



Put on  
the new self which  
is being renewed in  
knowledge after  
the image  
of its creator.

Colossians  
3:10

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First*  
*Kirkland, IL - Est. December 26, 1873*  
*Saturday, July 30, 2022*  
*(With Readings for the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost)*

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(with scripture readings for the 8th Sunday of Pentecost)

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:** " Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now "

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## **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**

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. <sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

P The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

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**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you

have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**P** The Word of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

**P** The Gospel of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON: "LET CHRIST'S WORD DWELL IN US"**

**SONG:** "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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**STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Apostles' Creed

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### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, we often take you for granted and lose our focus on you in the busyness of everyday living. We thank you for your Spirit who constantly corrects us and brings us back into you, our center of being. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Eternal God, our refuge and shelter, keep safe all those who travel. Protect your people from storms and wind, and bring them safely to their destinations. May we all travel the journey of life with good courage, knowing that you lead and guide us. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of Truth, you dwell in glory beyond our understanding. We thank you that your existence does not depend upon us, but rather that we depend upon you for all things, even our very lives. We pray for those who are unsure or doubt their faith, and for those who question their own self-worth and value in your eyes. Help us to speak out for what is right and to share your Spirit with all those who need an extra measure of your love. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Gracious God and Father, your Son stooped to heal the needs of those who were wounded and weary. Fill with joy the hearts of all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit [especially ...]. Turn their sorrow into joy; their suffering into health; and their cries for help into shouts of praise. *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: "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 7/24: 35



**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!!!**

Ryan Anderberg 7/30/2014    Alex Sunderlage 7/31  
Sarah Favre 8/1                      Andy Rasmussen 8/3

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

Scott & Lori Schaben 8/3/13  
Chuck & Donna Peterson 8/4/67 (55<sup>th</sup>)  
Tim & Dianna Wittwer 8/4/84  
Carl & Nancy Rasmussen 8/5/78  
Chris & Shannon Mitchell 8/5/06

### **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

### REMINDER TO RSVP FOR THE 4PM POTLUCK DINNER!

Bishop Khamdeng Kounthapanya, of Laos, will be a guest preacher next 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 7/31: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship.

## **REMINDER TO RSVP FOR THE 4PM POTLUCK DINNER!**

Tuesday 8/2: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Thursday 8/4: Food Truck Delivery, 8am.

Saturday 8/6: Communion Service with Bishop Kounthapanya, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/7: Communion Service with Bishop Kounthapanya, 9am.

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:

- Safe travels for Bishop Khamdeng Kounthapanya
- Ron Roach (Hoodie), Judy Laceyfield's brother-in-law will have gall bladder surgery on Aug. 25.
- Roger Gustafson, Sandy (Koehnke) Gustafson's husband is home.
- 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.