

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 11, 2021 A.D.



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Today's Light

**Read through the Bible
in two years.**

Scripture readings
for this week:

July 12 - Luke 14
July 13 - Luke 15-16
July 14 - Luke 17-18
July 15 - Luke 19-20
July 16 - Luke 21-22
July 17/18 - Luke 23-24

Welcome Chosen People of God ~ to this service of worship and praise to Him for all His blessings of body and heart and life and soul! Our prayer for you is that His mighty Word will, indeed, touch your heart with His grace and love!

A Prayer to Begin Your Worship ~ O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.

Our Mission ~ is sharing God's Word with everyone, everywhere!

Holy Communion ~ will be celebrated in our worship today! We believe that Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift of God in which Christ gives us His true body and blood (in a miraculous way), together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Because the Bible teaches that this Sacrament may also be spiritually harmful if misused, and that participation in the Lord's Supper is an act of confession of faith, we ordinarily commune only those who have been instructed in the teachings of our church and who have confessed their faith in these teachings. Before communing, anyone who has questions or doubts or holds other beliefs concerning Holy Communion is asked to speak with one of our pastors or an elder. White grape juice is available on the individual cup trays for those with allergies to alcohol and other special needs. Please see an elder or usher before worship if you need a gluten-free wafer for the Sacrament.

Our Current Seating-Plan for Worship ~ allows for: open-seating (with no "closed" pews in the front half of the Sanctuary) / distance-seating (with "closed" pews in the back half). Our goal is to work toward the "old" normal seating carefully and soon.

"This is the Life" ~ Lutheran Television's show from the 60's and 70's is a feature of our Adult Bible Study this morning! In "The Flames of Hate" (this morning's episode) Betty Blackwood (Angie Dickenson) is stuck between the man she loves, Art (Ed Kemmer), and her obsessive father Nate (Edgar Dearing). With Nate's opinion of Art placing him somewhere between womanizer and deadbeat, there appears no chance of reconciliation, but it's Betty and Art's elopement that fulfills Nate's worst nightmare and with that he cuts them off completely. Please join us at about 9:30 a.m. (with coffee and fellowship) in the Fellowship Centre as we tackle this topic which is relevant for discussion in our times as well as it was for those days back when.

The Board of Elders ~ will meet this Monday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m.

A Midweek Supper ~ will be served Wednesday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Many thanks to Shari and Pas+or Miller serving the meal last Wednesday (July 14). If you would like to prepare (and serve, and help clean up after) a Midweek Supper and / or desserts for the meal, please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.

Who's Who in the Bible? ~ Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to consider a Biblical character and an upstanding spiritual characteristic of that character which could make a difference in your life!

Our Senior Adult Ministry ~ (OWLS ~ Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors group) ~ will be taking a guided historic tour of Helena Thursday, July 15, on the Last Chance Trolley. The Trolley is enclosed and climate-controlled and will pick us up at the Church at 10:15 a.m., and return us to the Church for lunch after the one-hour tour.

Lunch for Our Seniors ~ next Thursday will be a picnic with pie (alamode?)! Participants do not need to bring anything (Thanks, in part, to Thrivent Action Team support) but we REALLY need you to sign up (by emailing Pas+or ~ revelry.flc.057@gmail.com or calling 442-5367) to reserve a space on the OWLS Trolley and for lunch! A free-will offering will be gathered.

Memorial Services ~ praising and thanking God for His gracious work in the life of Meta Spaulding is being planned for Saturday, July 17, beginning at 11 a.m. and for Bea Jorgensen on July 24, beginning at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Please mark your calendar and save the dates, if you would like to attend and support these families! Help is needed, as well, for the luncheon following the Jorgensen service. Please contact Susan in the office (442-5367) if you can help!

God's Building Project ~ is what we find in our Epistle (Ephesians 2:11-22) for next Sunday, July 18. Join us at 8:15 or 11 a.m. to see what God is doing (and what materials and tools He is using) to build His church!

Sunday School ~ "Abomination Nation" is the topic next Sunday, July 18. Join us at 9:30 a.m. to hear how God reveals the future of Israel to the prophet Ezekiel. Because of Israel's abominable behavior, the presence of the Lord departs the temple with cherubim and spinning wheels. Yet God promises to cleanse and restore His people: they will once again dwell in the land God promised, and He will put His Spirit within them.

Vacation Bible School ~ registration is now open! Join the *Rainforest Explorers* August 2 through August 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and our lives! VBS is also looking for middle school and/or high school youth who would be interested in volunteering to help. To register for VBS and/or volunteer to help, go to www.firstlutheranhelena.org!

First Lutheran Church and School items ~ Are you interested in purchasing First Lutheran Church and School articles? We have the possibility of purchasing hats, totes and polo shirts that have our church logo on them. At this time, we would like to see how much interest there is in purchasing these items. If you would be interested could you please fill an order form, by the front door, and turn it in to the church office. Thank you.

First Lutheran School News ~ We continue to look to hire 2 positions for the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested in providing care in the role of a preschool or pre-kindergarten teacher, please contact Sue Taylor at (406) 442-6913 (leave message) or email her at school@firstlutheranhelena.org for further information. We are excited to see our school grow and would love for you to be a part of our school staff.

Thank You ~ to the volunteers who have been mowing, raking, and weed-eating the lawn, and trimming the trees and bushes this summer. It always looks very nice and neat. Your efforts are appreciated!

Thank You Also ~ to Sue Taylor, and family, for planting the flowers out front and taking care of the planters. They look attractive and add a nice pop of color!

Watch the Sunday Sermon ~ online at www.firstlutheranhelena.org, on the weekend after it is proclaimed in our Sanctuary! Our many thanks to Tempest Technology (Shawn and Lisa Peterson) and Brian Buhr for making this available week after week after week!

Thank You for Giving Your Gifts and Tithes and Offerings ~ to our Lord and His Church in person in our worship services, online at www.firstlutheranhelena.org, by mail, by dropping it off in the office, or by placing it in our safe and secure mailbox on the parking lot side of the building. Your good stewardship continues to enable us to minister to our congregation and communities in response to God's love!

On The Lutheran Hour Next Sunday ~ "The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Is a last-minute conversion cause for joy or an insult to lifelong believers? Dr. Michael Zeigler explores both the problem and the promise of deathbed conversions. (Ephesians 2) The Lutheran Hour may be heard Sundays on Christian Satellite Network, 91.1 FM, at 8 a.m.

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life ~ "In this current darkness of confusion, fear, isolation, sickness, and death, the Gospel shines even more brightly ... Eternity tells you that you aren't cursed with less but guaranteed gloriously more than you could imagine. No matter what the next day brings, your future is bright because a victory has been won for you." *Paul David Tripp, pastor, author, and conference speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Please Pray For ~

+ **Those Needing God's Help and Healing** ~ Susan Bartels, Donna Pare, Thelma Gossett, Marge Bouldin, Sue Taylor, Thom Warsinski, Nancy Kraft, Bruce Nachtsheim, Sandee Riemann, Dave Tudor, Alice Anderberg, Martha Janes, Gretta O'Rourke, Vi Erdman, Margot Allen (friend of Marty and Rebecca Baumann), Steve and Ashley (friends of Kris Basinger), Ruth Baker (daughter of Marylin and Wally Smith), Jeff Jorgensen (son of Rich Jorgensen), Jeff and Johanna Allen (Pastor and Shari's daughter and son-in-law), and other members and friends of our congregation and school dealing with struggles of body and soul!

+ **Rain and Relief from the Heat** ~ according to God's will and plan for us, His people.

+ **The Many People** ~ who are wrestling with their faith in God, when so many things in life seem to be going wrong, that they may turn to His Word, rejoice in His Sacrament of the Altar and remembering their Holy Baptism, and look to Him for the help we all need!

And Praise God For ~

+ **The Unique Opportunities He Gives Us** ~ to share His love in all sorts of ways during these interesting times, in the family of God and beyond, in word and deed to share God's care and cures!

+ **Choosing Us, Redeeming Us, and Sealing Us** ~ to be His people according to His mercy, His love, and His grace in Jesus Christ, our Savior!

+ **Showing Us the BIG Picture** ~ of His plan for us in His Holy Word!

Our Thanks to God ~ and to those who respond to God's great love, in service to our Lord and to us this Sunday, July 11:

Musicians	Shari Miller	
Elders/Communion Assistants	Rick Northrup	Brian Buhr
Lectors	Bob Summerer	Deb Knudsen
Ushers	Cliff Ulmer	Wally Smith
	Larry Laposky	Tom Smith
Children's Message	Linda Fromm	
Financial Aides	Marcy Carroll	Trudy Sullivan
Altar Guild	Marjorie O'Rourke	Nancy Jenkins