



PENTECOST 6

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 1, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We love that you are here today! Restrooms are located in the foyer by the library. There is a mothers' room in the back of the sanctuary. Please fill out a guest card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket so we get to know you.

TODAY'S FOCUS

Christ's Kingdom is our bright ray of hope, even in the worst of circumstances. David's adultery and murder were forgiven. Out of that mess the great King Solomon was born -an assurance to David that God still intended to send the Savior. Though the Apostle Paul knew his end was near -and it would be a miserable end -he was looking forward to the "good deposit" the Lord kept in store for him. The paralytic received the good news of sins forgiven by the Savior Himself -a far greater ray of hope than his physical healing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word pg. 38 in the red hymnal
Prayer for the Nation..... pg. B0 in the red hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	255	<i>Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty</i>
Hymn of the Day	444	<i>If You but Trust in God to Guide You</i>
Third Hymn	520	<i>Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old</i>
Closing Hymn	619	<i>God Bless Our Native Land</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	<i>2 Samuel 12:11-25</i>	(pew Bible, pg. 488)
Psalm of the Day	<i>Psalm 27</i>	(red hymnal pg.75)
Second Lesson	<i>2 Timothy 1:8-14</i>	(pew Bible, pg. 1852)
Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 9:1-8</i>	(pew Bible, pg. 1508)

Sermon

Matthew 9:1-8
The Best News You'll Ever Hear.

GUEST PREACHER TODAY

We are grateful to Pastor Don Schultz for conducting services today at Peace. Pastor Schultz has been serving for 13 years as vice principal of Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills. He and his wife, Jenny, have 3 children ages 13, 11 and 9.

HOW THE PSALM FITS IN THE THEME OF THE DAY

What's the worst possible thing we could imagine? Perhaps being abandoned by our parents? But even if that would happen, God will not abandon us. He is our Ray of hope.

The psalms are hymns sung in the worship of Jewish Old Testament believers. The words of the psalms were inspired by God the Holy Spirit -thus like all of Scripture they are inerrant. We no longer have the music that originally accompanied the psalms. We have adapted them musically for our own services. Isn't it interesting that in His written words God uses a variety of styles of literature -in this case poetry?

BECAUSE INDEPENDENCE DAY COMES DURING THIS WEEK (July 4)

We will be using the Prayer for the Nation on page 130 of the hymnal. Also, we will be closing with the hymn "God Bless Our Native Land."

HOW ABOUT LEADING YOUR FAMILY IN PRAYER ON INDEPENDENCE DAY?

If you have a hymnal at home, consider using the prayer "For the Government" on page 136 of the hymnal. Read it out loud to your children in the morning, at supper or before lighting fireworks. Start a new family tradition.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

An important announcement concerning the effort to sell our Windsor St. property will be made today after both services by our congregation president, Darrell Zastrow.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Don Schultz
Pianist Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Ushers Team #1 8:00—D. Becraft (captain); 9:30—P. Guenterberg (captain)
Monday Night—J. Ross
Next Week's Ushers Team #2— Captains: J. Weber; M. Blahnik
Next Monday Night— Craig McDowell



Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are **committed to making disciples**, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm

Television: Sunday 12:30 pm

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