



**There is one mediator
between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus.**

1 Timothy 2:5

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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.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating all living things and causing them to grow;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we have been born anew, help us to grow up in every way into You, who are our Lord;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you have called us all and gathered us together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help your church to grow – in numbers, in faith, and in love.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” vv. 1-3

WOV 711

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. 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

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness — with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not

permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing — if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-15

¹{Jesus} also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

"THE ACCOUNT OF A DISCIPLE"

SONG: "Faith of Our Father"

LBW 500

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Heavenly Father, fill your holy Church throughout the world with faithful teachers and preachers of your Word. Kindle its worship to be a living flame of praise to you. Make it wise as serpents and innocent as doves as it bears witness to Jesus in this broken and fallen world. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of creation, in the transition of seasons, we are reminded of changing cycles of life. Grant that in all life transitions we may be strengthened by the knowledge of your steadfast presence in all circumstances. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Help us to remember; to pray for; to defend; and to assist your persecuted people however we can. Give them grace to speak truth in love before their enemies, so that you may be glorified, and many may repent and turn to you. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

You raise the poor from the dust and care for all who cry out to you. Therefore, with confidence and hope, we remember before you all who are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit, including: {List}. Bring them out of darkness into your glorious light; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts! **C** We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

THE BENEDICTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

WOV 675

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 9/11:

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in honor of Grayson Block's baptism, which will happen tomorrow. The flowers are given by his grandparents, Russ & Judy Lacefield and Mike & Donna Block.

BAPTISM TOMORROW!!!

We rejoice as God will welcome **Grayson Russell Block**, son of David & Laura Block, into His family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism tomorrow. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to **Grayson**, his family, and his baptismal sponsors, Sara Haag and Ryan Block! Grayson is the brother of Reagan & Delaney and the grandson of Russell & Judy Lacefield.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 9/18: Join us for coffee after the service in the Fellowship Hall.
Adult Bible study of Romans continues.
Newsletter Items due today.

Monday 9/19: Food Truck Delivery, 8:30am.

Tuesday 9/20: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distr., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 9/21: On-line Bible Study cancelled for this week. Pastor will be attending a conference. Bible study will resume next week.
Newsletter Folding, 9am; Clothes Closet clothing change-over.

Thursday 9/22: Wittenberg Pastor's Fellowship, 10am.
Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 9/24: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/25: Worship Service with Sunday School to follow, 9am.

Monday 9/26: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Randy Nelson 9/19

Miranda Nelson 9/20

Sarah Rehn 9/20

Dave Pfefferkorn 9/21

Angie Springborn 9/22

Judy Lacefield 9/22

Janet Peabody 9/22

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Mike & Sue Sester 9/22/79

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Betty Paulsen is now on palliative (pre-hospice) care.
Pray for her and her family.
- Eric Boehmer and family, for patience and perseverance.
- Charmaine Massey's sister-in-law, Marge Harge has Covid.
- 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 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.