

**FIRST LOVE**  
**PERSECUTION**  
**FALSE TEACHING**

**SEXUAL SIN**

**WAKE UP**

**FAITHFUL**

**LUKE WARM**

**SEVEN**  
**LETTERS**  
**TO THE CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

**WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” [LW 411]**

**OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 2:18-29 [NIV]**

<sup>18</sup>“To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. <sup>19</sup>I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. <sup>22</sup>So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. <sup>23</sup>I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

<sup>24</sup>Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, <sup>25</sup>except to hold on to what you have until I come.’ <sup>26</sup>To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—<sup>27</sup>that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup>I will also give that one the morning star. <sup>29</sup>Whoever 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 13:24-30 [NIV]**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

<sup>27</sup>“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

<sup>28</sup>“‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

<sup>29</sup>“‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them . <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **FAREWELL to REV. ABJAR BAHKOU**

**SERMON HYMN “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”** [LSB 576]

## **SERMON “THYATIRA”**

## **PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER**

*Father in Heaven:*

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for Calvin Seter-hospitalized as he recovers from pneumonia.

•**Wisdom and Courage** to our Red Apple/My Time Staff and Church Leaders.

•**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

“Children of the Heavenly Father” [LSB 725]

“Lord of All Hopefulness” [LSB 738]

“Beautiful Savior” [LW 507]

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

## CONNECT

- Rangers Game & Crowder Concert | Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> | **Deadline is tomorrow!**
- Youth Video Game Day | Saturday, July 29 | 11:00am-2:30pm | Register Online!
- Family Game Night | Friday, August 4 @ 6:00pm | \$5 | Register Online!

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Postlude in C Major”

Arthur Foote

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

