



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First*  
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*(With Readings for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost)*

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**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:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**LBW 439**

## **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**

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 18: 20-33

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

**PSALM 138** (read responsively by half verse)

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**SECOND READING**

Colossians 2:6-15

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule

and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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## **GOSPEL**

Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

# SERMON: "WE WALK IN CHRIST"

**SONG:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

**WOV 783**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Apostles' Creed

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Merciful Father, you invite your children to come to you in prayer. Teach us to pray with humble hearts and bold spirits that we, like Abraham before us may be faithful in interceding on behalf of others, particularly those whose hearts have turned away from you. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, you shower your people with blessing upon blessing, too numerous to count. Shower rain upon the fields of those who grow crops in the right portion, that harvests may be plentiful, and all may share in your abundance. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, you know the battles we face every day. We ask that you bring healing to this world torn asunder by violence, bloodshed and war. Sustain veterans, survivors, and all those who have suffered the effects of war. Grant them hope, peace, and the safety of rest in you. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Father, you are the source of healing and wholeness. We humbly ask for your healing hand upon all who are sick, and those recovering from surgery or illness, [especially ...]. We also lift before you all who we now name before you, either silently or aloud ... [pause]. Grant them healing, grant them wholeness in your name. *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**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**CLOSING SONG:** "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

**LBW 339**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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**Attendance Last Sunday, 7/17:** 37



**Wyatt Timothy Wittwer**, son of William and Jamie Wittwer was born on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:55am. He weighed 7 lbs. and 13 oz. and was 21" long. Tim & Dianna Wittwer and Tim & Starr Hall are proud grandparents.

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Elsie Sanford 7/25

Marissa Hernandez 7/25/2006

Joyce Schmidt 7/26

Angela Nelson 7/28

Ryan Anderberg 7/30/2014

Alex Sunderlage 7/31

### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Jeff and Michelle Anderberg 7/23/2011

Mark & Josie Brykowski 7/28/2007

### **MISSION CONVOCATION 2022**

Join us virtually to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo, participate in elections and to hear updates from across the NALC.

Friday, August 5, 5-8pm. Cost \$25 (voting delegates). Jo Boehmer is our voting delegate.

\$0 (visitors) It is easier than ever to attend the NALC Mission Convocation. With no need to travel, we invite congregational members to join in on the Visitor's Livestream, through our Facebook page.

Dianna Wittwer is willing to register and then have it available in the fellowship hall, however an rsvp is needed.

## FLC GUEST PASTOR and MISSION FEST

Saturday, August 6 & Sunday, August 7, 2022

Bishop Khamdeng Kounthapanya, of Laos, will be a guest preacher on Saturday and Sunday, August 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>, respectively, here at First Lutheran Church. Pastor David Wendle, NALC assistant to the Bishop for Ministry & Ecumenism, will be attending on Sunday.

On **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**, Bishop Khamdeng Kounthapanya from Laos will be sharing his ministry, highlighting the sports ministry in Laos. A potluck will follow. Pastor Deuane will be preparing Pad Thai noodles and the council will order fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass, and RSVP so the council knows how much chicken to order.

There will be a presentation of \$1200 (two missions of the the month) and the VBS offering of \$333.83.

Pr. Deuane sells her delicious egg rolls (\$15 for a 15-pack frozen), and all procedures go to support Lao Ministry. If you would like to place an order, please advise her, she makes the orders in batches of 10. Orders will be placed and made when she can make 10 sets.

### SCHOOL KITS:

It's almost time for school to begin so we invite you to fill one or more school backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. School supplies will soon be available at sale prices. The school bags made by Jean Bauer and Donna Koehnke are on the coat rack with a list on the table. Sign out one or more and return by **Sunday, August 14th**. If you wish to donate some items, a box will be provided and added together to make up the school kit.

With Thrivent funds "our team" will fill at least 60 backpacks and will also box all the kits together for distribution to needy students.

Sunday 7/24: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship.

Monday 7/25: Clothes Closet open, 12 -1:30pm.

Tuesday 7/26: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Saturday 7/30: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 7/31: Worship Service, 9am.

SUNDAY 8/7: Bishop of Lao will share a presentation and we will have a potluck dinner, 4pm.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

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

- Pastor Tom's travels from Thailand for ministry meetings.
- Roger Gustafson, Sandy (Koehnke) Gustafson's husband is still at Swedish American Hospital.
- Nancy Bakanas is now at Bethany Health Care. She has refractured her back in the recent fall.
- Ron Peabody is now home.
- Jason Gorski, nephew of Dan & Janelle Pahnke and
- Chris, Gary Steinhorst's cousin are fighting cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Laura Block, Rachel Ash and Traci Yeaton.
- 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, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Creston, IL & St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Oregon, IL as they pray about becoming a two-point parish. They will share a Pastor.
- All acts of violence that are happening around the world.
- 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.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.