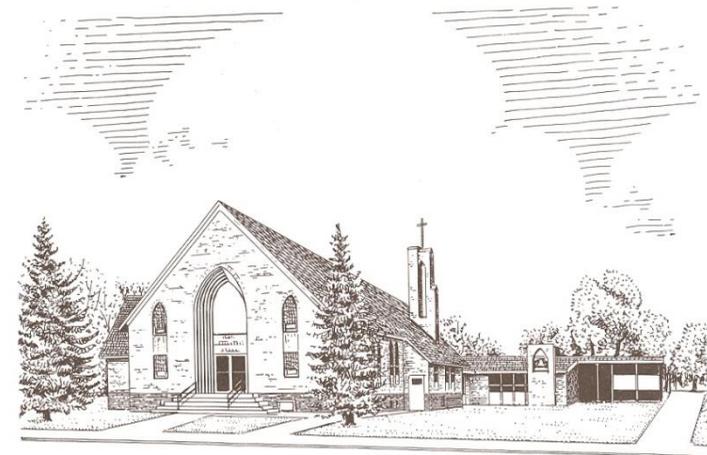
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It is with sadness that we share that Nellie Sherman went to be with
our Lord on June 29th. Helen Elliott would like to start a
memorial in honor of her. If anyone would like to send their
condolences, please send them to Nellie's daughter, Debbie
Sheasby. Her address is 1203 Ave B NW Great Falls, MT 59404.
Please keep her family in prayer during this time.

Summer Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to
12:30 PM.

Last week, combined giving was **\$2,021.00**. In order to meet
expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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