



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

1 Timothy 2:5

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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*Sunday, September 18, 2022  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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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

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

- \*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56
- \*Opening Hymn: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" **vv. 1-3** **WOV 711**
- \*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57
- \*This Is the Feast (together) P. 60
- \*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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: **Grayson Russell Block**

(As Grayson, parents and sponsors go to altar,  
the Congregation – please sing

"All Who Believed and Are Baptized" **LBW 194**

Children's Cherub Choir: "This little light of mine"

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, "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, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

Psalm 113 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-15

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For 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. <sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise 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, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness — with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing — if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

\*The Alleluia

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\*Gospel

Luke 16:1-15

<sup>1</sup>{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. <sup>2</sup>And 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.' <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then 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.' <sup>8</sup>The 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>One 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. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No 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." <sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And 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."

## Sermon: **"THE ACCOUNT OF A DISCIPLE"**

\*Hymn of the Day: "Faith of Our Fathers"

\*Nicene Creed

\*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.*

\*Sharing of Peace

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\*Post Communion Prayer

\*Benediction and Threefold Amen

\*Closing Hymn: "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

**WOV 675**

\*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**\*Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**

\* Postlude

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Last Sunday, 9/11:41

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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

### **BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

We rejoice today as God welcomes **Grayson Russell Block**, son of David & Laura Block, into His family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. 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.

### **BAPTISMAL DOVE**

The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which has been given to Grayson Russell Block. Placing the dove on the banner among all the other doves signifies him becoming a member in fellowship with the congregation and Christ's entire church on earth.

### **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

### **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. Class 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.

## **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.