

FIRST LOVE
PERSECUTION
FALSE TEACHING
SEXUAL SIN
WAKE UP
FAITHFUL
LUKE WARM

**SEVEN
LETTERS
TO THE CHURCH**

8:30AM ~ AUGUST 20

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Come, You Thankful People, Come” [LW 495]

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 3:14-22 [NIV]

¹⁴“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. ¹⁵I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. ²¹To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “All Creatures of Our God and King” [LW 436, v. 7]

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 [NIV]

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” ²⁸Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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SERMON HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” [LW 289]

SERMON “LAODICEA”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Glen (Chris Gant’s uncle)-hospitalized as he recovers from surgery and several broken bones; Glenn (Rita Utzinger’s brother-in-law in Kentucky)-dealing with an infection in blood; individuals who are unemployed.

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** to Dennis Wiechman-celebrated his 70th birthday August 18.

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

•**Mission of the Month:** Refresh BISD

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

“My Faith Looks Trustingly” [LW 378]

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” [LW 394]

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” [LW 513]

CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” [LW 443, v. 1 & 3]

CONNECT

- Volunteers Needed in Sunday School & Nursery @ 9:45am
- *iMarrage* Series beginning in Adult Faith @ 9:45am
- Upcoming Sermon Series: *Living Faith in an Emoji World*
- Children & Youth Choirs Resume on Wednesday, August 26 | Register Online
- Summer Splash @ NRH2O | Friday, August 25 | 5-9pm | Register Online

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Alleluia”

Charles Callahan

SERMON: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*



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