



They laid
the sick in
the marketplaces
and implored him.

Mark 6:56

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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.

Hymnals: LBW – green hymnal WOV – Blue Hymnal

BC – Borning Cry

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: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

LBW 474

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:

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

P The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136:1-9 (read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING:

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

⁴⁵Immediately {Jesus} made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "GOD AMONG US"

SONG: "Here Comes Jesus"

BC 454

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, we know that you discipline those you love and guide us sinners in doing what is right. Take away our selfish desires so we might live according to your divine will. Open our ears to hear you speaking to us, so we would repent from seeking our own ways, and turn to you for mercy, grace, and forgiveness. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Timeless God, you are Lord over time and have provided your people with times for work and for play, for toil and for rest. Be with those who are taking vacations so they may find respite and delight in the change of routine, pleasure in their loved one's company, and safety in their travels.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of peace, may your gentle reign of justice and peace prevail around the world. Bring peace to the places that are torn apart by war and violence. Make the walls of hatred that divide homes, communities, and nations crumble under your powerful love and righteousness.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, guide our church to the Pastor you have in mind for us. Help us to let You be in charge and guide us with your Word and the study of Scripture. Give us patience and trust in your wisdom. We also ask you to be at work in the thoughts and heart of the pastor you have in mind to draw that pastor to serve this congregation. Make us a mission congregation who will work with a new pastor to reach out to our town and with the love of Christ. Make us instruments of your saving work.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, keep us ever mindful of those around us who are grieving or despairing as they deal with tragedies and difficulties in life. Shower the hurting with your abundant grace and love. Show us ways in which we might shine the light of your presence into their darkness. [We pray especially for]

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

WOV 731

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 7/18:30



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will start after Labor Day. Please let Pastor Phil Gronbach or church secretary Dianna Wittwer, know that your child, children, or grandchildren may be interested in Confirmation class. This is a two-year program. The program begins when the child usually will be entering 7th grade.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS

The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school backpacks are hanging on the coat rack with a sign out sheet. Please pick up a list of the needed supplies when you select one school bag or more and GO shopping! It is important to have all the items and no other amounts. Enjoy looking for sales at Dollar Tree and Walmart and maybe other stores if you watch. Your filled bag should be returned by **August 18** or sooner if completed and you sign it back on the list.

A box is available for some supplies if you only wish to donate a few items and that will help us. Thrivent is supplying a credit card to purchase what is needed for maybe 60 backpacks!

Our thanks to Jean and Donna for sewing ALL the kits. Roger also helped to put the roping in Jean's.!

Many thanks for everyone who fills some backpacks for needy students for Lutheran World Relief.

*Happy
Birthday*

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Elsie Sanford 7/25
Marissa Hernandez 7/25/06
Joyce Schmidt 7/26
Angela Nelson 7/28
Ben Blobaum 7/28
Ryan Anderberg 7/30/14

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Mark & Josie Brykowski 7/28/07

Sunday 7/25: Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall after worship.

Monday 7/26: Clothes Closet Open, 12:00 -1:30pm

Tuesday 7/27: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Saturday 7/31: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/1: Communion Service, 9:00am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Praise God! Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece had a PET scan recently and they have found no cancer.
- Onie Luepkes is now home.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- Jason Gorski, Dan Pahnke's nephew who is fighting cancer again.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams including Lorraine Steinhorst.
- 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.
- Ben Blobaum, our Seminarian, for discernment about a vicarage (internship) position.
- Pray for all NALC congregations that are waiting for new Pastors, let us all be patient for the right one that You Lord, are sending.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- Pray for China and all those affected by the flooding.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.