



*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. Once it is complete, place it in the offering plate.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice and water, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

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

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: “Come, Let Us Join our Cheerful Songs” **LBW 254**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *This Is the Feast P. 81
- *Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, your Son, Jesus, is the way, the truth, and the life. Sanctify us by your Holy Spirit that our lives may be pleasing to you and we may enter through the narrow door. Grant us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

First Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to

my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

Psalm 50:1-15 (Read responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading

Hebrews 12:4-29

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that

no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken — that is, things that have been made — in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

²²{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline

at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Sermon: **“WHY NOT A WIDE DOOR?”**

*Hymn of the Day: “In Christ Alone”

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*Prayers of the Church

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Lord God, you reign in eternal majesty and glory. We praise you for coming into our world through your Son Jesus Christ, to save us from the bondage of sin and death. Give us your Holy Spirit, so that we would trust in your Word and look to you as our Redeemer and Lord. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of all creation, each day we are surrounded by visible signs of your glorious creation in ways both small and large. The diversity of plants and trees, woodland creatures, gentle breezes, sunny warmth, and life-giving rains. Give us eyes to see the beauty the surrounds us and hearts to faithfully care for this majestic world in which we live.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord God, your Son has made himself known as the Prince of Peace. Fill the leaders of the nations with a hunger for peace, a thirst for justice, and a love for the people entrusted to their care. Teach us all to do your will and to long for the day when Christ shall return in glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Gracious heavenly Father, we live our lives under the shadow of death. Let neither the pain nor fear of death become so strong that your own beckoning voice is drowned out. As your Son has suffered death and triumphed over it according to your will, now let your will be done among us. May your comfort and compassion be a surrounding presence for those who walk in death’s shadow, that even now, glad trumpets may be heard, preparing for the wedding feast that has no end.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

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*Postlude

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Attendance Last Saturday, 8/13: 10

Last Sunday, 8/14: 29

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Mason Krabbe 8/23/2006

Izabelle Santos Rasmussen 8/24

Madison Mielke 8/27/2006

Tyler Anderberg 8/27/2018

Tina Pfefferkorn 8/30

Peggy Steinhorst 8/30

Dave Sanderson 8/30

Brian Wascher 8/30

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Dave & Tina Pfefferkorn 8/20/83

Tim & Ashley Loomis 8/23/14

Oscar & Lois Swan 8/24/56

Brian & Vicki Wascher 8/25/90

Jerry & Deborah Fitzgerald 8/26/66

Russ & Judy Lacefield 8/29/81

**Wednesday Night Online Class @ 7PM starting
September 14th, 2022**

Pr. Tom will be offering an online class focused 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.

BABIES!

Brooklyn Yeaton, daughter of Dylan & Traci Yeaton was born on August 11. She weighed 7 lbs. and 4oz. and was 20". Elsie Sanford is great grandma.

Koby Deon Ash, son of Demetrius & Rachel Ash was born on Friday, August 12. He weighed 6lb and 11oz and was 18" long. Big brothers are Eli and Oliver, and big sister is Ezra. Richard & Peggy Wince are grandparents.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all, my brothers and sisters at First Lutheran.
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and kind words. This surgeries outcome was not as we had hoped. There will be a 3rd surgery in 6-8 or 10 weeks. And praying this will be the end of this nightmare.

God Bless you all!
Carolyn & Jim Suhr

Calendar of events:

Sunday 8/21: Join us for coffee and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Tuesday 8/23: Food Pantry Set up, 9:30am; Distribution 12-2pm.

Thursday 8/25: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship, 10am.

Saturday 8/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/28: Worship Service, 9am.

Monday 8/29: Clothes Closet Open 12-1:30pm.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Art, Charmaine Massey's son-in-law died. May the promise of God's resurrection, bring peace to the family.

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

- John Boehmer is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Ron "Hoodie" Roach, Judy Lacefield's brother-in-law, will have gall bladder surgery on Aug. 25th.
- Ryleigh Joos, 8-year-old daughter of Richie & Sarah Joos, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Ryleigh is Dan & Janelle Pahnke's great niece.
- 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.
- 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.