

**All Scripture is
breathed out by God
& profitable for
teaching, for reproof,
for correction &
for training in
righteousness.**

2 Timothy 3:16



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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With Readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Blessing of quilts*

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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 *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: “How Firm a Foundation”

LBW 507

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

O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; 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

Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night {Jacob} arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

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SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

¹{Jesus} told {his disciples} a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON: "THE FAITHFUL GOD TO PRAYER"

SONG: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Everlasting God, keep your people steadfast in your Word. Raise up diligent teachers and preachers who will faithfully teach the Gospel in its purity, so that we may stand firm in the face of opposition.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of abundance, grant favorable harvesting conditions and an abundant harvest for farmers. May we be generous in sharing the bounty of the earth that all may have food sufficient for life.

Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of mercy, keep your people persistent in speaking out against injustice and advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable in our society. Until your reign of justice and peace comes to full fruition, let us not grow weary of being signs of your reign.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, bring us to a greater awareness of the weak, vulnerable, grieving, and suffering people all around us. Increase our capacity to pray and care for them in every possible way. [We pray particularly for ...]. Move us to be your incarnate presence with these and all our neighbors. *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING OF QUILTS

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: "Sent Forth by God's Blessings"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

William Wittwer 10/15 Abraham Thorstad 10/17/12
John Karolus 10/22

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Nathan & Dawn Myelle 10/17/92
Rick & Rosalie Warren 10/20/79

QUILTS

There are 121 quilts, blankets, afghans, and lap robes that will be delivered to the following eight locations:

Hope Haven, Bethany Care Center, DeKalb Co. Nursing Center, Safe Passages, and Pine Acres, all of DeKalb/Sycamore area. Three other locations from the Ogle County area are Hope of Ogle Co, Serenity of Oregon, IL and Franklin Grove Living & Rehab Center.

Thank you to all the talented people who have shared their gifts with those in need.



Kirkland Food Pantry Prepares for The Holiday Season

We are requesting \$20.00 Donations for Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes. Donations can be made in care of either the First Lutheran or the First United Methodist Church. In the memo line, please write "Thanksgiving Dinner".



Please sign- out a shoebox or two for the Operation Christmas Child annual collection, fill and return by November 12 & 13. You select a boy or girl and age to put on the top of the box and there are gift suggestions on the envelope. Please enclose your check for the shipping of your box or boxes. The shipping cost is \$10. The Church Council will be supplementing the cost of shipping of up to \$300.00.

STEWARDSHIP

The theme this year is
“The Indescribable Joy of Giving”

Each week there will be a short lesson or lessons shared. This week is:

NURTURING GENEROSITY

Hebrews 10:23-25 “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Our thoughts:

A spirit of generosity grows from spending time with one another, sharing burdens and joys; and from a heart willing to listen to the honest needs and wants of our loved ones, communities, and our church.

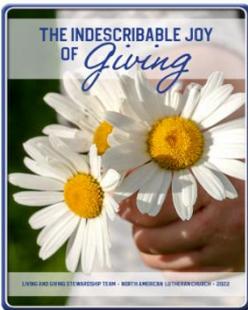
The full booklet is on the bulletin board. You may pick up a copy and follow along.

MEMBERSHIP

Not a member of First Lutheran Church but would like to be?
Talk with Pastor Tom or Dianna.

Lessons for Next Week

Genesis 4:1-15; Psalm 5; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-17



Sunday 10/16: Join us after the service for cake and coffee to celebrate Abraham Thorstad's birthday. Adult Bible study of Romans continues. Newsletter Items are due.

Monday 10/17: Food Truck Delivery, 8:30am.

Tuesday 10/18: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 10/19: Newsletter Folding, 9am.

On-line Bible Study CANCELLED for tonight.

Thursday 10/20: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 10/22: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 10/23: Worship Service; Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Cindy Stevens for no back surgery. Pray for relief from the back pain.
- Jill Vodden's mother, Darlene Wiebenga died on October 1st.
- John Boehmer had a lung biopsy and is awaiting results.
- 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 in hospice care. Pray for her and her family.
- Eric Boehmer and family.
- Pray for members who are anticipating surgery.
- 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.
- Pray for all effected by the hurricane on the East coast.
- 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.