

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

**SEVEN
LETTERS
TO THE CHURCH**

8:30AM ~ JULY 30

PRELUDE “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

arr. John Behnke

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “O Day of Rest and Gladness” [LW 203, v. 1-3]

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

RESPONSE “O Day of Rest and Gladness” [LW 203, v. 4]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 3:1-6 [NIV]

¹“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

⁴Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶Whoever 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!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52 [NIV]

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CREEDAL HYMN “We All Believe in One True God” [LW 212]

SERMON “SARDIS”

SERMON RESPONSE “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” [LW 216, v. 1]

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Kay Castleberry-undergoing knee replacement surgery Monday, July 31; Calvin Seter-recovering at Heartland Healthcare Center.

•**Thanksgiving and Praise** Terry and Kay Castleberry-celebrated 56 years of marriage Saturday, July 29

•**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*

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 a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. John Behnke

Organ

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“God, Whose Almighty Word” [LW 317]

“Our God, Our Help in Ages in Past” [LSB 733]

CLOSING HYMN “Doxology”

CONNECT

- Family Game Night | Friday, August 4 | \$5 – Whole Family | Register Online!
- Movies w/ Pastor | Kids-Aug 9 | Youth-Aug 16 | More info to come!
- My Time | 3 Spots Available for Thursday | Contact Barb Gant to sign-up!
- My Time Teacher Needed | Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30am-3:00pm | Contact Barb
- Youth Rec Renovation Meeting | Today @ 9:45am | Youth Rec

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “All for Jesus”

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



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