



**He gives
more grace.**

James 4:6

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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.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses are grape juice. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW - Green Hymnal **WOV** – Blue Hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

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*Opening Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” **LBW 479**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*This Is the Feast P. 60

*Prayer of the Day

Blessing of Confirmation Students

Reagan Cook Keegan Marshall Brynn Springborn

(Students & Parents please come forward.)

Children's Sermon

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.

Psalms 54 (Read responsively by half verse)

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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.

*The Alleluia

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*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."

Sermon: "GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE"

*Hymn of the Day: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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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.

*Sharing of Peace

Offering

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- *Post Communion Prayer
- *Benediction and Threefold Amen
- *Closing Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling" **WOV 734**
- *Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
- ***Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**
- * Postlude

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Last Sunday, 9/12: 38



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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PUBLICATION OF THE BANNES

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.

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

Today 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.

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



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 Afghanis 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.