

Trondhjem Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 16, 2020 9AM

...a time for embracing and
a time for avoiding embraces.

Ecclesiastes 3:5b



Outdoor Worship Guidelines during Covid19 Pandemic

- We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask.
- If participating in singing or spoken unison liturgy, you must wear a face mask.
- Hand sanitizer is available on the Welcome Table
- Please refrain from going inside the church building. If a restroom is needed, enter the building through the preschool south door.
- Offering can be left in the “noisy offering” bowl on the Welcome Table.
- Please maintain 6 feet of physical distancing.
- Bring your own lawn chairs.
- Bring your own communion elements. Prepacked sets will be available for those that need.
- The playground is closed.

WELCOME

L/ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C/ Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

P/ Praise the Lord!

C/ I will praise the Lord as long as I live!

P/ Happy are those who hope in the Lord!

C/ The Lord made the heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is in them.

P/ The Lord is faithful forever!

C/ The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and give food to the hungry!

P/ The Lord sets the prisoners free

C/ The Lord gives sight to the blind.

P/ The Lord watches over the strangers.

C/ And upholds the orphan and the widow.

P/ The Lord will reign forever!

C/ Praise the Lord! Amen!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L/ Let us confess our sins to God and to each other...

L/ Holy Lord,

C/ We confess that we have done wrong and have made many mistakes.

Things we know we did, things we know we didn't do.

We have sinned in ways we aren't even aware of.

We have misused our thoughts, our words and our actions.

We have not loved you with all of our heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us and help us put you first again in our lives. Amen

L/ God is full of mercy and full of love. Jesus died for us and was raised again so we can all have new life and new chances. This is given to us through God's gift of grace. All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit keep you strong in God's love now and always. Amen

C/ Amen

OPENING HYMN *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?

Refrain

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.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. (*refrain*)

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? (*refrain*)

GREETING

MESSAGE Esther 1:1-22

This is what happened back when Ahasuerus lived, the very Ahasuerus who ruled from India to Cush—one hundred twenty-seven provinces in all. ²At that time, Ahasuerus ruled the kingdom from his royal throne in the fortified part of Susa. ³In the third year of his rule he hosted a feast for all his officials and courtiers. The leaders of Persia and Media attended, along with his provincial officials and officers. ⁴He showed off the awesome riches of his kingdom and beautiful treasures as mirrors of how very great he was. The event lasted a long time—six whole months, to be exact! ⁵After that the king held a seven-day feast for everyone in the fortified part of Susa. Whether they were important people in the town or not, they all met in the walled garden of the royal palace. ⁶White linen curtains and purple hangings were held up by shining white and red-purple ropes tied to silver rings and marble posts. Gold and silver couches sat on a mosaic floor made of gleaming purple crystal, marble, and mother-of-pearl. ⁷They served the drinks in cups made of gold, and each cup was different. The king made sure there was plenty of royal wine. ⁸The rule about the drinks was “No limits!” The king had ordered everyone serving wine in the palace to offer as much as each guest wanted. ⁹At the same time, Queen Vashti held a feast for women in King Ahasuerus’ palace.

¹⁰On the seventh day, when wine had put the king in high spirits, he gave an order to Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs who served King Ahasuerus personally. ¹¹They were to bring Queen Vashti before him wearing the royal crown. She was gorgeous, and he wanted to show off her beauty both to the general public and to his important guests. ¹²But Queen Vashti refused to come as the king had ordered through the eunuchs. The king was furious, his anger boiling inside. ¹³Now, when a need arose, the king would often talk with certain very smart people about the best way to handle it. They were people who knew both the kingdom’s written laws and what

judges had decided about cases in the past. ¹⁴The ones he talked with most often were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan. They were seven very important people in Persia and Media who, as the kingdom's highest leaders, were in the king's inner circle. So the king said to them, ¹⁵“According to the law, what should I do with Queen Vashti since she didn't do what King Ahasuerus ordered her through the eunuchs?”

¹⁶Then Memucan spoke up in front of the king and the officials. “Queen Vashti,” he said, “has done something wrong not just to the king himself. She has also done wrong to all the officials and the peoples in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. ¹⁷This is the reason: News of what the queen did will reach all women, making them look down on their husbands. They will say, ‘King Ahasuerus ordered servants to bring Queen Vashti before him, but she refused to come.’ ¹⁸This very day, the important women of Persia and Media who hear about the queen will tell the royal officials the same thing. There will be no end of put-downs and arguments. ¹⁹Now, if the king wishes, let him send out a royal order and have it written into the laws of Persia and Media, laws no one can ever change. It should say that Vashti will never again come before King Ahasuerus. It should also say that the king will give her royal place to someone better than she. ²⁰When the order becomes public through the whole empire, vast as it is, all women will treat their husbands properly. The rule should touch everyone, whether from an important family or not.”

²¹The king liked the plan, as did the other men, and he did just what Memucan said. ²²He sent written orders to all the king's provinces. Each province received it written in its own alphabet and each people received it in its own language. It said that each husband should rule over his own house.

P/ This is the word of the Lord.

C/ Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Rise Up O Saints of God*.....ELW #669

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cru-el consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
And, quick-ended by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L/ Lord in your mercy
C/ **Hear our prayers.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P/ The Lord be with you.
C/ **And also with you.**
P/ Lift up your hearts.
C/ **We lift them up to the Lord.**
P/ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C/ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P/ It is right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**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 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*ELW #536

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

DISMISSAL

L/ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Love your neighbor.
 C/ Thanks be to God!

The Church Council & Generosity Builders invite you to a
Drive Through Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Join the Church Council & Generosity Builders for a drive thru Ice Cream Social. We would like to celebrate the end of summer and completion of our roof! We hope to see you there! Free to all & goodwill offering available.

Can you help for Sunday Worship?

There's extra set up needed now that we're gathering outdoor for worship. Can you help in any of these ways?

- set up - 2 people needed
- host welcome table
- technology assisting (sound & video)
- Sign up through our Thursday emails or contact Kim!

Lonsdale Area Food Shelf Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are crucial in the operation of the food shelf, especially now during the Covid19 pandemic.

Switching to curbside food distributions — where volunteers fill ready-to-go boxes rather than clients coming in and picking out items — is just as much or more of a workload than usual. The LAFS needs people (15 years old and up) to donate their time, especially people who are able to lift 20-25 pound boxes.

LAFS is open every Thursday afternoon.

If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, contact Tami Heimer at 612-207-8021.

Before coming to worship, please look over these questions:

Covid19 screening questions

- Have you or anyone in your family had a fever of 100.0 or higher?
- Have you had any chills or shaking?
- Have you had a cough or shortness of breath?
- Have you had a sore throat?
- Have you had any new body aches or unexplained muscle pain?
- Have you had a headache?
- Have you had new changes in sense of taste or smell?
- Have you had a sense of unusual or extreme fatigue?
- Have you had any congestion or runny nose not related to seasonal allergies?
- Have you had any nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea?
- Have you had contact with someone with a positive COVID test or symptoms of COVID in the last 14 days?

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