

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

**SEVEN  
LETTERS  
TO THE CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, JULY 2**

**WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” [LW 460, v. 1-3]

**OPENING LITURGY** [p. 158]

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 2:8-11**

<sup>8</sup>“To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. <sup>9</sup>I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown. <sup>11</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:16-20** [NIV 84]

<sup>16</sup>“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup>for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**SERMON HYMN** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” [LW 460, v. 4-6]

## SERMON “SMYRNA”

### PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

*Father in Heaven:*

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Sherry Lauridsen-strength needed due to complications from hip surgery; Lew Wentz-health issues; various friends of Horace Phillips-experiencing health issues and other concerns; Nathan, April, Caleb and Alyssa-(friends of Melody Wheeler)-Nathan (33 yrs)-on hospice care with cancer; the family of JoAnn Bauer-died Saturday, June 24.

•**Wisdom** and **Courage** to our Elected Officials and Military.

•**Mission of the Month:** Lutheran Disaster Relief.

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

“This Is My Father’s World”

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

### CLOSING HYMN “Doxology”

### CONNECT

- Youth Scavenger Hunt | Wednesday, July 5 | 7-8:30pm | NE Mall | RSVP Online
- Patriotic Salute | Today @ 5pm! | Don’t forget to bring a pie!

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Finale *from a Patriotic Suite*”

Charles Callahan

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*  
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

