



HEROES OF FAITH

8:30 - JULY 14, 2019

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Blessed Assurance”

OPENING LITURGY [*from LSB Divine Service III*]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Esther 4:1-17** [*NIV*]

¹When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly. ²But he went only as far as the king’s gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it. ³In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴When Esther’s eunuchs and female attendants came and told her about Mordecai, she was in great distress. She sent clothes for him to put on instead of his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther summoned Hathak, one of the king’s eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why.

⁶So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king’s gate. ⁷Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king’s presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

⁹Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹“All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.” ¹²When Esther’s words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

¹⁵Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶“Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” ¹⁷So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther’s instructions.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Thy Strong Word” [LW 328, v. 3]

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 7:1-10 [NIV]

¹When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ²There a centurion’s servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” ⁶So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

⁹When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” ¹⁰Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN of PRAISE “O Praise Ye the Lord (*Psalm 149*)”

SERMON “ESTHER, A HEROIN OF FAITH”

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

•*Peace, Comfort and Healing*: **Sharon Lohse**-as she continues to improve and recover; **Deborah Hildebrandt**-undergoing surgery; **Reagan** (granddaughter of Marion Gural)-continued prayers of healing from cancer; safe travels for our **NYG group** traveling to Minnesota; **Beth and Jeromy** (friends of Andrea Tietjen)-6-year-old son died due to heart issues; **the family of Grace Crow** (mother of Christine Abbott)-passed away July 9; **the family of Jackie Gillest**-passed away July 10.

•*Praise and Thanksgiving*: **Carol Brown**-celebrating her 81st birthday today.

•*Wisdom and Courage*: **Red Apple School-AIM and Mosaic**

•*The Lord’s Prayer*

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. John Carter

Organ

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Doxology”

POSTLUDE “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

SERMON & LITURGIST: *Rev. Dr. Russell Hildebrandt, Interim Senior Pastor*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

ADULT

- New Member Class | Begins Sunday, August 4 | 9:45am | Fellowship Hall
 - Register Online

WOMEN

- Ladies’ Night | Friday, August 2 | 6:30pm | Register Online | Deadline: July 29
 - Miguelito’s Mexican Restaurant
 - 209 W Bedford Euless Rd, Hurst, TX 76053

WORSHIP

- Peace’s 60th Anniversary Celebration | Sunday, August 11 | More details to come
 - *One Worship Service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary*