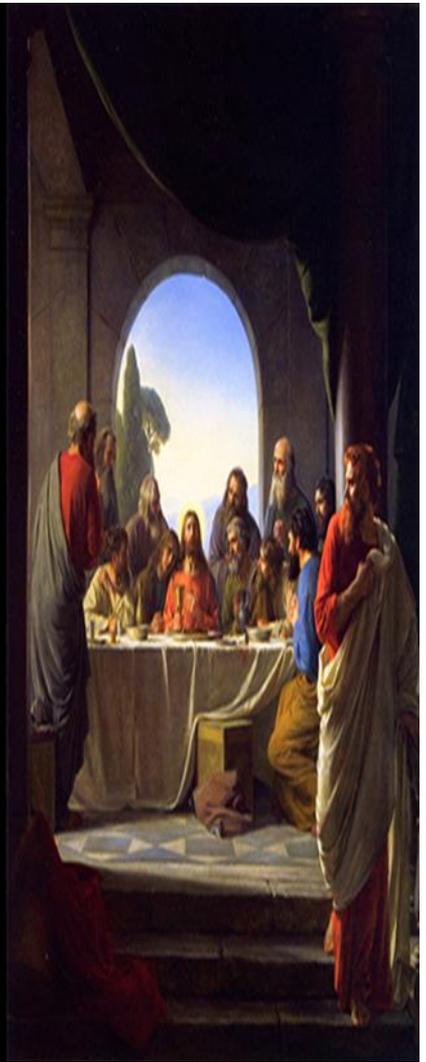


For my flesh
is true food,
and my blood
is true drink.

John 6:55



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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:

vv. 1-4 **LBW 226**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

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

Life-giving God, you sustain us with the power of your Word and feed us with your Son's body and blood. Help us so to abide in him and be in us that we may live our lives in obedience to your will and service to others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people,

¹⁴"Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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

PSALM 34:12-22 (Read responsively by whole verse) P.231-232

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but

instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

***ALLELUIA**

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***GOSPEL**

John 6:51-69

⁵¹{Jesus said to the Jews grumbling about him,} "I 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." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the

Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

SERMON: “THIS IS MY BODY”

SONG: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” vv. 5-8 **LBW 226**

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Our great and loving Father, fulfilling the promise of your Son our Lord, send upon us the Holy Spirit, the promised Advocate and Comforter. By his power, bring to our remembrance all our Lord has taught us, and lead us to walk confidently through the shadows that threaten us. Grant us to experience that peace which only you can give. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Holy God, you give us your thoughts and show us your care through your holy Word. Grant that we would be diligent in our reading of Scripture, and grow in knowledge of you and in the wisdom of your ways. Inspire us to a deeper faith as you speak to us in worship, prayer, and devotions. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God. You feed the world with your bounty. We pray that you bless the work of farmers and agricultural workers. Prosper the labor of all those who work to provide food and nourishment for themselves and others. Keep them safe in their work and in the use of machines. Grant favorable weather so the earth may yield its increase for the benefit of all. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Compassionate God, grant that all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit may be renewed by your healing presence [especially ...]. We pray for those in need and for those who care for them to remain confident that you are a faithful God who remembers your children in every situation. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 8/8: 33

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are shared by Louie Mielke. He & Rhonda would have been married 48 years on August 18th.



FISHERS OF MEN

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

Even the church has been receiving emails that ask us to meet with a new prospective member that will be moving into the area. Sounds wonderful however we received FIVE letters with the exact same request, just the names had changed. See the narthex bulletin board for more information. If you have received emails or suspicious phone calls asking for your money or asking personal questions, do not respond to them. If you have any questions if the emails or phone calls are legitimate, please call the Kirkland police department at (815)522-3315.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Louise Hoffman 8/15
Chrystal Loomis 8/16
Hayley Windland 8/16/18
Eric Boehmer 8/17
Nancy Bakanas 8/19
Joshua Atkinson 8/19



ANNIVERSAY BLESSINGS

Chuck & Chloe Schindler 8/17/68
Fred & Judy Goltermann 8/17/19
Wade & Jennifer Sunderlage 8/19/95
Dave & Tine Pfefferkorn 8/20/83

SCHOOL KITS

Please select and fill a school kit for a child or two. If you would rather buy supplies to fill a bag, there is a list of items needed on the table in the narthex. All items and filled school bags should be returned by next Sunday, August 22nd. They will be boxed up with a count that week for delivery. Kits will be blessed on August 28 and 29th. Thanks to everyone who filled a bag or more. We hope to have more than 100 this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 8/15: Join us after the service for coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Newsletter items due today.

Monday 8/16: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 8/17: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 8/18: Newsletter folding, 9am.

Saturday 8/21: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/22: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- 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, give us patience and trust in your wisdom for the right Pastor that You Lord, are sending to First Lutheran.
- 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.