



Put on
the new self which
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knowledge after
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Colossians
3:10

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew or share with those around you. Once completed, place in the offering plate.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

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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.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

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

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

¹³And 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. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸I 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, ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because 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. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For 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. ²⁴There 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, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For 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.

Psalm 100 (*responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And 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." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself,

‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Sermon: “LET CHRIST’S WORD DWELL IN US”

*Hymn of the Day: “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”	LBW 309
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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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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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Wyatt Timothy Wittwer, son of William and Jamie Wittwer was born on Wednesday, July 20th 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 Faivre 8/1

Andy Rasmussen 8/3

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Scott & Lori Schaben 8/3/13

Chuck & Donna Peterson 8/4/67 (55th)

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 & 7th, 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 7th 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.

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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 Lacefield'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.