

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday 10/11: Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee after the service. Please observe social distancing as you fellowship. Newsletter Items are due!
Tuesday 10/13: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.
Wednesday 10/14: Newsletter Folding, 9am.
Thursday 10/15: Wittenberg Door – Pastor’s Fellowship – here, 10am.
Saturday 10/17: Stewardship assembling of packets, 4pm.
Communion Service with baptism of Emma Anne Faivre, 5:30pm.
Sunday 10/18: Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Logan Marshall, son of Eric Marshall and Jenny (Ryan) Block was killed in a car accident. Funeral arrangements are pending. May God’s promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn Logan’s passing.
- Pray for Pastor & Nancy as we celebrate the remaining time they will be with our congregation for worship.
- Pastor Phil Gronbach as he begins a new journey as our interim Pastor on November 1. May God bless his continued ministry to our congregation.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God’s guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great River Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.
- All those who are affected by the natural disasters.

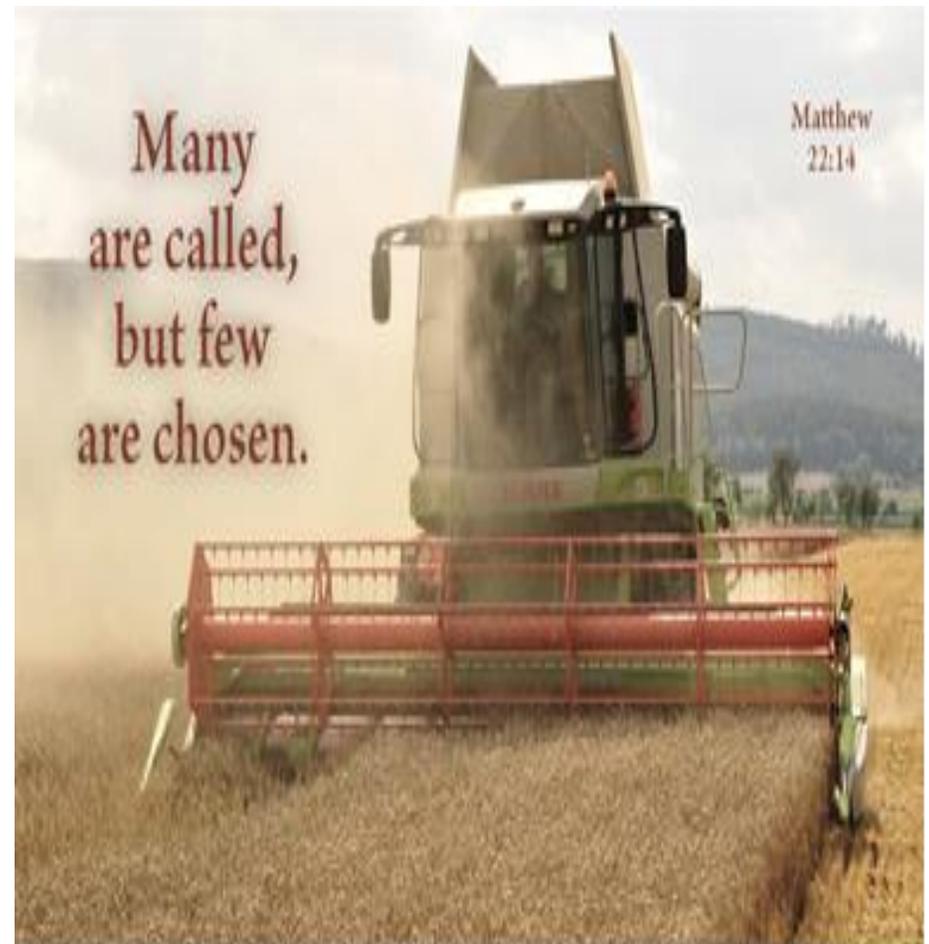
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

William Wittwer 10/15

Eric Sester 10/16

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Nathan & Dawn Watson 10/17/92



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Readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost*

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(with scripture readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

P AND OF THE SON:

C Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak” **LBW 403**

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace.

(Romans 8:5-6,26)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit, who dwells in you. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you.

(Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-13

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

P The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “GOD’S INVITATION” - Gospel

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

P In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

P And your young men shall see visions!

C And your old men shall dream dreams!

P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Jesus Sinners Will Receive”

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Shoeboxes are ready for you to sign out and fill with “goodies”. A bar of soap and washcloth are inside and later a beanie baby and face mask will be added. Boxes are due back Sunday, November 8th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on November 1. The agenda will be:

- Election of Call Committee
- Ratification of amendments to the NALC Constitution

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 23 (Read responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

¹Again Jesus spoke to {the chief priests and the Pharisees} in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”