



Confirmation



*First Lutheran Church -
Putting Christ First*

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LBW – green hymnal

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 thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG:

“Take My Life, that I May Be” vv.1, 2, 3, & 6 **LBW 406**

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. 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

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸{The man and his wife} heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27: 1-6 (read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰{Jesus} went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that {Jesus and the apostles} could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — ³⁰for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

SONG: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 5/29:17

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Last Sunday, 5/30:32

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Krista Haberkamp 6/5

Maybelle Mech 6/7/2017

Nancy Rasmussen 6/8

John Boehmer 6/9

June May 6/10

Richard Wince 6/10

First Lutheran Church
CONFIRMATION DAY TOMORROW
June 6, 2021



Marissa Hortencia Hernandez

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Psalm 27:1

*Congratulations and God's richest blessings upon
Marissa!*





PARSONAGE WEEDING

If you would like to weed the parsonage, please help yourself and bring a friend!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We had an interview with a third Pastor. We called to request a second interview and the Pastor said "Thank you for the opportunity to meet all of you on the call committee. I have been praying all week and feel that God is calling me to a different church."

Please don't be discouraged as the NALC has said that we may have to interview 3-5 Pastors before we find the right one. We have interviewed three now.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Would you be willing to chair, co-chair, teach or help with Vacation Bible School? We have the curriculum. Kylee Heck, a soon to be high school graduate, is willing to help with VBS by leading a class of up to 20 students. The dates haven't been set as that would depend on whoever would chair or co-chair. If you are willing to help in any capacity, please let Dianna Wittwer know.

Sunday 6/6: Confirmation Day! Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Tuesday 6/8: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 6/10: Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 6/12: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/13: Worship Service, 9am. Newsletter Items due.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Harold Hintzsche has pneumonia. He is home after a few days at Northwest hospital.
- Louie Mielke will be having surgery on his arm on 6/25.
- Peggy Veach will be moving on Monday. Pray for a smooth transition.
- Trudy Loomis has begun physical therapy for her shoulder.
- Onie Luepkes broke her hip and is at PA Peterson.
- Bob & Lisa Coyle, who are having health problems.
- Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece, who is battling cancer.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for God to stir the heart of the Pastor he has chosen for us.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are looking for a new Pastor.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.