



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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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:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vs 1-4 LBW 320

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

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble that was among {the Israelites} had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” ¹⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous

for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

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

PSALM 104:28-37 (Read by whole verse)

LBW 266

SECOND READING:

James 5:1-20

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. ⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has

committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to {Jesus}, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴²Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another."

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

SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

SONG: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

LBW 506

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, you have called us from among the peoples and nations of the world to be your own and serve you with our lives. We pray you would keep us steadfast in faith. As we kneel before you in prayer, we look for the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the gift of the seasons. As we move into the season of autumn, may we find delight in the changing landscapes that reveal the beauty of your creation. May the cycles of the seasons remind us of your never-failing presence for us in all the seasons of our lives.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

O God of peace, send people who work for peace into places of your world in which violence is a daily reality. Grant them strength and hope as they speak in your name. Stir in us an awareness of the ways in which our words and actions contribute to the lack of peace in our own homes and communities.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, pour out the healing grace of your presence on all those who are sick and suffering, [particularly we pray for] Restore wounded lives, heal broken hearts, and restore hurting bodies by the holy anointing of your Spirit.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

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: "Precious Lord., Take My Hand"

WOV 731

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 9/18: 13

Last Sunday, 9/19: 50

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Paisley Haag 9/29/15

Denny Rehn 9/29

Wayne Scholle Jr. 10/2

Joanne Sanderson 10/2

Dawn Myelle-Watson 10/3

Trudy Loomis 10/6

Tom Hoffman 10/6

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Dennis & Lynne Peterson

9/26/1981

Jerry & Janet Sheehan

9/29/1995

Andy & Izabelle Rasmussen

10/3/2009



Please join us for a baby shower for Ben and Amy Blobaum!

The shower will take place on Sunday, October 17th immediately following church in the fellowship hall. A light brunch will be served. Men and women are invited! Please RSVP to Ashley Boyer (815) 739-4958 for planning purposes. Help us welcome Baby Blobaum! Amy and Ben are registered at Target and Walmart.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Tyler & Madison Marshall were married here yesterday. Madison is the daughter of Jennifer Block and Erik Marshall. Pastor Gronbach conducted the ceremony. Jill Vodden played piano.

Today 9/26: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!
Monday 9/27: Clothes Closet Open, 12:00-1:30pm.
Tuesday 9/28: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.
Thursday 9/30: Confirmation, 5:30pm
Saturday 10/2: Communion Service, 5:30pm.
Sunday 10/3: Communion Service; Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Trudy Loomis broke her hip, she had surgery on Monday. Pray for stable blood pressure and oxygen level.
- Walter Mercado, son of Michelle (Wittwer) and Mike Mercado was born at 29 weeks and weighed 2.75 lbs. Michelle is Tim & Dianna Wittwer's niece.
- 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's spot on his lung is benign and but will continue to be monitored.
- Justin Mielke is at Swedish American with high blood pressure.
- 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 and its activities, as we patiently wait for God to send us the right Pastor.
- 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.