



*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

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- *Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" **LBW 377**
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- *Prayer of the Day

God of all grace, you delight in your children and giving them the kingdom. Give us faith to trust in your loving provision, that we might not worry needlessly, but live in freedom and gratitude; 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:

Genesis 15:1-6

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and

said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33:12-22 (Read responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken, he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which

they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.
¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 5:1-7

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Sermon: **“BETTER SOLUTION”**

- Bishop Khamdeng Kounthapanya

*Hymn of the Day: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

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Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd of this congregation. We thank you for inviting us to the Sacrament of the Altar, to join in your kingdom banquet. Lead us with your Word, to come to your table to receive your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin. Then lead us forth to do your will with glad and faithful hearts and use us to lead many into your safe keeping.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of the Sabbath, grant rest and relaxation to families who are enjoying the warmth of summer days vacationing or simply spending time together as a family. May they find these days to be restful and relaxing. Help them to discover the gift that your give to us in these times and find their rest in you.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, grant justice, courage, self-control, and prudence to all those who serve in government, especially to the President of the United States and Congress. Shield the men and women of the Armed Forces from danger and keep them from the temptation to do wrong. Lead them to fulfill their vocation faithfully.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Come to the aid of all who cry out to you in fear, those gripped by the forces of addictions, those recovering from surgery, and those who suffer from unknown and undiagnosed illnesses, [especially ...]. Provide wisdom and skill to all in the health care profession so that they may be agents of your healing care.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

WELCOME

Welcome Bishop Khamdeng Kounthapanya and guests. The Bishop will be sharing a presentation tonight of a ministry in Laos. Please plan to attend at 4pm followed by a potluck meal.

There will be a gift of \$1533.32 to the Bishop. This is a gift of two months of Mission of the Months. VBS also had a donation challenge which \$333.32 was collected to be used for PDR. PDR stands for People's Democratic Republic.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain,



By his coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
 'Neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you,
 When life's per - ils thick con - found you,
 Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,



With his sheep se - cure - ly fold you,
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you,
 Put his arms un - fail - ing round you,
 Smite death's threat - 'ning waves be - fore you,



God be with you till we meet a - gain.
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Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we

meet at Je - sus' feet; Till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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Attendance Last Saturday, 7/30: 15

Last Sunday, 7/31: 30

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Sue Peterson 8/7

Cathy Krabbe 8/7

Grant Nelson 8/7

Clarice Brisart 8/9

Emma Koehnke 8/9/2004

Chuck Schindler 8/13

Brynn Springborn 8/13/2010

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Ken & Karen Benson 8/6/1977

Constant & Clarice Brisart 8/6/2015

Bob & Lisa Coyle 8/7/1982

Sunday 8/7: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!
4pm – Presentation from Bishop of a ministry in Laos with potluck meal to follow.

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

Thursday 8/11: Church Council Meeting, 7pm.

Saturday 8/13: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Reminder -Return Backpacks.

Sunday 8/14: Worship Service, 9am. Newsletter items due!

Reminder -Return Backpacks

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Safe travels for Bishop Khamdeng Kounthapanya.
- 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 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 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.