



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
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- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
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Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.” ¹³And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.” ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”;

or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 53 (read responsively by whole verse)

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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel:

Mark 7:1-13

¹When the Pharisees gathered to {Jesus}, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper

vessels and dining couches.)⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God) — ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

Sermon: **“SIGN OF THE CROSS”**

*Hymn of the Day: “Be Thou My Vision”

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*Apostle’s Creed

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*Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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*Prayers of the Church

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Holy Spirit, by our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord, or come to him. But you have called us by the Gospel and enlightened us with your gifts. Sanctify and keep us in true faith, so that we may daily listen for your promise, and at the last day we may be raised up and given eternal life with all who believe in Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, as the summer begins to wind down, we will move again into the cycle of harvest and the return to school. Remind us of your presence in all our transitions and help us to treasure each and every moment.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of Creation, look with kindness on your creation. Restore wholeness to rivers and seas, deserts and forests, farmland and wilderness. Help us to see your good work so the hearts of all living things may sing their thanks and praise for generations to come.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Healing Lord, you are the ever-present help in time of trouble. We give you thanks for your servants who have recently returned home from the hospital or are now in rehab units and are recovering. [We pray especially for ...] Let your good gifts of health and strength, now present in them, continue and increase, so they may be fully restored by your saving grace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction and Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn:

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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Last Sunday, 8/15: 29



Would you like a copy of Pastor's sermon? Please let Dianna know and she will email the sermon to you or will make a copy for you to pick-up the following week.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Mason Krabbe 8/23/2006

Izabelle Rasmussen 8/24

Peggy Steinhorst 8/30



ANNIVERSAY BLESSINGS

Oscar & Lois Swan (their 65th) 8/24/1956

Russ & Judy Lacefield (40th) 8/29/81

Today 8/22: Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall after worship.

Tues. 8/24: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Sat. 8/28: Worship Service with blessing of school kits, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/29: Worship Service with blessing of school kits, 9:00am.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Thursday, September 9th:

Confirmation students and Parents Meeting, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, September 12th:

Rally Day for Sunday school.

New Confirmation students will be receiving their Bibles at the Sunday service.

Next Week's Readings:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20;
Mark 7:14-23



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

- Karen Willis, June May's niece passed away on August 5th.
- Marvin Bernhardt who had neck surgery on Wednesday, 8/18. He is at St. Anthony hospital until he will transfer to a rehabilitation center.
- Mark Bernhardt, Marvin & Wanda's son, Lisa Coyle's brother is hospitalized with foot trouble.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams including Trudy Loomis, Lorraine Steinhorst and Jason Gorski.
- 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 for discernment about a vicarage.
- 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 and other Afghanis suffering violence of the Taliban.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All those who are affected by the natural disasters.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.