

EPHESUS
YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR
FIRST LOVE
SMYRNA
PREPARE FOR PERSECUTION
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YOU ARE DEAD
WAKE UP
FAITHFUL
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LUKE WARM

7
SEVEN
LETTERS
TO THE CHURCH

8:30AM ~ JUNE 18

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story”

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Revelation 2:1-7**

¹“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ²I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

⁴Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. ⁶But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 9:35-38** [NIV 84]

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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C: **Thanks be to God!**

APOSTLES’ CREED

SERMON HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” [LW 444]

SERMON “EPHESUS”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Shirley (grandma of Seth and Lindie Sjogren)-hospitalized with pneumonia; Leon (father of Chris Gant)-hospitalized with heart and lung issues.

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** for Selam Eyasu (Niece of Yohannes and Alemash Mengsteab)-graduated from high school; Robert and Patricia Batten-celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary Wednesday, June 14; Lam Buomkuoth-celebrating his 7th birthday Sunday, June 18; Carolyn and Larry Lucas-celebrating their 50 anniversary Sunday, June 18.

•**Wisdom and Courage** to our Elders and Shut-ins.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“What is This Bread” [LSB 629]

“My Faith Looks Trustingly” [LW 378]

“Children of the Heavenly Father” [LSB 725]

CLOSING HYMN “We Praise You, O God” [LW 494, v. 1 & 3]

CONNECT

- **Slim Chickens VBS Fundraiser | Today | 10:30am-2:30pm | Show Flyer!**
- **VBS Volunteers Still Needed – 20 – Crew Leader Positions**
- **Family Movie Night | Wednesday, June 28 | 7:30pm | Bring a blanket/pillow**
- **Senior Celebration & HS Party | Saturday, June 24 | 5-8:30pm | Register Online!**
- **Middle School Late Night | Friday, June 30 | 6-10pm | Register Online!**
- **Patriotic Salute | Sunday, July 2 | 5-8pm | Mark Your Calendars!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Suite Médiévale”

Jean Langlais

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LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*



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