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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: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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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, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we 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

Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD." ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

P The Word of our Lord**C** Thanks be to God.**PSALM 119:81-88** (read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob,

when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

⁴⁹{Jesus said to his disciples,} "I came to cast fire on the earth and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "CHRIST ABOVE ALL"

SONG: "Beautiful Savior"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, ruler of all, the Scriptures tell us that you show no partiality, but that anyone who fears you and does what is right is acceptable to you. Thank you for your gracious mercy. As we stand with equal need before your cross, help us all look to you for your grace and forgiveness, and support one another in faith with the promise of your Word.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of Heaven and earth, bless and guide all students who will be heading off to college in the next several weeks. Help to experience this time of learning as a gift, a blessing, and an adventure. Grant safe travels to those students who will be attending college far from home.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, you have brought us together as your people. We thank you for all who are a part of this faith community. Enliven us with an evangelical spirit as we work and play, break bread and serve. Send us forth with boldness to carry your good news to our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts [pause]. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety.

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 you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you 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: "Jesus, Still Lead On"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Chuck Schindler 8/13

Peter Rasmussen 8/14

Louise Hoffman 8/15

Nancy Bakanas 8/19

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

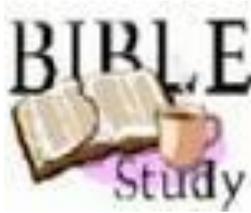
Chuck & Chloe Schindler 8/17/1968

Joshua Atkinson 8/19



Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and notes I have received these past weeks during preparation and recovery of my hip replacement. It is really appreciated!

Thank you!
Jill



Wednesday Night Online Class @ 7PM starting September 14th, 2022. Pr. Tom will be offering an online class focus on Evangelism and Discipleship. This class will be available to anyone in the church and also will be made available to others in the NALC community. The first stage of this time will focus on learning about Evangelism from a Lutheran perspective. We will be reading and discussing the book *We Believe, Therefore We Speak* by Dr. David J. Valleskey, which can be found online: <https://online.nph.net/we-believe-therefore-we-speak.html>. We do encourage you to purchase your own copy of this book if you can. In addition to this book, Pr. Tom will share some practical experiences and ways we can share our faith in today's culture. Pr. Tom hopes that many will find time to join this class virtually.

Here is the information you will need: You just need to use your browser on your desktop and authorize your web cam and microphone to be enabled. If you have an Android or Apple phone or tablet you can download the google meet app at your app store.

Wednesday, September 14 · 7:00 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pyd-wpna-hvx>

Or dial: (US) +1 541-900-5172 PIN: 885 442 806#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/pyd-wpna-hvx?pin=5469962817107>

Sunday 8/14: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship. Lutheran World Relief Backpacks due today.

Newsletter Items Due!

Monday 8/15: Food Delivery Truck, 9:30am

Tuesday 8/16: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Wednesday 8/17: Newsletter Folding, 9am.

Saturday 8/20: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/21: Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Chuck Huey's sister-in-law, Jo died recently.
- Julia Crosby, mother to Colleen, Eric and Mark Boehmer, died recently.
 May God give Jo and Julia's family peace.
- Ryleigh Joos, 8-year-old daughter of Richie & Sarah Joos, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Ryleigh is Dan & Janelle Pahnke's great niece.
- Charmaine Massey's son-in-law, Art, has cancer.
- Carolyn Suhr had surgery recently.
- 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 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.