

SUNDAY BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 28, 2020

A SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/GARDEN SERVICE

THEME: THE HEAVENS

SERVICE ORDER

Opening Music: “Creation Sings the Father’s Song”

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mysteries of the universe, we celebrate the wondrous design of creation and the Wisdom that guides its course. We join with all creation in worshipping You; with glittering galaxies, with stars and planets, with distant domains of space, with the sunrise and sunset, and with the shining moon. Open our souls to the wonder of Creation as we worship this day. Amen.

Lesson : Psalm 89: 1-9, 11-15

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
“I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations.” ’

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
a God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and awesome above all that are around him?
O Lord God of hosts,
who is as mighty as you, O Lord?
Your faithfulness surrounds you.
You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.
The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;

the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.
The north and the south—you created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

Sermon

Sermon hymn: “The Perfect Wisdom of our God”

Prayer : Holy God, help us to look to the order and beauty of the heavens to find inspiration and trust in Your guiding hand in the midst of troubling times. We ask that you would bless the public servants of government in our community, state, and nation, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. May all who wield authority use it to serve faithfully and promote the common good. As we struggle with the pandemic, racial injustice, economic adversity, and all manner of concerns, we call to mind before you all whom it is easy to forget: those who are homeless, destitute, sick, isolated, and all who have no one to care for them. May we bring help and healing to those who are broken in body or spirit, that they may have comfort in sorrow, company in loneliness, and a place of safety and warmth. We pray this in Your holy name. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Music: “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Susan Berge

Church Musician: Carol Carlson

Lector: Karen Walters

Videographer: Scott Shelerud

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S TIME TALK IS AVAILABLE IN SEPARATE LINK!

Deb Allert has put together a children’s talk for this service. Please look for it via links on our website and Facebook page!

WORSHIP AND BUILDING USE UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL

The Worship Committee met on June 8 and 22, the Smart Team met on June 14, and the Church Council met on June 21. All of these groups are working together to consider when and how we may worship in-person together again. In all of our planning, the safety and well being of our congregational members is our top priority. When we do begin to gather again, every precaution will be taken, and a virtual worship experience will also remain an option.

At the June 21 meeting, our Church Council passed the following recommendations from the Smart Team as amended.

- (1) We recommend against in-building corporate worship for the foreseeable future.
- (2) We recommend that through July the building may be open for use by already established church sponsored small groups of 10 or less under the following conditions: they only meet in the lower level, they only use the lower level-garden doors for entrance and exit, they are masked, they don't use the kitchen, they don't share food or beverages, they practice social distancing, and they schedule their meeting well in advance through Melanie McMillion. (This does not apply to groups of children; unfortunately, no activities for children are yet possible.)

As you can see, there is a bit more leeway in terms of appropriately sized, already existing church groups for building use, under the conditions specified. Please respect all of those conditions and schedule through Melanie in advance!

I will continue to work primarily from home, but I may work more from the church building than I have been. The above guidelines would NOT allow for casual drop-by visits, should you happen to see my car there, unfortunately! But they would allow for scheduled in- church visits in the lower level, observing the conditions stated above in (2). So, please call me at home(464-1951) or on my cell phone(218-830-0626), if you would like to schedule such a visit.

All of us wonder what “no in-building corporate worship for the foreseeable future” actually means. The sad fact is that we simply don't know at this point. Rest assured that the Smart Team and Council will meet as needed to continue to review the situation.

Some might wonder if outdoor worship might be possible. The Smart Team felt it could be, but not in the Memorial Garden area we usually use, due to spacing concerns. Having to worship in another outdoor area presents a great many logistical problems for worship team, sound system, musical instruments, recording the service for online viewing, and so on....plus we typically succeed at our regularly scheduled outdoor worship services only about 33-50% of the time! And under the present circumstances, we would be unable to move the service indoors if the weather proved uncooperative, plus we would have no back up worship service to put online—so we would just be out of luck all around! Given these realities, the Worship Committee felt it wisest to continue to put our best effort into our virtual worship services, which have been so well received.

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KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST:

In need of healing: Veronica Persons, Susan Anderson, Elsa Keeler, Becca Kuechle, Les Bolen, Corrinne Sutherland, Fred Wright, Reid Carson, Kayla Davidson, Archie Moore, Pastor John Reppe, Gary Swanson, Faith Swanson, Seth Goodnature, Pat Hovis, Audrey Goplin, Sarah Monaghan, Gloria Russo and family, Emily Coolidge, Melyssa Bloom, Deb Allert

Special circumstances: Jacques Basson (Anne Lu's brother, who is working with Covid-19 patients in Dubai.)

Serving in military abroad: Austin Morreau

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, Laurie Jackson, DeWayne and Maurine Rubedor, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Pat Hanson, Pat Levenske, Dani Mattson, Lyle Northey, Leif Zmolek, Kane Bolen, Aspen Winbigler, Deb Allert

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH BUILDING THIS WEEK

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 28-Online Garden Worship service

Tuesday, June 30-9 AM-Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper

Wednesday, July 1-Midweek Devotion and announcements sent out

10 AM-Online Zoom fellowship

MASK MESSAGE FROM JOANIE LEE

We continue to make masks, and realize that masks wear out from wearing and washing. Please don't hesitate to ask for replacements. We have plenty. Contact at joanielee14@gmail.com.

OFFERINGS

Please check the church newsletter for a financial update, and remember the importance of supporting the church through your mailed in offerings! P.O. Box 218, Knife River, MN 55609

WHO ARE WE MISSING?

We are attempting to cast our net wide in sending out these emails, along with postings on Facebook and our church website. Additionally, we are sending snail mail copies to those who are without online resources. If you know of someone we are missing, please let us know, so we may include them too!

2020 VLM Bluegrass Festival Church Basket Challenge

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Camp and Family Resources (Camp Vermilion/Camp Hiawatha/VBS staff/Canoe Country) canceled Summer 2020 programming due to COVID-19. VLM fundraising efforts are continuing this summer including the Blue Grass Festival Basket Raffle. KRLC has been challenged to donate a Bluegrass Festival Basket of fun filled items, which will bring in many raffle bids for this July 2020 fundraiser. Please join in the fun by donating funds and/or items for a uniquely Knife River Basket. Starting with a Bluegrass CD by Knife's own Jimmy Madison, let's fill it with items/gift certificates from local vendors and artists. Ideas?

If you would like to contribute to this effort you may indicate a VLM-contribution on a check or offering envelope to Knife River Lutheran Church OR you may wish to obtain an item to be included in the basket. Randi Alreck is coordinating the basket project Contact her at 218-349-3788 or randi.alreck@gmail.com . Items are needed by July 10.

If KRLC's Basket brings in the highest bid, there will more fun for us at Camp in 2021!