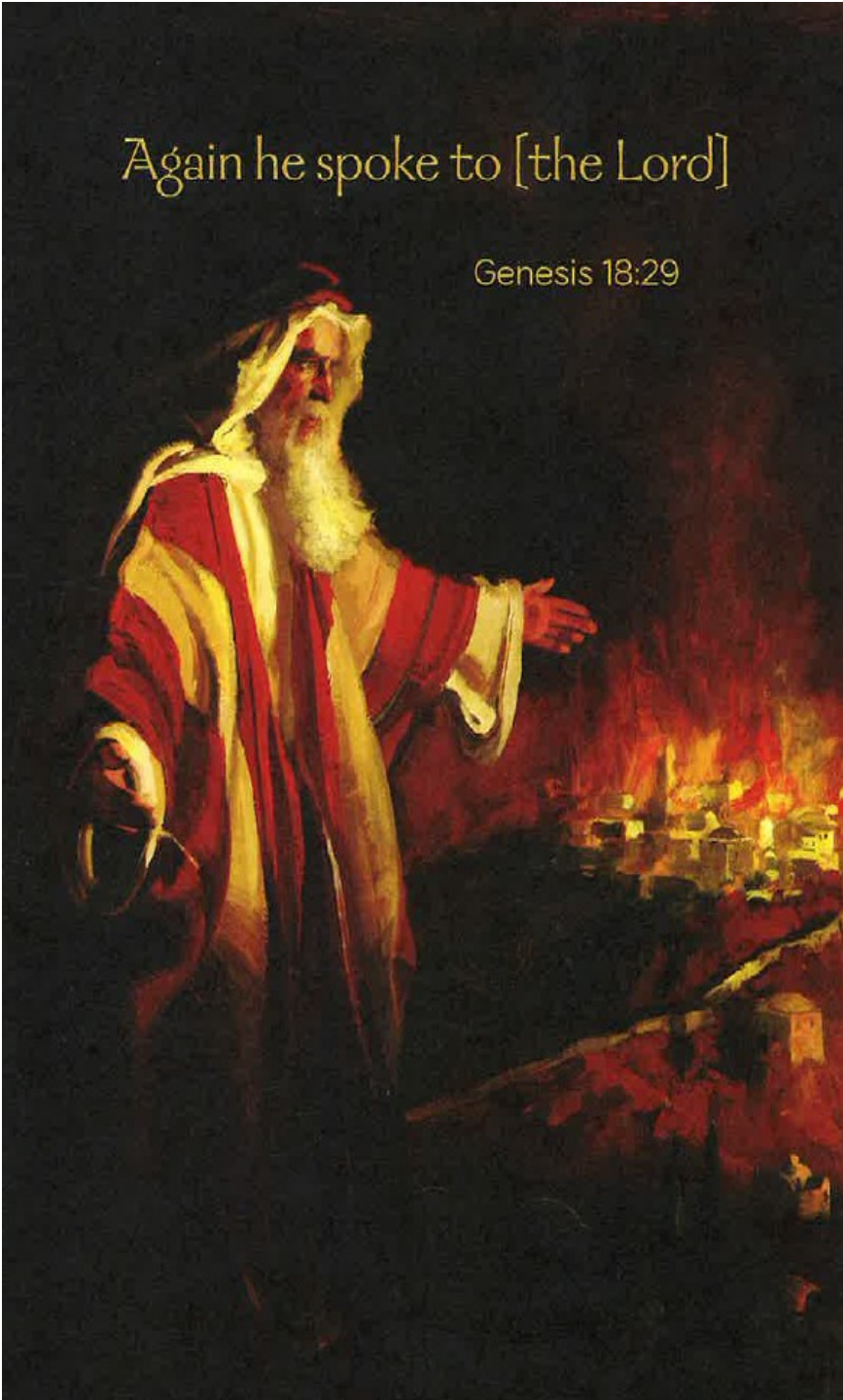


Again he spoke to [the Lord]

Genesis 18:29



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

July 27, 2025

8:30 am

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Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy. Please take time to sign the worship attendance cards and place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher.

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Creative Worship

As We Gather

God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: "Rise, Shine, You People" LSB 825 v1-4

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 50:1, 3–5, 14–15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18*

P Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

C **The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.**

P Jesus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

C **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**

P The apostle Paul writes, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

C **God says, "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"**

P Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you."

C **"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."**

P Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Confession and Absolution

P Most merciful God,

C **we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.**

P Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

C **Amen**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

C **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.**

P I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

C **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.**

P My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

C **Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;**

P O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Sit

Hymn of Praise: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770 v1-3

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, You have heard the prayers of Your people throughout the ages. Continue to point us to the promises found in Your Word to strengthen our faith. Lead and guide us by Your Spirit to boldly and persistently pray to You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 18:17–33*

17Then the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? 18Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." 20Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21that I will go down and see if what they

have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." 22The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. 23Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 25Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" 26The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." 27Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." 29Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." 30Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." 31Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." 32Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." 33When the Lord had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

C **Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.**

Epistle *Colossians 2:6–15*

6So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. 8See to it that no one takes

you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. 9For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. 11In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, 12having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse *Luke 11:9*

P Alleluia.

C I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 11:1-13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

1One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." 2He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3Give us each day our daily bread. 4Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. ' "

5Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in

bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 11"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer

ALL: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

P What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: "Come, My Soul, with Every Care *LSB 779 v1-6*

Sermon "Persistent In Prayer"

Offering

Offertory Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" *LSB 783 v1-6*

Prayer of the Church

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.

C Our Father in heaven,

P Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.

C Holy be Your name.

P Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

C Your Kingdom come.

P Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

C Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

P Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

C Give us today our daily bread.

P Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

C Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

P O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.

C Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

P Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.

C For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" LSB 917

v1-4

Quarterly Voters' Meeting is today following the service.

Tuesday Bible Study: We will not meet this Tuesday, July 29.

Tuesday Morning Coffee Hours hosted by Regional Worship Center in Sherburn for the month of July on Tuesday mornings 8:30-10:00 am. All are welcome! August Tuesday coffees will be held here at St. John's.

Furnace & Boiler: We have met our goal of \$30,000 to replace the 2 boiler systems and one of the furnaces! We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way and for lifting up the church in prayer. God truly has blessed us!!"

Baby Shower for Options Pregnancy Center: The LWML will again this year collect items for the Options Pregnancy Center during the month of August through Labor Day. Baby items and bathing/personal items for mothers can be placed in containers in the front entry.

Items Most Requested Include For Mothers

Nursing pads	Maternity Clothes all sizes
Gift Cards	Pajamas and Bath Robes
Lanacane cream	

Items Most Requested For Babies

Baby Bible	Enfamil Formula yellow or purple
Clothing 12-18 months, 2T	Baby crib sheets and pads
Diapers & wipes size 4,5,6	Pull ups size 2T and 4T
Hooded towels, wash cloths	Outlet covers
Grooming kits	

Sweet Corn: The youth are selling sweet corn now through Monday. Please check facebook to see next selling dates.

Thank You for the cards and phone calls as we received as we celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary. Your kindness is appreciated.
~Harvey & Audrey Amborn

Events

Blood Mobile—Monday, August 4, 1-6:00 pm at Sherburn Regional Worship Center. Call Dorothy at 507-236-5764 to schedule an appointment.

Area Youth Fellowship: Kickball at Hands Park Softball Field, Fairmont. Come enjoy fellowship, food, fun and faith!
Sr. High Youth grades 9-12, Sunday, August 10, 4:00 pm
Jr. High Youth grades 6-8, Sunday, August 23, 4:00 pm

Donation of a brand new king size bed mattress: Quinton & Lindsey Pytleski have a brand new king size bed mattress that they would like to donate to someone who is in need. If interested or know of someone please contact the church.

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, July 27

8:30 am Worship @ St. John's, 9:30 am Voters' Meeting

Tuesday, July 29

9:30 am Ingelside Chapel, No Bible Study

Sunday, August 3

8:30 am Communion Service



- ◆ **Coping With Cancer:** Scott Peterson, Nancy Bliesmer, Bev Roben, Dee Holm, Ross Bettin, Greg Gerdes, Kasey Kleve, Wanda Douglas, Shelly Callahan, Cyndi Johnson, Harv Baird, Todd Klukow, Paul Swanson, Dale Wohlrabe, David Krumwiede
- ◆ **Care List:** Lynn Thate, Leo Morris, Cara Henkleman, Janet Klug, Jim Hybbert, Ron Bettin, Robert Anderson, Harvey Amborn, Jazlyn Geerdes, Kathy Haas, Janice Franck, Jeanne Nelson, Ryan Bettin, Terri Schultz, and those we name in our hearts.
- ◆ **Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Edith Gates, Justin Holm, Garland Hendricksen, Parker Trontvet, Andrew Dramstad, Cory Ballard, Gracin Hansen, Olivia Anderson, Guy Rudolph, Pat Chase, Isaac Howard, Piper Lasch, Erin Meyers
- ◆ **Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Jeff & Karis Hagen, Dayton & Michelle Hartung, Jim & Vivian Richards, Jacob & Jessica Korte, Eldon & Laura Potthoff, David & Brittany Anderson
- ◆ **We Remember** the family and friends of Marilyn Pierson who was called to her eternal rest on July 20. Her funeral will be Monday, July 28 at First Lutheran, Trimont. Visitation is 3-5pm this afternoon at Sinn Family Celebration of Life Center in Trimont.
- ◆ **We Remember** the family and friends of Lori Wohlrabe, sister of Bush Krumwiede, who was called to her eternal on Wednesday, July 23.