



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
Father's Day  
June 21, 2009**

**"Honor your father... as the LORD your God has commanded you...."**  
Deuteronomy 5:16

**Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.**

**GREETINGS and WELCOME to  
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.**

VISITORS please sign the guest book.  
**Come and worship with us again soon!**  
Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

**Prayer Before Worship:** Gracious and merciful Father, thank You for the privilege of being a guest in Your house today. In Word and Sacrament You come to us and, for the sake of Your Son, remove our sin and guilt. Thank You for this peace and forgiveness as well as for the joy of singing Your praise with my fellow Christians. Send us home again inspired to love You more and serve You better. In Jesus' name. Amen

**HYMNS: 417 433 741 503**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.**

O Almighty God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep Your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15 (Page 5)**

Our first parents bring into the world sin and its consequences for the family and all of creation.

**60,000 MEN MADE FATHER – LESS!**

Most of us heard of the Wichita, Kansas, abortionist George Tiller, who was murdered on Sunday, May 31, while he was serving as usher at a Lutheran church. Every human life is to be left in the hands of God, Who sent His Son to die for all men. But did you know that Dr. Tiller was responsible for an estimated 60,000 abortions? This Fathers' Day imagine the number of men made dads to 60,000 fewer children! Sadly, many of these men were more than willing "sperm donors," who nevertheless wanted no part of parenting. We can only wonder how many paid for the abortions, perhaps after even physical threats against the mothers if they did not sacrifice their children. What a sad state of affairs has come to fatherhood and morality in our United States!

Adding to Tiller's infamy and America's disgrace is that he was one who performed the gruesome full-term murders called "partial-birth abortions." Did you also know that he had been excommunicated from a Lutheran church, which was unable to lead him to repentance for his murderous activity? It was after that, he joined Reformation Lutheran Church, which not only welcomed him to communion but made him an usher in their church. (His wife sang in the choir.) The Lutheran church body that he became part of officially supports abortions and through its group health insurance even pays for its women pastors to get abortions.

A professor at a seminary of the LC-MS which excommunicated him had been quoted as saying, *Dr. Tiller does not think of these fetuses as clusters of cancerous cells. He knows they are human beings because he baptizes them before he incinerates them in his own crematorium. You don't baptize non-humans. Dr. Tiller knows that.*

The LC-MS congregation which excommunicated Tiller showed true love for Tiller's soul. If he continued to refuse to repent of the sin of killing unborn infants, he went to hell. Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita hoped that excommunication would lead Tiller to repentance. The other Lutheran congregation and its church body showed misplaced love toward Tiller by communing him and leaving him on the road to eternal hell.

**Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51a (Page 86)**

Sin is in us by nature – inherited from our parents - and removed by the Son of God and man in the person of Christ Jesus!

**Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (page 1798)**

At one and the same time, the sad results of sin oppress us and drive us to the loving arms of our God.

**SERMON: Mark 4:35-41 (Page 1558)**

**Jesus Calms The Storms of (Family) Life**

- ✘ Believe and Speak About Things Eternal.
- ✘ Work Through Troubles to Eternal Life.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Meditation Theme for the week: "Family Matters"**

June Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson, A. Boyd

Mon. 7:20 Softball at West Palmer W. vs. The Elk

Wed 6:30 Lawn Mowing: Pastor Holub, G. Lieder

Thurs—Sun. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society in Denver, Colorado

Fri. No Bible Class

**Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9  
9:00 Worship**

**62% Of WELS Congregations** have participated in The Year of Jubilee special synod offering drive. Brooklyn Lutheran participated last December and raised \$1645.00.

**Synodwide \$3,5 million** has been collected. The program ends next month with Synod meeting in convention the week of July 26-August 1.

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**Last Sunday** Worship Attendance: 82  
Offering: \$1972.50; Parish Assistance: \$1500.00  
Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**  
Prairie Lodge: 12

**Can you help “bird dog”** for a two bedroom rental in our area for a pair of cousins? They sound like fine young people – at least one a WELS from Menominee, Wisconsin, whose mother describes him as a “neatnick.” They are looking for a place between Plymouth and Brooklyn Park. The older has been working in Plymouth for nine months and staying with family friends. The other is starting at North Hennepin Tech in the fall. These could be long term prospects for our congregation!

**Free Job Transition Workshops**, helping with job search strategies, will be held on successive Tuesday evenings – 6/30 & 7/7, 6:30-8:30pm, sponsored by Thrivent. Details on bulletin board.

**Brooklyn Bridge is considering Computer Use** as part of our educational program. Do you know a source of six simple computers – preferably, but not necessarily, all the same? Good used perhaps from a company doing an upgrade, or economical new?

There is a list of all the **marriages that have taken place at Brooklyn Lutheran** on the table in the commons. We will be sending out invitations for our August 9 celebration soon. If you know any of the addresses that we are missing, please help us out. Thank you.

**Brooklyn Bridge School** recessed for the summer after classes Friday, June 12. There are about 20 enrollees already for fall, with M/W/F morning the runaway favorite, with nine signed up. Pray for full enrollment again next year with numbers maxed out in each class. The preschool appears to have the funds on hand to make it through the summer after which more registrations and tuition will be forthcoming. We are grateful that most parents were able to stay employed this past school year toward paying the tuition.

**Vacation Bible School** will be the week of August 10-14. The theme of VBS this year is “DIVE IN,” a course from our Northwestern Publishing House. Who do you know could attend? Could you work on our staff as a teacher? Aide? Art craft worker? Or snack server?

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Convention** meets this week (Thursday – Sunday, June 25-28) in Denver. Four will represent our congregation at the gathering. In view of the current economic climate, these ladies’ prayers, volunteer endeavors, and offerings will be all the more important toward WELS spreading the Gospel of salvation in Christ.

**Hmong Outreach** is scheduled to begin next month from our church on a limited basis. **Neng Vang** is a Pastoral Studies Institute seminarian under Rev. Leon Piepenbrink in St. Paul. He is in his early forties, with a wife and no children. His work in Brooklyn Park will provide him field experience with little financial remuneration, at least at this time, because of Synod’s financial state. A term used often for this kind of work is “tent ministry” – after the way St. Paul in many communities burned the midnight oil making tents to support himself for the more important work of evangelism outreach during the day.

**Our Church landscape sends a message to the community about us.** Volunteer-sign up today to help water flowers midweek or week-ends, once or twice a month.

**A Fellowship** will be held after each summer Sunday morning Service. If you can serve one of these Sundays, there is a sign up sheet by the bulletin board. Week by week donations will be gathered for our Thrivent matching fund project this year-replacing landscape in center islands and on corner or if we have more money, we will put it towards parking lot pavement work.

**Old Meditations**—Please bring them back for prison ministry. There is a box on the table by the bulletin board.



*Brooklyn Evangelical  
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**Our Mission:**

*We exist to use the  
Gospel of Christ to  
win the lost and to  
nurture  
believers, all to the  
glory of God.*



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