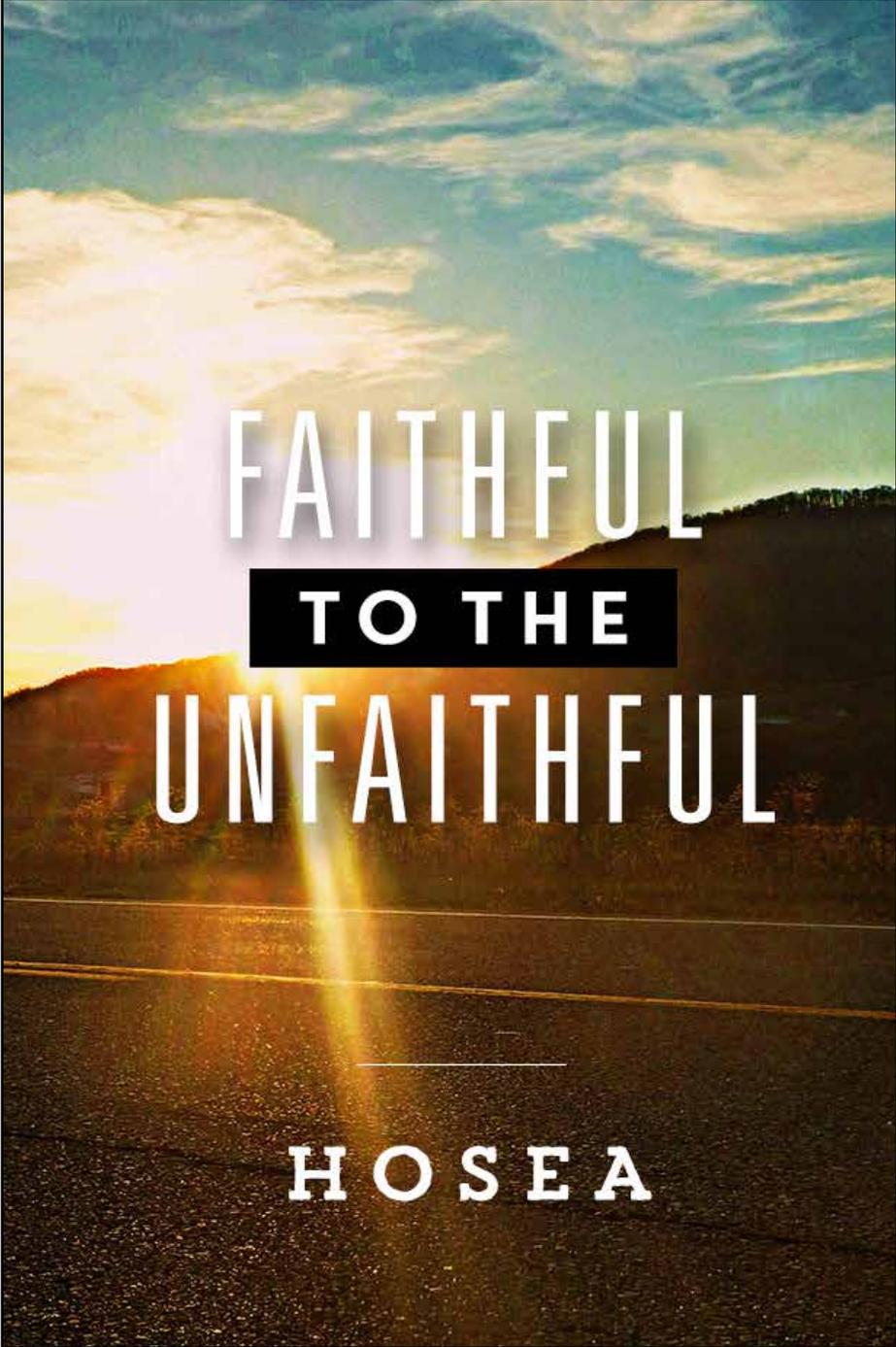


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • JUNE 26, 2020



FAITHFUL
TO THE
UNFAITHFUL

HOSEA

I desire mercy and not sacrifice

Hosea 6:6a

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 25

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal p. 5

Opening Hymn: 318 (read vs. 2)

Before Sermon: . . 526 (read vs. 3-4)

Offering Hymn:438 (4-5)

After Prayers: 37

After Benediction: 391

Scripture Readings:

Romans 4:18-25

Paul illustrates how the fact of justification by faith was applied to Abraham. Abraham believed God's promise of a Savior and attributed his salvation to God's grace. Christ's righteousness is ours through faith in Him.

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father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Matthew 9:9-13

We hear how Matthew was called to be a disciple of Jesus. While the Gospel invitation is for all, only those who are led to acknowledge their sins and repent of them will appreciate what Jesus means for them—full forgiveness of all sins! Believing they will then reject any righteousness of their own and follow and serve Jesus as their Lord.

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Sermon Text: **Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Sermon Theme:

SOMETIMES GOD'S LOVE HURTS!

I: He withdraws His blessings when we need to be spiritually awakened.

II: He calls us to repent.

III: He instructs us on what His will is.

I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth. "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We praise God for your worship with us this morning. Sometimes God's love for us comes in discipline to lead us closer to Him and through His Word to repent and receive the assurance of forgiveness and life. We pray that you come again and worship your Savior-God with us. If you would like to learn more about what we at Peace Thru Christ teach, please contact Pastor Bernthal. Please sign our guest register.



This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

Saturday Independence Day

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams

Counters: Randy Dreyer & Mike Brandle

OFFERINGS 6/21 for Unified Budget: \$4,165.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook/25 Youtube views/5 26 in church

BIBLE CLASS:

We had 16 attend our Zoom Bible Class last Wednesday. We will again have a Bible study on another parable of Jesus beginning at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. A link will be sent out by Wednesday.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN:

The congregation again is ordering a subscription for every family of this useful synodical monthly magazine. The price is \$14 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$14 in your offering. Thank you.

CLC NEWS:

- Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School has called Ms. Leah Fossum and Ms. Deana Pfeiffer to teach full time in the upper grades, Mr. Bob Long to teach part time Math, and Pastor David Pfeiffer to serve as principal. These are all one year calls.
- Faith, Markesan, WI has called Mrs. Marie Muehlenhaupt for one year as upper grade teacher. They also called Marie and Ms. Ann Sprengeler as co-principals for one year.

AID TO INDIA:

Our fellow believers in the CLCI and BELC are struggling under both the COVID pandemic and the destruction of a cyclone. The Bd. of Missions has sent some aid already from Kinship, but the need for

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more is critical. Please inform your flocks of this opportunity to put love for Christ into practice with our prayers and with offerings to Kinship. Contributions should be clearly marked "Kinship Disaster Relief".

MOWING TRIM NEEDED:

With the AutoMower doing most of the mowing we only need to mow the slopes along Hwy M and West Point Rd; around the pine trees on the north of the parking lot; the entry-way and the median. We also need to weed whack around the black tires and gym set in the back and pick up branches. It should take about an hour. If you would like to help, please sign the sheet in the entry-way.

CLC C.C. REPORT:

The CLC Coordinating Council held its spring meeting June 10 at ILC. A summary of the meeting is in your mailbox and was sent electronically to every family. If you would like to read the full report click on this link: tinyurl.com/2020springcc

ILHS GRADUATION:

Due to COVID-19, Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, has rescheduled its graduation for Sat., Aug. 1, 10:30 am. While in the past this has been a public worship service open to anyone, attendance this year will be "by invitation only" due to local gathering limitations. This will be viewable as live stream or archived at ilc.edu. The college and seminary had their graduation service on May 30. May the LORD continue to keep our graduates in His care as they look to His Word with all their future endeavors. Regents Chairman: Pastor John Hein

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