



It is for *freedom* that Christ has set us free.

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
July 3, 2016

WORSHIP FOCUS:

Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? The life of faith is lived in a godless world, and it is therefore certain to be met with persecution. The Lord, however, uses these persecutions suffered for the sake of the Gospel to refine us into the pure, precious metal of his children.

WORSHIP PRAYER:

Jesus, help me not to be afraid to live my Christian faith. Forgive me when I fail and guide me in ways that glorify you. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Service of Word and Sacrament
(CW p. 26)

PSALM:

Psalm 22 (CW p. 71) spoken by all

HYMNS:

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SERMON:

“Everyone Else Is Okay With It,
So Why Aren’t You?”

BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH 

Using the Gospel to nurture the found and reach the lost - all to the glory of God.

W*elcome!* We are a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We believe that the Bible is God's errorless Word, which tells us of how Jesus Christ has saved us by his perfect life, innocent death, and victorious resurrection to live lives dedicated to the glory of God.

If you have come as a stranger, we welcome you as our guest. *Please sign our Guest Register in the entry.*

A Word about Our Worship—You can find today's service printed in the front of the hymnal. Much of the service is also projected on the front wall. Bibles and large print hymnals are also available on request from the ushers.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sunday of the month. In obedience to Scripture, we believe that the Lord's Supper is an expression of our complete unity in faith. This has been the historic practice of the Christian church for 2,000 years. As such, we reserve participation for members of our congregation, of the Wisconsin Synod, and our sister synod—the ELS. If you are visiting, please speak to the pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper. Thanks for your understanding.

If you need a washroom, you can find them as you exit the chapel, located on the left-hand side down the hallway to your right.

We love having children worship with us. We also understand that children can get restless and you may need to leave the service. For your convenience, please feel free to use the library area in our Commons. You will find a rocking chair and small children books and toys. There are changing stations in both restrooms. We also have quiet bags for young children on a tree in the back of the chapel.

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES: Being a Christian is not for the weak. C. S. Lewis, the atheist turned Christian author, once said, "If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity." Jesus would agree. He likened following him to carrying a heavy, awkward, rough instrument of torture. Join us as we explore the meaning of

CROSS+CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY

Jun 19	Are You All In?
Jun 26	Count the Cost
Jul 3	Warring With the World
Jul 10	Feuding With the Family
Jul 17	Fighting With the Flesh

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY:

FIRST LESSON **Genesis 39:6B-12, 16-23** (*Pew Bible, page 64-65*)
Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? God makes a promise: suffering for the Gospel is his way of refining his children.

PSALM OF THE DAY **Psalm 22** (*CW p. 71*) SPOKEN BY ALL

SECOND LESSON **Hebrews 11:24-26** (*Pew Bible, pages 1876*)
We confess Christ in the face of persecution because we belong to Christ and look forward to a future that no suffering, no evil, no attack can take away from us.

VERSE OF THE DAY **Galatians 4:6** (*Pew Bible, page 1813*)
Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Luke 9:18-24** (*Pew Bible, page 1609*)
To all who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior come trials and suffering on account of his name. But to him who overcomes is given the crown of eternal life.

SERMON "Everyone Else Is Okay With It, So Why Aren't You?"

BLESSINGS FROM THE WEEK

Attendance: Sunday Bible Class—**18**
Worship—**52**
Tuesday Bible Class—**7**

Tithes & Offerings: **\$1,465.87**

SERVING IN THE LORD

July Offering Counters:

S. Deuth, A. Boyd

Ushers:

Today: R. Lucht
Next Sunday: D. Gabrielson

Lawn Mowing:

This week: B. Larson, G. Schimenz
Next week: S. Deuth, L. Gens

Organist:

Today: Janice Budach
Next Sunday: Deb Maxson

CALENDAR WEEK

<i>Today</i>	Bible Class	9:00 am
	Worship	10:00 am
	Odessa Offering	
	Fellowship	
<i>Monday</i>	No Softball	
<i>Tuesday</i>	No Bible Class	
<i>Sunday</i>	Bible Class	9:00 am
	Worship	10:00 am
	Fellowship	
	Elders Meeting	11:15 am

PASTOR will be returning on Thursday, July 7. If you need pastoral assistance, please feel free to call Cross of Christ. 763-786-0637.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is only a week away: **July 11 - 15, 9:00 - 11:30am** Register on our website: **WWW.BROOKLYNLUTHERAN.COM**

AN OFFERING BASKET is at the back of the church for Odessa's mission work in Liberia. We are working on our goal for helping her raise money. We have reached \$1,631 on our way to \$2,000.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP is being held after Sunday morning service. We still need a volunteer for Sunday, July 10.

FORWARD IN CHRIST new copies are located on the table by the bulletin board. Feel free to take one.

TIMELY TOPICS, TIMELESS TRUTHS

Have you ever felt unprepared to talk about today's hot-button issues from a Christian perspective? Do you wish you could be better equipped to defend why you believe what you do when your faith is challenged, and yet do it in a loving way? Our bible study will equip you with biblical truths for engaging in challenging issues with your family, friends, and coworkers. We will dig into these interesting topics: intelligent design, global warming, gender identity. We hope to see you there when the class resumes on July 12.