

was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

The Example of Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus the Cause of Division

“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Interpreting the Time

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”



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We are in the season after Pentecost, where we watch & learn from how the Church, the Body of Christ, grew and grows. We experience all the gifts our God of love has given us, all the ways Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is with us, all the ways the Holy Spirit teaches us and prompts us to deeper faith, more committed discipleship, and reaching out with a wider welcome to all the people God loves. We are glad you are here worshiping with us, and invite you to sign our guest book, fill out a green visitor or prayer slip found in the pew, or talk with Pr. Mary Kaye. Thanks for being here!

If you'd like to request a pastoral visit, please message Pastor Mary Kaye to schedule a time and day that works for you.

FAMILY PATHWAYS

Family Pathways is collecting food for families in our community. There is a bin at the church for collections in the room between the nursery and bathroom upstairs! Want to give financially? \$10 feeds a family for one week!

HEARING DEVICES are available to assist with hearing. Please ask an usher and they will be happy to get you one!

QUILTERS meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am. No experience needed! We invite you to join us!

SARAH CIRCLE is for the following items: Boys & Girls 0-3 month sleepers, receiving blankets and crib blankets.

FRIENDS! No matter how old you are, or if you're a member or not, if you'd like your own offering envelopes, just let Angie or PMK know, and we'll make sure you get some! (Generosity becomes a habit that serves many!)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Wendy Szczepanski
Rose Anderson
Becky Hulden
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Miriam Flysjo
Craig Loen

Next Council Meeting
Sept 8th
10:45am

CALENDAR

(www.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun Aug 18 (Pr. Hrs:8a-2p)

9a - Worship
10a - Fellowship
11a - Steeple Fundraiser

Tues Aug 20 (Pr. Hrs:9a-3p)

9a - Staff Meeting

Wed Aug 21 (Pr. Hrs:9:30a-8:30p)

10:30a - Book Study @ The Lodge
6:30p - Bible Study @ FELC

Thurs Aug 22 (Pr. Hrs:7p-8:30p)

9:30a - Quilters
7p - Advocates for Racial Equity
Mtg at SPAS (7-8:30p)

Sun Aug 25 (Pr. Hrs:8a-4:30p)

9a - Worship
10a - Fellowship
2p - Worship @ NB Ecumen

UPCOMING EVENTS!

♦ **BIBLE STUDY**....We're continuing to dig into the Gospel of John! At our next Bible study on Aug. 21st, we will be working on John 20. New joiners welcome at any time!! We meet from 6:30-8p on Wednesday evenings. Bring food if you need some or want to share; wonderings, too! August Dates: 21st. Bible study will take a break after the 21st—watch for more adult learning

♦ **BOOK STUDY** at the Lodge continues in July, Wednesdays noted below at 10:30am. We are reading Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church views Racism by Drew Hart. Call PMK or office for a copy of the book. Look for us in the sunroom!

August Dates: 21st

♦ **ECUMEN WORSHIP IN NORTH BRANCH** Pastor Mary Kaye and Michelle Lynch is looking for two volunteers of any age to join us helping with gathering people (pushing wheelchairs, etc) for worship at the Ecumen in North Branch. Would need to be there by 1:30pm; carpool from FELC at 1:15pm. Thanks for letting us know if you are willing to help!

♦ **Do you have a hymn** (from ELW or WOV) or song, include music please, you'd like to be sung in worship at FELC? Drop a note or email to PMK—we can't promise when, but we will let you know when it's coming up.

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world

Lord, What a Cloud of Witnesses!

Lord, what a cloud of witnesses
Surrounds us as we work and play!
Their faithful, loving service is
An inspiration every day.

We live in towns that others made;
We harvest what we did now sow—
And others sweated, labored, prayed
To build Christ's church in which we grow.

Your Spirit give us memory;
Now give your church clear vision, too.
Reformed, reforming, may we be
A church that seeks to follow you.

Tune: Truro LM ("Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates") *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

Alternate Tune: Tallis' Canon

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