



**He gives
more grace.**

James 4:6

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LBW – green hymnal **WOV** – blue hymnal

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping 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: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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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. 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

Heavenly Father, you draw all humanity to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to divest ourselves of worldly ambition and teach us to serve and welcome all, especially the least and most vulnerable among us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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

PSALM 54 (read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever

wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰{Jesus and his disciples} went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

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

SERMON:

"GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE"

SONG: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Almighty One, bless and sustain the witness of your church throughout the world. Keep us steadfast in your Word. Empower us through the work of your Holy Spirit on our hearts to be bold witnesses of your love and forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of Creation, as farmers tend to their crops in the fields, bless them with good weather so a bountiful harvest may be had for all who are hungry. Let all people share in the goodness and abundance of the earth you have created.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving God, be with all those faithful disciples of Jesus around the world who risk life and limb to follow in his ways. Protect those who are persecuted for their faith. Make their voices heard in order that all will come to know Jesus is Lord. *Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Lord, you are the protector of the least and the outcast. Remind us that to be first we must die to ourselves and put ourselves last just as Jesus did. Bring comfort and healing to all who are struggling with sickness, despair, or worry. Remind them of your never-failing love for them; [we remember especially...] *Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

BLESSING OF QUILTS

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



THE BENEDICTION

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.

CLOSING SONG: "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"**WOV 734**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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QUILTS, LAP ROBES, AND AFGHANS

Many thanks and blessings to all who give of their time, talents and treasures to create these gifts of love.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS FOR 2021-2022

Reagan Cook

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Norma Benson 9/18
Miranda Nelson 9/19
Angie Springborn 9/22

Randy Nelson 9/19
Sarah Rehn 9/20
Judy Lacefield 9/22

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Mike & Sue Sester 9/22/79



PUBLICATION OF THE BANN

Madison Marshall and Tyler Burger will be married on Saturday, September 25th here at First Lutheran. Pastor Gronbach will conduct the ceremony. Madison is the daughter of Jennifer Block and Eric Marshall.

Next Week's Readings:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 104:27-35; James 5:[1-12] 13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Sunday 9/19: Join us for coffee after the service in Fellowship Hall.

Monday 9/20: Food Truck Delivery 9:30am.

Tuesday 9/21: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Thursday 9/23: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship - here, 10am; Confirmation class, 6pm.

Saturday 9/25: Madison Marshall & Tyler Burger wedding, 2pm. Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/26: Worship Service with Sunday School, 9am.



PARISH CONCERNS

- Jo Boehmer's family; Marita Ritzert, is in a medically induced coma. Jackie Conner has a fractured vertebrae.
- Chuck Huey's sister, Harriet has kidney failure.
- Jason Mielke had a CAT scan for a spot on his lung.
- Justin Mielke has pneumonia 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.
- 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.
- Persecuted Christians and other Afghans suffering violence of the Taliban.
- Pray for our church as we patiently wait for God to send us the right Pastor.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- 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.