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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:** "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

**LBW 248**

## **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**

Proverbs 25:2-10

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. <sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; <sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

P The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 131** (read responsively by whole verse)

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**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 13:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips

that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. <sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**P** The Word of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 14:1-14

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when {Jesus} went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

**P** The Gospel of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON: "MINISTRY OVER THE TABLE"**

**SONG:** "I Love to Tell the Story"

**LBW 390**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Apostles' Creed

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gracious Father, give speech and wisdom to those whom you have called to teach your sacred Word. Fill them with your Spirit and inspire them with your power that they may speak for you. Open the ears and hearts of all who hear the message of your servants, that your promise would engender faith within them.

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

Lord God, bless and protect all school children, teachers, staff, and administrators around the country as they embark on the adventure of a new school year. Help the children to be respectful of one another and all those in authority. Give the teachers patience and joy in the work which they are called to do. May this year be one without violence so that schools are a safe place for all.

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

Lord God and ruler of nations, you have blessed our land and country, and given us more than we could ever deserve. Therefore, we pray that you would help us as your people to be a light to the nations. Raise up among us those whose lives are faithful and true, that by their example, we may serve as citizens, with justice and integrity.

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

Heavenly Father, you have created us in your own image as beings intended for and capable of loving relationships. You have placed us in homes and families and have provided neighbors and friends. Thank you for the gift of love. Help each of us look to the needs of one another as those who have been knit together by your gracious care.

*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:** "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

**LBW 423**

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 8/21: 43

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Tina Pfefferkorn 8/30

Peggy Steinhorst 8/30

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Russ & Judy Lacefield 8/29/81

## **THANK YOU!**



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!

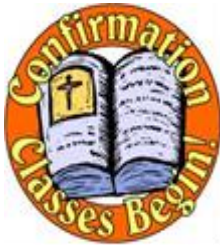
*Thank you!  
Jill*

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 3<sup>rd</sup> surgery in 6-8 or 10 weeks. And praying this will be the end of this nightmare.

God Bless you all!

Carolyn & Jim Suhr



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm. There will be an informational meeting with the students and parents on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

If your child is entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to begin confirmation instruction, please contact Dianna Wittwer by September 1st . You may phone the church office at 522-3886, send an email to [secretary@kirklandflc.org](mailto:secretary@kirklandflc.org) call or text Dianna Wittwer (815)378-6654. Thank you!



Wednesday Night Online Class @ 7PM starting September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 additionally 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 8/28: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for coffee and fellowship.

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

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

Thursday 9/1: Food Truck Delivery, 8am

Saturday 9/3: Tom Bartels' funeral, 1pm. Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/4: Communion Service, 9am.

**Rally Day is COMING! Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Sunday School will begin on this day after the Children's sermon. The children will follow our teachers to the lower level.

### PARISH CONCERNS

- John T. (Tom) Bartels, father of Tina Pfefferkorn died, and his service will be held here on Saturday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. No meal will be served. If you are willing to help serve coffee, speak to Jo. May the promise of God's resurrection bring peace to the family and friends of Tom Bartels.

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

- Ron "Hoodie Roach, Judy Lacefield's brother-in-law had gall bladder surgery on Thursday.
- John Boehmer is home recuperating.
- Carolyn Suhr is home recuperating from her recent surgery.
- LaVerne Mielke, Louie's mother is having some health problems.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Laura Block, who is due soon!
- 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, especially Ryleigh Joos, Jason Gorski and Chris Drees, Gary Steinhorst's cousin.
- 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.