

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

LBW, green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak" **LBW 403**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 23 (*read responsively by half verse*) P. 225

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-13

*The Alleluia P. 62

*Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Pulpit Hymn

Sermon: **"GOD'S INVITATION"** – Gospel

*Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Sinners Will Receive" **LBW 291**

*Apostles' Creed P. 65

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 75

*Prayers of the Church P. 75

*Lord's Prayer P. 76

Closing Hymn: "O Zion, Haste" **LBW 397**

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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,³ and 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.”’⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,⁶ while 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.’¹⁰ And 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.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

