

A painting of a forest scene with a bright light filtering through the trees. The light creates a vertical path of brightness in the center, illuminating the surrounding green foliage and dark tree trunks. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

*Blessed is
the man
who trusts
in the Lord.*

Jeremiah 17:7

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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

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- *Sharing of Peace
- *Opening Hymn: “Beautiful Savior” **LBW 518**
- *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 God, you are the strength of all who put their trust in you. Because of the weakness of our human nature we can do no good thing apart from you. Help us to keep your Word, that we may receive the blessings you so freely give to those who love you. Make us like trees planted by flowing streams, that we would thrive in your love and keep your commandments all our days. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children’s Sermon (*Children go to Sunday School after this.*)

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Psalm 1 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷{Jesus} came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

Sermon: **"SEEK THE FULLNESS NOT THE WOES"**

*Hymn of the Day: "Blessed Assurance"

WOV 699

*Apostles' Creed

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*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

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* Prayers of the Church

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Holy Lord, you are the one and only God, the Creator of all that is, and the Redeemer of human life. Help us to keep our focus solely on you and not on other people. You alone are the giver of good gifts and you alone are the source of our life and strength. Help our lives bear good fruit for your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of Wisdom, direct our hearts and minds through your holy Word that we would come to an increased knowledge of your will and your ways. Instill in us a deep sense of your abiding presence that we would put our hope in your never-failing promises of life here and now, and in eternity. Encourage us to dwell in your life-giving Word.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, be with all young people who are growing up in these such uncertain times. Give their parents the courage to lead them in your ways, and the strength to guide them into all goodness. Help all of us recall our baptismal promises as we walk with one another in this life of faith.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, have mercy on your children that are suffering from disease, anguish, pain, or despair. Give them strength of mind and a joy-filled spirit, trusting that you are with them and are the source of all healing and wholeness. [We pray especially for]

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **NEXT PAGE**

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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Attendance at Pastor's Installation, 4pm 2/6: 42

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Attendance Sunday, 2/6:55

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Jim Suhr 2/10

Pastor Tom Thorstad 2/2

Braden Watson 2/12

Delaney Cook 2/13/2014

Janice Sheehan 2/14

Steve May 2/15

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Rudi & Colleen Ziegler 2/13/99



Josiah Adam Blobaum was born Tuesday, February 2, at 7:03pm. He weighed 6lbs. 14oz.

His due date was Feb 9th. Amy & Josiah are doing well!

Ben & Amy would like to express their sincerest thanks to everyone for their support and prayers.

ENGAGEMENT NEWS!!!

Peter Rasmussen & Samantha (Sam) Hughes are now engaged.

No date has been set at this time.

LUTHERAN LIFE MAGAZINE

Pick up a free magazine from Concordia Publishing House.

The magazine is in the Narthex. It is for all walks of our Christian life.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain,



By his coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
 'Neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you,
 When life's per - ils thick con - found you,
 Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,



With his sheep se - cure - ly fold you,
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you,
 Put his arms un - fail - ing round you,
 Smite death's threat - 'ning waves be - fore you,



God be with you till we meet a - gain.
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Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Je - sus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.



PERSONAL CARE KITS

Personal Care items are being collected until **March 6th**.

We are always in need of BATH TOWELS, dark colors please.

ONE light-weight bath-size towel

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.

Today, 2/13: Join us after service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Newsletter items are due!

Monday 2/14: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am; Pastor Tom will be flying to FL for Pastor's Conference; Happy Valentine's Day!

Tuesday 2/15: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 2/16: Newsletter folding, 9am.

Thursday: 2/17: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 2/19: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 2/20: Worship Service; Sunday School, 9am.



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

- Jim Sheehan is now at Alden Debes to recover from Covid.
- Jason Gorski, Dan & Janelle Pahnke's nephew is fighting cancer. He is having a rough time with chemotherapy.
- Pastor Tom, and other Pastors who will be traveling to FL for the Pastor's Conference beginning Feb. 15th.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Annelise Daab, (Mark Boehmer's girlfriend) and Jamie Wittwer (Tim & Dianna's daughter-in-law).
- 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.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.