

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by the Lyfords in honor of Seth & Jen Nelson and in celebration of the Lyford's 19th wedding anniversary.

TODAY'S HYMNS were chosen by Seth & Jen Nelson.

"ADIOS" SETH & JEN: *Today* we will be having a "Breakfast Burrito" send-off for Seth & Jen Nelson following our worship service. (It will be their last Sunday with us before returning to Wartburg Seminary for Seth's final year.) Please bring your own table service. Let's have a "Fiesta"!!! Seth & Jen's address in Dubuque will be: 1955 Pulpit Rock Ln. Dubuque, IA 52003

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in need of at least 3 new Sunday School teachers next year. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Lindsay Conyers at 399-4185 or yankeebeautiful@yahoo.com. Please consider this ministry opportunity through the summer and let Lindsay know.

A COFFEE PERSON is needed again for setting up and getting the coffee started for our Fellowship Time on Sundays. We are suggesting that you sign up for a month at a time. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gruver Room. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Cheryl Wilson @ 760-8731. Individuals and families are still asked to provide goodies on Sundays and this sign-up sheet is still posted on the pole in the Gruver Room.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: The nursery committee is looking for additional team members to attend the nursery during worship services. Nursery attendants will be assigned not only to Sunday morning services but also all other official services, such as Wednesday night Lenten services and Christmas Eve services. Any interested 8th- 12th grader is urged to contact either Lindsay Conyers (399-4185 and yankeebeautiful@yahoo.com) or Lexi Dockter to join in this fulfilling and fun service opportunity. You would be compensated for your time and efforts.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the 2nd quarter of 2013 are now available on the table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up today.

THE LARAMIE SOUP KITCHEN is in need of & very appreciative of any non-perishable items.

STEP UP FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY & YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Youth activities for which leadership is needed include the college student group, high school (SHY), junior high (JHY), and F³. We are considering options for how to carry on these activities in the absence of an intern, including but not limited to hiring a parish assistant, hiring a college student part time, and/or recruiting volunteers from the congregation. If you would be willing to serve on this committee or to volunteer to help with any of these groups, please contact Terri at tritt@uwyo.edu or 307-343-2540. Young people are our future, so please consider how you might be involved.

MEMORY / MEDITATION GARDEN: The Church Council is establishing a committee to install a Memory / Meditation Garden in the northwest corner of the church grounds. If you are interested in being a member of this committee, or wish to contribute physical, monetary, or materials assistance, contact one of the following Council members: Steve Boss, Lindsay Conyers, Jennifer Lyford or Jennie Lawrence. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 31st @ 7 p.m. at the church.

SOCIAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The purpose of this committee is to "extend Christian compassion & helpfulness to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the under-privileged, the imprisoned, and in general, to persons of all ages in need of aid in body or soul." The projects we currently support include: The Soup Kitchen, Interfaith, Operation Christmas Child, as well as others. I would like to form a committee that would reach out to the community. If you would like to serve on this committee please contact Jennie Lawrence at Missjennae@yahoo.com (preferred method of contact) or call 761-1085.

WYOMING RACE FOR THE CURE: The 18th anniversary of the "Komen Wyoming race for the Cure" will take place on August 10th in Cheyenne. If you are interested or would like more information, please see the display on the little table in the north lobby area. Race applications are also available at the display on the table.

INTERFAITH / GOOD SAMARITAN always sees a spike in needs during the summer months. Please bring your paper goods and non-perishable goods into the Gruver Room to help out.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 11th Sunday After Pentecost: Eccles 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Psalm49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (7/28)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (8/4)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	9:00 a.m. Eric Wright	9:00 a.m. Terri Rittenburg
<i>Acolyte:</i>	9:00 a.m. Derk Lyford	9:00 a.m. Kelcey Anderson
<i>Ushers:</i>	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Les & Karen Ommen
<i>Greeters:</i>	9:00 a.m. Ed & Lois Hiller	9:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence
<i>Nursery:</i>	9:00 a.m. Tracy Kidwell	9:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson
<i>Stewards:</i>	A. Toven / J. Weatherwax	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Margot Birkholz

Coffee Fellowship: "Adios" Breakfast Brunch

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	"Adios" Breakfast Brunch for the Nelsons
Tuesday, July 30	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
Wednesday, July 31	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study
Saturday, Aug. 3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @ McDonald's



**When you pray, say: Father,
hallowed be your name
LK. 11:2**

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service, just off the South Lobby, for children ages five and younger. Please join us for coffee in the south lobby area after the service today.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Eric Cordell, (July 28); Jacob Cordell, (July 28); Miriam Galbraith, (July 28); Gregg Chytka, (July 31); Eric Nye, (July 31); Ashley Bock, (Aug. 1); Ana Marie McCormick, (Aug. 1) and Jo Chytka, (Aug. 2). Happy Birthday!

Announcements continue on the inside

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: (In unison)

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: "God Goes Before Us All"

Intern Seth Nelson

CHILDREN'S TIME: "Peacin' Out"

Intern Seth Nelson

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."
²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."
²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."
³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word a- ¹bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- ¹pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works ¹ of your hands.

Glory be to the Father and ¹ to the Son:
and to the ¹ Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹ Amen.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual

circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1–13**

Glory to you, O Lord.

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God . . ."**

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

*KYRIE:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



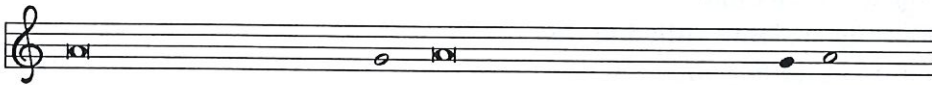
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



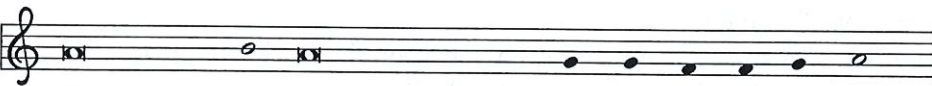
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "Canticle of the Turning" #723

SERMON: "Going Forward in Prayer" Luke 11:1-13 Intern Seth Nelson

HYMN: "We Are Called" #720

*APOSTLE'S CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY: "Day of Arising"

setting by Anne Krentz Organ
(please refer to text found in ELW #374)

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: "Create in Me..."**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**
**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace we have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

***GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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God's Work . . .
. . . Our Hands

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Intern **Seth Nelson**
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Organists **Dan Groathouse**
Choir Director **Larry Hazlett**

Sunday, July 28, 2013—10th Sunday after Pentecost

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

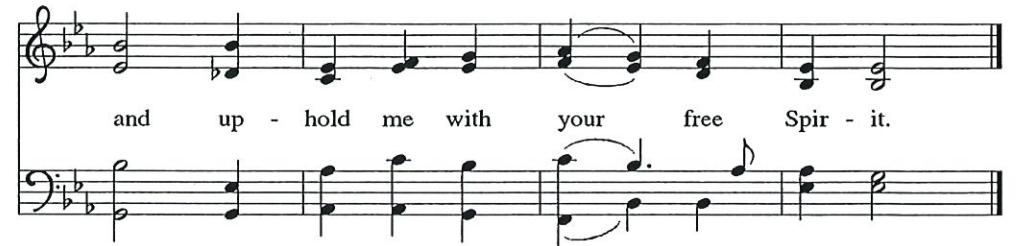
PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" setting by Jeffrey Honoré
I. Meditation, II. Fanfare

WELCOME:

***HYMN:** "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" #807

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

**A brief silence.*

Unite your people under the banner of Christ, and give them boldness and persistence in working to fulfill your purposes throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless the earth with favorable weather, and encourage our efforts to join your creative work in raising plants and animals, flowers and fruit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Watch over farmers, firefighters, gardeners, lifeguards, construction workers, police officers, and all who work outdoors to protect and provide for us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to those who are lost or seeking, and help us to be caring and generous to all who ask for understanding, wholeness, and healing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Renew our appreciation for the artists and musicians in this parish, and bless their gifts that broaden and deepen our praise and thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We praise you for the lives of all your saints. Bring us at the last to the fullness of death and life in Christ, in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

***BLESSING:**

PARISH SHARING TIME:

***SERVICE OF GODSPEED:**

***HYMN: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #536**

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:**

***POSTLUDE: "Fanfare" Lemmens
Gloria Orr-Weiss, organ**

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 28, 2013 – Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750;
Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Monday, July 29 - Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Monday, July 29 - Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY