



## Parish Notes

Today ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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### Healing hospitality

Repeated headlines about violence can make us "feel like locking our doors and never entering society again," writes pastor and author Max Lucado. After another mass shooting, he penned an online opinion piece that urged people to do the exact opposite by opening their doors, their hearts and their circles.

"It's no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word," Lucado writes, "for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: 'You matter.'"

Because daily life is filled with rejections, extending an invitation — even to a simple meal — can be life-altering, Lucado contends. What you think is a messy house might be a sanctuary to someone else, "and to those who eat alone every night, pork and beans on paper plates tastes like filet mignon." Our kitchen tables are "God's secret weapons in the war on fear," Lucado says. "We never know what one meal will do."

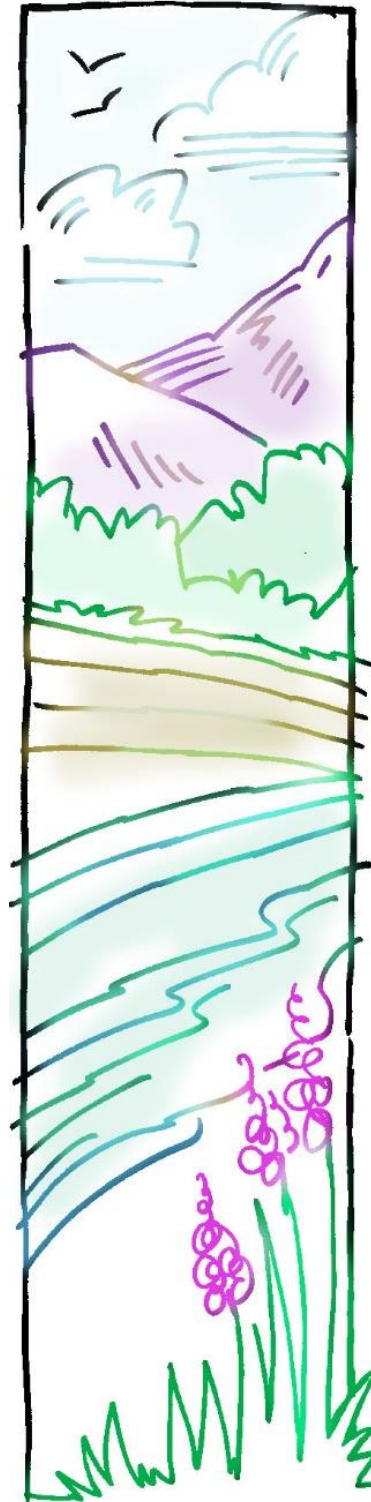
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### Joys of parenthood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.



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And we  
know that  
all things  
work together  
for good to  
them that  
love God....

Romans 8:28

# Our Worship of God

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

**Our Mission:** To welcome, care for, and serve all.

Harris – 9:00 am ..... Worship ..... Lake Park – 10:30 am

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV). Let us praise God for his never-ending mercies. Welcome to worship!

## GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Greetings/Announcements

Prelude

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

**People: We come to worship the one who rules justly.**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!

**People: Bread of heaven, God with us!**

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

**People: Eternal Word, Great I AM.**

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

**All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.**

\*Hymn *“Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine”* screen or #369

Opening prayer – **God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ, Joys, Concerns, Prayers

## GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Children’s Sermon—as the children come forward, let us sing “*Father I Adore You*” screen

Scripture Romans 18:26-39

Message *“The Perfect Story”* Marc Oleson

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering

\*Doxology *“Give Thanks”* screen

\*Prayer of Dedication

## GOD’S PEOPLE ARE SENT OUT

\*Hymn *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”* screen or #361, vs. 1-2

\*Spoken Benediction

\*The “Amen” *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”* screen or #361, vs. 3

\*Postlude

**Prayer Concerns:** Tom Jansen (cancer), Lil Jansen (shoulder surgery), Hannah Harmon (Pastor Tim’s daughter), Cheryl Dake (cancer), Garrett Goodell, those with mental health concerns, Sherry Ahrenstorff (chemo), Allen Rowe (Parkinson’s), Shirley Fredericksen, Karen Rehms, Rita Reimers, Ardyce Rueter (mother of Lori Sheeler and Scott Rueter), Dave Lindemann, the men and women in the armed services, their families, and our churches.

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