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Isaiah 50:4

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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Readings for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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(with scripture readings for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

LBW – Green Hymnal WOV – blue Hymnal-

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:** “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.

REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven’s gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

REFRAIN

Jesus loves me! Loves me still, Tho’ I’m very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high, Comes to watch me where
I lie. REFRAIN

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.

REFRAIN

AMEN

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

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

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

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴When {Jesus, Peter, James and John} came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long

am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.²¹ And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”²³ And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can!’ All things are possible for one who believes.”²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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

SERMON: “CHRISTIAN TEACHERS”

SONG: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" WOV 770

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 9/4: 14

Last Sunday, 9/5: 34



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are from Marge Johnson’s funeral.
Marge, Dale Johnson’s wife died on September 1.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Lois Swan 9/11

Louie Mielke 9/12

Dolores Plote 9/13

Sammy Rasmussen 9/15/2012

Marvin Bernhardt 9/16

Norma Benson 9/18

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Saturday Evening Worship Services began 9/10/1994 (27yrs ago)



RALLY DAY – New beginnings!

COMMISSIONED TO SERVE

Name

Marissa Hernandez

Commissioned as:

Sunday School Helper

Sunday School Teachers and Helper

Sue Peterson

Angie Springborn

Ashley Boyer

Abby Springborn

Marissa Hernandez

Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

Today 9/12: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Newsletter Items Due!

Tuesday 9/14: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.

Wednesday 9/15: Newsletter Folding, 9am

Clothes Closet Seasonal change over, 9:30am

Thursday 9/16: Confirmation, 6pm

Saturday 9/18: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/19: Communion Service with Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Marge Johnson, Dale Johnson's wife passed away on Sept 1.
- Marilyn Willis, June May's sister died on Tuesday.
May the promise of Jesus' resurrection bring the loved ones of Marge and Marilyn peace.
- Jason Mielke will have a CAT scan soon for a spot on his lung.
- Justin Mielke has pneumonia and should be home by Sunday.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians and other Afghans suffering violence of the Taliban.
- Marvin Bernhardt had neck surgery and is now home.
- 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.
- 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 natural disasters.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.