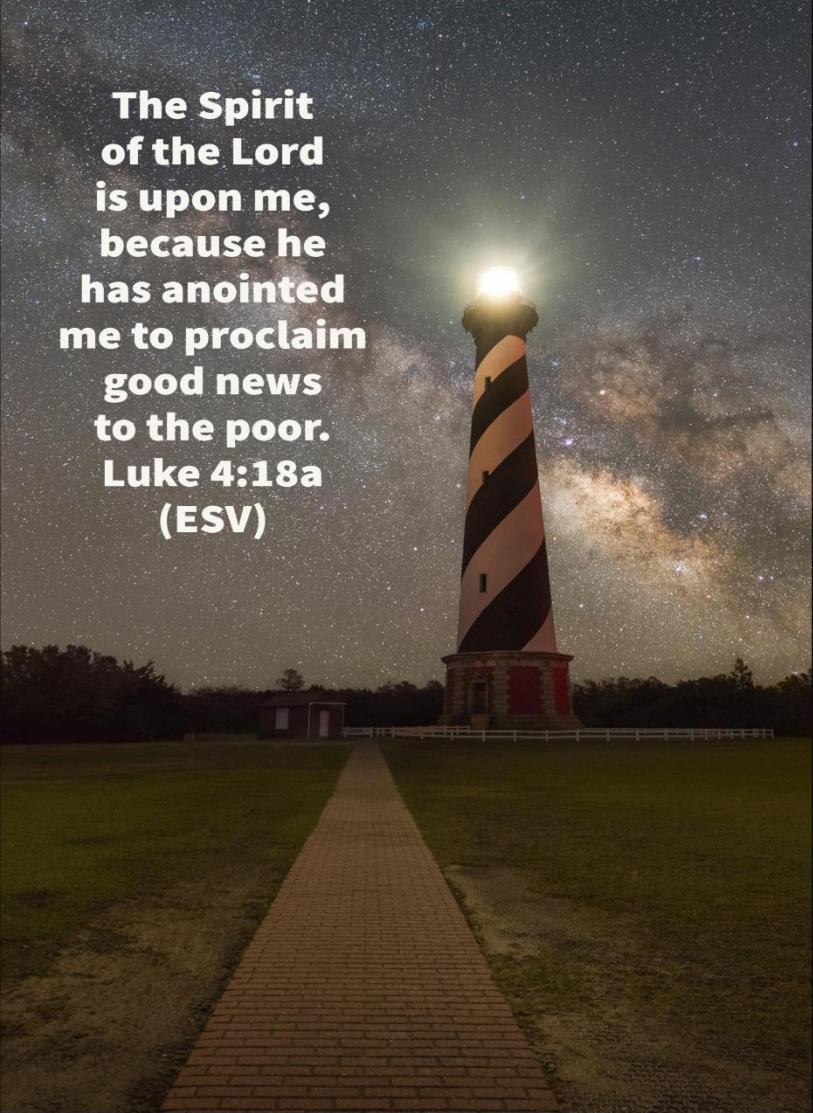


**The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me,
because he
has anointed
me to proclaim
good news
to the poor.
Luke 4:18a
(ESV)**



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

LBW – green hymnal WOV – navy hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
 - *Sharing of Peace
 - *Opening Hymn: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" LBW 334
 - *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
 - *Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
 - *Prayer of the Day (*read in unison with Pastor Tom*)

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they

bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Psalm 19:7-14 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the

members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶{Jesus} came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘‘Physician, heal yourself.’’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the

Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

Sermon: “**CHRIST MISSION TO LIGHT OUR WAY**”

*Hymn of the Day: “He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought! **LBW 501**

*Apostles' Creed P. 85

*Offering

(The offering shared before the service will be brought forward during the service. If you would like to place an offering in the offering plate, you have two opportunities to do so, before or after service. All offerings will be deposited on Sunday.)

*Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 96

* Prayers of the Church P. 97

*Lord's Prayer P. 97

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: “Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak” **LBW 403**

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

James Klus 1/24

Alice Hintzsche 1/28



FLC ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022, AT 10:15 A.M.



Annual Report Booklets are ready in the Narthex. Please pick up your copy today, then read it over and bring it with you on Sunday, January 30th.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP!



PASTOR TOM'S INSTALLATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M.

Please mark your calendar for a very important celebration for Pastor Tom Thorstad and our church!

We install Pastor Tom as our 26th Pastor since we have been an established church in 1873!

The celebration will begin at 4:00pm so we can invite our Great Rivers Mission District Pastor's to the event.

Great River's Mission District Dean Pastor Jim Lehmann will lead us in this installation.

We will have a potluck meal, please let Louie Mielke know what you will be bringing. Table service will be provided.

Today, 1/23: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Tuesday 1/25: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Thursday: 1/27: Wittenberg Door - Pastor's Fellowship, here at 10am.; Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 1/29: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/30: Worship Service, 9am.



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

- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum, Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Annelise Daab, Mark Boehmer's girlfriend.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a 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.