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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: "God Is Here!" vv. 1&4

WOV 719

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

Redeeming Lord, only in Jesus can we be set free from the power of sin and death. Instill in your church wise and generous hearts that we may be faithful stewards of the grace and love we have received from you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1-7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

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

PSALM 146 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation

of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. ⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

P The Word of our Lord

C

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹{Jesus said to the Pharisees,} “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him,

‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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

SERMON: “FAITH OF THE HEART”

SONG: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of grace, continue to sustain your church, strengthening us for lives of witness and mission. Through Word and Sacrament pour out upon your church grace upon grace that we may continue in the faith.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as the harvest time begins, we pray for good weather that will allow farmers to begin to harvest grain and other crops in a timely fashion.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have given us dominion over the earth and charged us with stewarding the richness of your creation. In our sinfulness we have wreaked havoc on our earthly home. Make us more careful with the gifts of the earth, striving to preserve and regenerate its treasures for future generations.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Merciful God, forgive us when in our self-satisfaction we overlook those among us who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Give us eyes to see their pain, hearts filled with compassion, and hands ready to be instruments of your healing and tender care. [We pray particularly for]

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: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LBW 479

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 9/18:51

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Paisley Haag 9/29/15

Denny Rehn 9/29

Joanie Sanderson 10/2

ANNIVERSARY

Tyler & Madison Marshall 9/25/21

Dennis & Lynne Peterson 9/26/81

Jerry & Janet Sheehan 9/29/95

FALL DECORATING

The Worship & Music Team will be decorating the church on Monday, September 26th at 9:30am for the fall season. They would appreciate help.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday Morning:

Sunday School, 9:15am. Children only.

Adult Forum (10:30am) Studying the book of Romans

Wednesday – On-line Bible Study, 7-8:30pm.

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.

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>

MEMBERSHIP

Not a member of First Lutheran Church but would like to be?

Talk with Pastor Tom or Dianna.

NALC ACTIVITIES:

Great Rivers Mission District Convocation on Saturday, October 15, 9:00am - 2:30pm. Reservation are due by Wednesday, October 5th. They need Please let Pastor, Jo or Dianna know that you are interested.

Disaster Response Training on Friday, October 28, from 12:00 – 6:00 pm. in Brookfield, Wi. You must register and the cost is \$10. Carpooling would be suggested.

The information for both events is posted on the bulletin boards.

Sunday 9/25: Join us after the service for Adult Forum and coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Tuesday 9/27: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 9/28: On-line Bible Study begins, 7pm.

Thursday 9/29: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 10/1: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 10/2: Communion Service; Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Fred Goltermann, husband of Judy Goltermann is home now after a heart medication change and will be seeing his Texas cardiologist soon.
- Jerry Sheehan has had a motorcycle accident, shattering his femur and pelvis. He will have home physical therapy and heal for the next 3 months so he can then have a hip replacement.
- Betty Paulsen is now on palliative (pre-hospice) care.
Pray for her and her family.
- Eric Boehmer and family, for patience and perseverance.
- 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 Carolyn Suhr, 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 begin the call process for 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.