

# July Sermons/ Scriptures

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★ [July 7, 2024](#)

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: Church?*

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:1-13

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## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*Morning Worship Service and Holy Communion*

*Sermon: The Call of a Lifetime*

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:9-3:15

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29

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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: Global Catastrophe*

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-17

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30-44

★ [July 28, 2024](#)

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: You Pulled Me Up*

First Lesson: Psalm 30

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:45-56

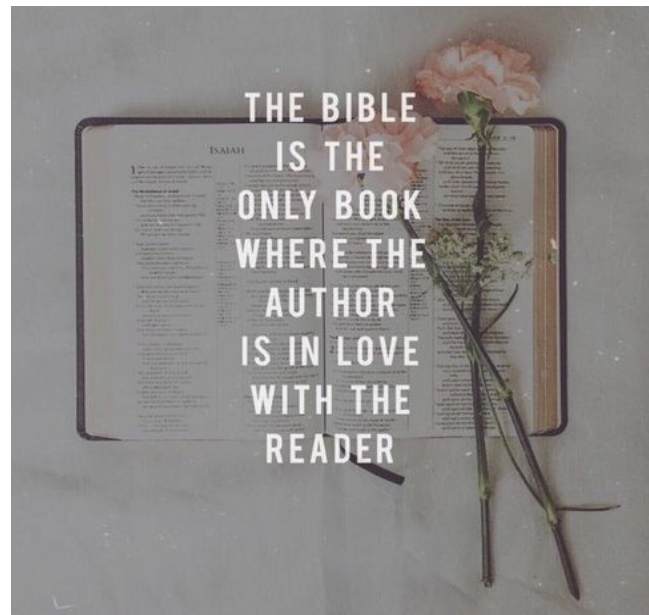
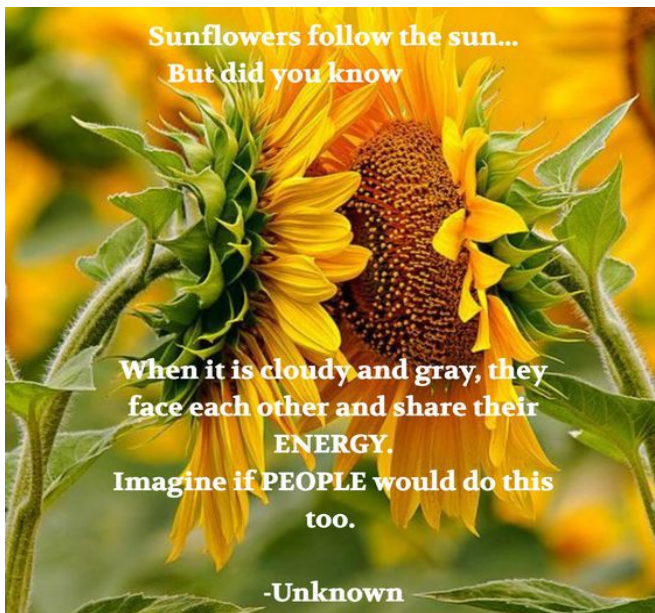


## COUNCIL NEWS

The council discussed our giving to missions. Recall that we have eight places to support: four every six months as funds allow. The ministries are: The Family Leader, Forest City Food Bank, the AALC, Metro hope/Healing House, Wittenberg Door, Next Life Foundation, CPC, Luke & Ruth Shroeder.

The four selected that will each receive \$500.00 are: Forest City Food Bank, the AALC, Next Life Foundation, Wittenberg Door.

We discussed the first week in August to begin replacing the church roof. We are also looking into putting changing tables in each of the rest rooms.



*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles;*

*They will run and not grow weary,*

*They will walk and not be faint.*

**Isaiah 40:31**

What an appropriate verse for home assignment! What an appropriate verse for Ruth as she goes through cancer treatment. There is nothing more powerful than Jesus. Not the stronghold of Islam. Not the disease of cancer. It's easy for our eyes to turn towards the wind and the waves though. Home assignment is always an encouragement to hope in the Lord. Luke's family in Lafayette, IN inspires our faith. Our home church Redeemer Lutheran encourages us to look to Jesus. Friday morning Bible study with Luke's dad and the men of several Lafayette area churches encourages us to hope in the Lord. Friday night, we gather with Luke's brother's family, some homeschooled high schoolers, and Chinese believers for Bible Study. These things all build up our faith.

## Sharing on the East Coast:

Things didn't go as planned with our visitations to East Coast supporting churches and friends, but they did go. Thanks be to God. Good Samaritan Community Church picked Luke up from the airport. They didn't get the full Schroeder family experience, but he was blessed to get to share Sunday morning with them.



Lunch with Good Samaritan Church. Luke's Florida hosts and good friends.

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Family pic when we were all together prior to travels.



Yahiya is now a lifeguard.



He can bike to work but has missed several of our trips.



Our visit to a supporting church in Georgia was not canceled, but it has been postponed. Thanks, Holy Trinity, for your graciousness. All of our schedule decisions are difficult. You helped us make a hard one, and Ruth benefited from an extra week of rest.

We also missed out on visiting Serving in Mission, our partners in the Philippines, with an office in Charlotte.

But we did travel together to Ontario and on to York, PA, to see supporters and friends from St. Paul's. Luke spoke at Adult Sunday School, and to our surprise, the kids hosted Kids Sunday School.



Exploring the woods with our hosts. After lunch activity with other York friends.

## **Cancer Update:**

Many of you are praying. We are spoiled as we go through the trial of breast cancer. We already have a ready and willing group that will lift us up in prayer. Some people have only one church to pray for them. Some have none. We have more than 10 churches praying for us. We thank you.

Ruth's situation is like an abridged version of Isaiah 40:30-31. She has been through chemo treatment twice now. She starts on the first and second day feeling tired. By the third and fourth day, she is weary. She is experiencing uncomfortable symptoms of the medicine. By the fifth day, she struggles to sit and listen in church. We were blessed that this last service, right after chemo, was outdoors. She could lay down on a mat and listen. On the 6th to the 8th day, she is exhausted and faint. She would like to sleep through the day, but sometimes, that

It was a dream to get to visit Niagara Falls. We did it on our way to Pennsylvania.



Visiting with a Canadian midwife friend and her family.



My Concordia friend Owen and his wife introduced us to America's best ice cream.

### **Chemo Schedule**

Ruth could particularly use prayer the first week after the following chemo sessions:

- May 22 (Finished)
- June 12 (Finished)
- July 3 (Next week)
- July 24
- August 14
- September 4



sleep evades her. Then, her strength begins to renew. By day ten, she is able to be up and about doing things around the home. We go on walks. After the first round of treatment, we left Indiana on day 14 and traveled. After three weeks, she is due for chemo again. The hospital knows that Ruth's hope is in the Lord. She is smiling, greeting people, and praising the Lord. She tells one of her cranky nurses that she is praying for her. She asked permission from the hospital staff to sing karaoke when getting her infusions. She is Filipino, after all. She sang Christian praise songs for her karaoke. The patient in the booth next to us requested "The Old Rugged Cross." By the second round of chemo, that patient was looking for her and had told her daughter about that encouraging cancer patient who sang Christian songs next to her.

## Witnessing and Family Camp:

In her 3 am prayer time, Ruth has sensed that God wants her to work on being more intentional in witnessing. Four of our kids and Luke attended the WMPL Family Camp for World Mission Prayer League workers. He learned there that a spiritual discipline he has always overlooked is witnessing. Yes, we have always believed in witnessing, but we have not considered it a spiritual discipline. He also learned that if a spiritual discipline is just a task that we check off to say we did it, there is no power to it. We don't work for righteousness. But spiritual disciplines or good habits are very important if the habit is used by God to impact us. Hey, why not while you pray for us on home assignment and for Ruth's cancer, also pray we would become more practiced in witnessing.

## Ministry to the Sama Update:

The work in the Philippines goes on without us. We have an upcoming prayer request. The work we do with Ruth's brother Noelson in Digos among the Sama Laminusa is scheduled to have their VBS this July 2-5. That is 150 Muslim kids attending Vacation Bible School. This will be the first time in 4 years that our family will be absent. My brother-in-law and sister-in-law are nailing it though.

Ruth's first chemo treatment.



Second chemo treatment.



Drew is a WMPL MK. I stayed at his house in the Philippines when I was an intern. He was the teacher at WMPL Camp.



The kids had a blast and made friends at the camp.



I hadn't seen this Concordia friend since before either of us were married. I happened to catch him for the 2 weeks he was in country. BLESSED!





Ruth's sister Cris is going to bring 3 young adults from the island of Silompak, where she has been serving. They come from an out-of-the-way place with no school. Their parents are nervous about them being away from home. This is mission work for them. They were already able to help with another VBS among a Christian tribe. Now, they will be helping with the VBS among the Sama, their own people. Hopefully, God can use them to encourage our youth to put their faith in Jesus. Pray with us for the Muslim youth. Pray for the Silompak volunteers. Pray for Noelson and Cris.



Volunteers sing a Sama praise song on the radio. Rodel prepares VBS crafts.

Also, pray for Rodel. Rodel grew up on Ruth's island of Siasi. He became a Christian right before COVID. He wanted to go to Bible School. He can't afford most of the Bible schools available. He can only afford the one he is at because he works for the professors. This summer, he was lent to help Noelson with ministry. Hopefully, God is raising up a young pastor who can return to Sulu and serve the small but beautiful church there. Pray that God would work in and through him in this VBS.

As I said, my in-laws are doing pretty cool things in Sama ministry in our absence. Praise God!

We feel super loved.  
 Thanks for the prayers.  
 Thanks everyone for the visits.  
 Thanks for bringing food.  
 Thanks for people who have given financially.  
 Thanks for e-mails, texts, phone calls cards.

*Striving (with you) side by side for the faith of the gospel.*

**The Schroeders**



Uganda's National Flag



Mountain Gorilla:

Uganda is home to more than 50% of the world's mountain gorillas.



Lion:

Lions can be seen in several national parks in Uganda.



Crested Crane:

Uganda's National Bird



Uganda Kob:

Uganda's National Animal

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Dear Alicia Date 5th June 2024

I am back to school for second term learning many things like in English I am learning about letter writing in Science the lungs.

I got 4 aggregates in end terms exams, pray for me to get first grade.

I hope you are very fine I want  
Bye from

Phillip.

Thank you for paying my school fees

And holding my birthday party that every one at home enjoyed it

Bye from

Phillip

Translation

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# July Volunteers

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**Communion**

Sarah

**Greeters**

Dave/Alicia

Bill/Sarah

Don/Susan

Denny/Pat

**Reader**

Nick

Brandon

Michelle

Bobbi

**Sound**

Devon

Don

Steve

Greg

**Computer**

Dave

Dave

Donna

Bobby

**Acolyte**

McKenna

Sophia

Zade

Kazra

**Pianist**

Val

Sheryl

Marcia

Val

**Ushers**

Bill/Sarah.....

**Custodian**

Karen.....

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★ If you find that you have been scheduled for a ministry time that you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let pastor know. Thank you!



# JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Greeters: Dave/Alicia Reader: Nick Acolyte: McKenna	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Deacons- 5:45pm Council- 6:30pm	<b>10</b>  Bday: Diesel Cink	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Communion Sunday  Greeters: Bill/Sarah Reader: Brandon Acolyte: Sophia	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Women's Bible Study- 2pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Greeters: Don/Susan Reader: Michelle Acolyte: Zade  Bday: Brandon Cink	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Bday: Jeff Edelen	<b>26</b>  Bday: Abby Jordan	<b>27</b>  Bday: Marty Daggett
<b>28</b> Greeters: Denny/Pat Reader: Bobbi Acolyte: Kazra  Bday: Rachel Stensrud	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Bday: Lydia Gray			