



1 Timothy
1:14

The grace of our Lord overflowed.

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down the pew. Then after worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

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: "Jesus Loves Me"

1: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2: Jesus loves Me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

3. Jesus loves me, still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

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

O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹“For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

P The Word of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

¹The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P The Gospel of our Lord **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "THE WELCOMING HEART"

SONG: "Eternal father, Strong to Save"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God, strengthen your church in its witness to the world. Make us a people who boldly and faithfully bear witness to your redeeming work in the world through your Son, Jesus Christ. Let the light of hope shine in this world's dark corners of despair.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of righteousness and peace, on this date fifteen years ago our nation suffered deadly attacks on our soil; planes crashed, towers fell, the nation was stunned. In these days, as scars run deep and memories hold tight to pain and devastation, bring your healing presence to bear. Help us to find hope and to work – not for vengeance – but for your divine healing and peace.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, you are at work in, among, and through us to bring about your healing and reconciling work in the world. Bless all rescue workers and first responders. Keep them safe in their endeavors. *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Light of the Nations, grant that the light of your healing might shine on those living with illness, addiction, loneliness, anxiety, grief, wounds visible and hidden. [We pray particularly for ...]. Bless them with your tender care and turn their mourning into joy. *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

CLOSING SONG: "God Bless Our Native Land"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 9/4:34

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Louie Mielke 9/12

Dolores Plote 9/13

Marvin Bernhardy 9/16

ANNIVERSARY – 28 years ago today, September 10, 1994, the Saturday evening worship services began.



GRAYSON RUSSELL BLOCK son of David and Laura Block was born on Saturday, September 3rd at 2:19pm. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz and was 19" long. Grayson was welcomed home by his sisters, Reagan, and Delaney. Grandparents are Russ & Judy Lacefield and Mike & Donna Block.



Wednesday Night Online Class @ 7PM starting this
Wednesday, 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>

Lessons for Next Week

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15

Sunday 9/11: Join us after the service for coffee and cake in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Marvin & Wanda Bernhardt's birthdays.

Tuesday 9/13: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 9/14: On-line Bible Study begins, 7pm.

Thursday 9/15: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm; Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 9/17: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/18: Communion Service and Sunday School with Baptism of Grayson Russell Block, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Kirsten Boehmer, wife of Eric and daughter-in-law to John & Jo Boehmer has died suddenly. Kirsten & Eric have 4 children.
 - LaVerne Mielke, Louie's mother has passed away.
- May the promise of God's resurrection bring peace to the family and friends of Kirsten and LaVerne.

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

- Charmaine Massey's sister-in-law, Marge has Covid.
- Ron "Hoodie Roach had gall bladder recently.
- Carolyn Suhr and John Boehmer are recuperating.
- Pray for protection from the covid virus for all who are at Bethany Healthcare We pray especially for Nancy Bakanas and Trudy Loomis's friend, Pat.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- 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 Droes, 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.