

Time After Pentecost



October 2, 2022
Time After Pentecost
11:00 AM
Holy Communion

Prelude

“O Praise the Name”
Stacy Bean





October 1/2, 2022
Time after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson
Preaching Pastor

Rev. Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman
Presiding Pastor

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson
Co-Lead Pastor





S.A.F.E. Center

Empower. Support. Educate.

The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education Center.

The S.A.F.E. Center's mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.

**“Sharing Shelf”
Donation Items for
October**

Laundry Soaps

Laundry detergent, detergent sheets, scrub brushes, laundry pods, sensitive skin detergents

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2nd

1:00 pm

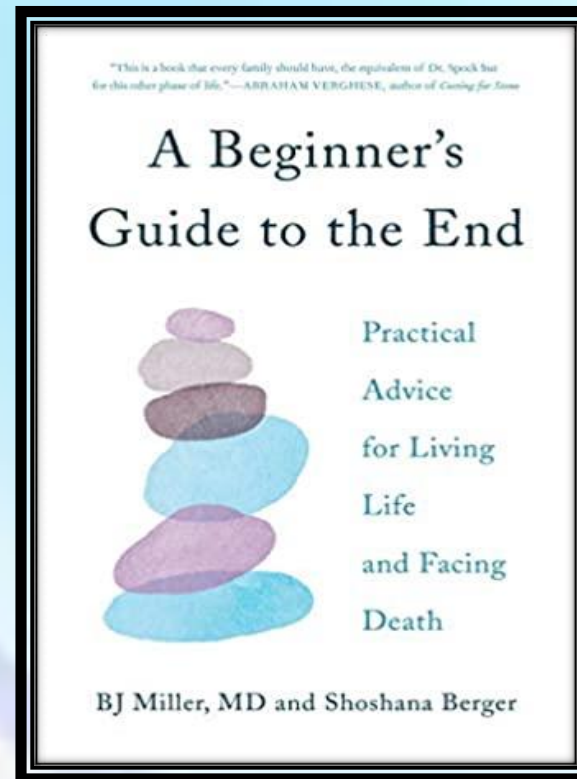
Southwest parking lot by rose garden



READING WITH PASTOR MICHELLE

Begins on October 5th @ 7:22 pm

Meets in North Hall



Adult Bible Study
With Pastor Rick
Biblical Stewardship

Begins Sunday, October 9th
9:55 AM in Centennial Hall



GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



Worship Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”



“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see You,

I want to see You.

(sing twice)

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory,
Pour out Your power and Love
as we sing Holy, holy, holy**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

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(sing twice)

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shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
as we sing holy holy, holy.**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Oh, holy, oh, holy,
oh, holy, I want to see You.**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.
(sing three times)**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

I want to see You.

I want to see You.

Worship Song

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574



“Here I Am Lord”, ELW #574

**“I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?”**

“Here I Am Lord”, ELW #574

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

“Here I Am Lord”, ELW #574

**“I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.”**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?”**

“Here I Am Lord”, ELW #574

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

“Here I Am Lord”, ELW #574

**“I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.”**

**Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?”**

“Here I Am Lord”, ELW #574

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Word: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

A Reading from Habakkuk the First and Second Chapters



L: Chapter 1

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?



Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous —therefore judgment comes forth perverted.



Chapter 2

¹I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.



²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.



Word: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

(Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)



L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



P: The Gospel according to St. Luke
the Seventeenth Chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*



P: ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."



⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?



⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

(Luke 17:5-10)



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING



Sermon

SERMON
Pastor Rick Carlson



Worship Song

“By Faith”



“By Faith”

**By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation’s grand design,
in the lives of those who prove
His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.**



“By Faith”

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow’r of His promise in
their hearts,
of a holy city built by God’s own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.**



“By Faith”

**We will stand as children
of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

“By Faith”

**By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah
would appear
with the pow’r to break the chains of
sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

“By Faith”

**By faith the church was called to go
in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to
preach good news
in ev’ry corner of the earth.**



“By Faith”

**We will stand as children
of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done,
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

“By Faith”

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow’r of the gospel
shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things
are possible
for all who call upon His name.**

“By Faith”

**We will stand as children
of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done,
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

Reception of New Members

P: This is a really exciting time at First Lutheran! Part of the excitement is that we are receiving new members this weekend to join us in God's mission and ministry. We invite those present at this service to please come forward at this time.

Reception of New Members

Michelle Garth

Ollie

Douglas and Rhonda King

Ben and Leah Middendorf

Reception of New Members

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Reception of New Members

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

Reception of New Members

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Reception of New Members

P: Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Each new member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Reception of New Members

P: People of God,

Do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Reception of New Members

P: Congregation, do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Reception of New Members

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,

Reception of New Members

Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

Reception of New Members

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Reception of New Members

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Reception of New Members

P: Let us pray,
Gracious Lord, through water and the
Spirit you have made these men, women,
boys and girls your own.

Reception of New Members

You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace:

Reception of New Members

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit
of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence; through
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

Reception of New Members

P: Let us welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ to this community of faith.

Reception of New Members

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

L: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence for reflection



Prayers of Intercession

L: We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel.



Prayers of Intercession

L: For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes.



Prayers of Intercession

L: For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people.



Prayers of Intercession

L: For this and every congregation:
rekindle your gifts within your people, and
inspire councils, committees, and
individuals to plan and work together that
all may know your love.



Prayers of Intercession

L: For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. We pray especially for.....



Prayers of Intercession

Brad Bigelow

Heather Dederman

Bernie Bliefernich

Wayne Deterding

Roxanne Boyd

Diane Drabek

Terry Buschelman

Tammy Edwards

Frannie Carnell

Lana Feltman Dorn

Janice Carnell

Beth Hanson Ericson

Gregory Corrico

Karen Hiskett

Prayers of Intercession

Linda Holsten

Loren.....

Tom & Jody Jochen

Linda Miles

Lu Krueger

Giana Mueller

Talia Krumbach

Elizabeth Muller

Arla Jean Landholm

Brenda Rae Peterson

Lil Larson

Joe Rall

Paige Liess

Prayers of Intercession

Charlotte Sitorus

David & Alli Suing

Della Wallace

Donna Waterbury

Carl Weber

Jill Weiser

Patty Welch

Misty White

Marilyn Willison

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein and family on the death of her friend, Carole Overgaard

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- Jack and Diane Caufield and family on the death of Diane's mother, Bernice Carlson

Prayers of Intercession

L: In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you.



Prayers of Intercession

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.



OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

Stacy Bean

*Communion Servers,
please come forward at this time.*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.



Confession and Forgiveness

Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Prayer

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.



The Great Thanksgiving

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



The Lord's Prayer

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



Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.



Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Please let the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine is red, and the grape juice is clear in the trays.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Behold the Lamb”

Stacy Bean



Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen



Sending of Communion

L: O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our siblings who are sick and homebound.



Sending of Communion

May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen



Worship Song

“Great is the Lord”



“Great is the Lord”

Great is the Lord,

He is holy and just,

By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord,

He is faithful and true,

By His mercy He proves He is love.

“Great is the Lord”

**Great is the Lord,
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord,
And worthy of praise.**

“Great is the Lord”

**Great is the Lord,
Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord,
Great is the Lord!**

“Great is the Lord”

Great is the Lord,

He is holy and just,

By His power we trust In His love.

Great is the Lord,

He is faithful and true,

By His mercy He proves He is love.

“Great is the Lord”

**Great are You, Lord,
And worthy of glory.
Great are You, Lord,
And worthy of praise.**

“Great is the Lord”

**Great are You, Lord,
I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord!
Great are You, Lord!**

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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