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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.

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: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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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

O Lord, fully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹{Moses said,} “Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children ...”.

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136 (read by whole verse)

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SECOND READING:

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having

put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴{Jesus} called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Spiritual Warfare”

SONG: “In the Hour of Trial”

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Holy Spirit, you have called us by the Gospel and enlightened us with your gifts. Grant us faith to believe in Jesus Christ our Lord. Keep us in the true faith and help us to listen to your guiding and direction.

Help us lean on the promises of forgiveness, mercy, and grace to give us hope in our daily lives. At the last day raise us up and grant us eternal life in Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, the summer is winding down and soon we will transition into the time of harvest. Grant that the fields will be ripe with fruit to feed a hungry world. As school resumes strengthen all parents, students, and teachers. Be with all who are in the different stages of transition and grant us grace to move through them with hope.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of all Creation, look with kindness upon us and all your creation. Restore rivers, seas, oceans, deserts, forests, mountains, plains, and farmland. Help us to be good stewards of all that you have given us so your earth may continue providing us food and shelter until your return.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, you are the ever-present help in time of trouble. We give you thanks for the gift of healing for those who are recovering from illness or injury. We especially pray for those who are still in need (...) Let your gifts of health and strength continue to increase so all may fully recover.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

BLESSING OF SCHOOL KITS

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: "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak" **LBW 403**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 8/22: 27



Carole Buhl's memorial service was held earlier today. May the promise of God's resurrection, bring peace to all those who mourn Carole's passing.



There are 112 school kits going to those children in need. Last year's school kits went to Honduras and Lebanon.

Thank you to all who brought supplies or filled a school bag or two for the children.

Sermon Notes

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!!!

Peggy Steinhorst 8/30
Brian Wascher 8/30
Renee Krabbe 9/4

Tina Pfefferkorn 8/30
Susan Wilson 9/4
Judy Goltermann 9/5



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Russ & Judy Lacefield (Their 40th) 8/29/81
William & Jamie Wittwer 9/5/2020

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:31-37

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, September 9th:

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

Sunday, September 12th:

Rally Day for Sunday school

Sunday 8/29: Join us for coffee in the fellowship hall after worship.

Monday 8/30: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 8/31: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday 9/2: Food Truck Delivery, 7:30am.

Council Members – reports due today.

Saturday 9/4: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/5: Communion Service, 9:00am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Marvin Bernhardt had neck surgery recently and is at Alden Debes Rehabilitation Center.
- 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, 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.
- 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.