



*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 *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Sharing of Peace
- *Opening Hymn: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” vv.1-2 **LBW 481**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
- *Prayer of the Day P. 82

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; 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

1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and

touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Psalm 34:1-8 (read responsively by whole verse)

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Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ! — ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Alleluia

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³⁵Jesus said to {the crowd}, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” ⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Sermon: **“BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY”**

*Hymn of the Day: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” vv.3-4 **LBW 481**

*Apostle’s Creed

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*Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 96

*Prayers of the Church

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Heavenly Father, guard us from the evil one, so we may not be lost. Guard us from intrusive thoughts that would lead us astray

causing us to think poorly of ourselves and our neighbors. May your joy be complete in us as we follow your will and your ways. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, you send rain and sunshine to nurture the earth. You cause plants, trees, and all life to come forth. May your Spirit nurture our faith so we may grow in obedience to your will and your word. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

God, our shelter and eternal home, we thank you for your loving presence among us. Just as you were with your Son, Jesus, who had “nowhere to lay his head” (Matthew 8:20), we ask that you would be a steadfast presence for migrant workers, refugees, and all who do not have permanent homes. Guide them, care for them, and give them security. *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.*

Merciful God, bring healing and wholeness to all who are hospitalized or chronically ill, comfort to those who are grieving or in despair. [We pray especially for] Bless and strengthen caretakers, doctors, nurses, CNA’s, aides, and all who through their life’s vocation share in bringing your healing to bodies and minds. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*Lord’s Prayer

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*Benediction and Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

Thank You!

Thank you, Seminarian Ben Blobaum, for providing pulpit supply this weekend.

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Last Sunday, 8/1: 42

*Happy
Birthday*

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Cathy Krabbe 8/7

Sue Peterson 8/7

Clarice Brisart 8/9

Emma Koehnke 8/9/2004

Brynn Springborn 8/9/2010

Chuck Schindler 8/13

Peter Rasmussen 8/14

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Ken & Karen Benson 8/6/77

Bob & Lisa Coyle 8/7/82



SCHOOL KITS

Please select and fill a school kit for a child. See the narthex for information.

FISHERS OF MEN

Please be cautious of those who are ***Phishing*** for your money. This is pronounced “fishing”.

See the narthex bulletin board for more information.

Next Week’s Readings:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:12-22; Ephesians 5:6-21; John
6:51-69

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

Tuesday 8/10: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 8/12: Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 8/14: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/15: Communion Service, 9:00am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Nick Beach, Jo Boehmer's grandson as he recovers from Covid.
- Praise God! Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece had a PET scan recently and they have found no cancer.
- 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.
- Jason Gorski went to Mayo's and they are optimistic and encouraging.
- 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.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.