



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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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 WOV – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: vv. 1,3 & 5

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“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58

*Prayer of the Day

Forgive the faults of your people, O Lord, that our slavery to sin, into which we fell in our weakness, may be overcome by your liberating work; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon (Sunday School to follow)

First Reading

Genesis 4:1-15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain

rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Psalm 5 (*read responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 18:9-17

⁹{Jesus} also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax

collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Sermon: **"HEART OF THE PRECANT"**

- *Hymn of the Day: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" **WOV 783**
- *Apostles' Creed P. 65
- Offering
- *Create in Me A Clean Heart P. 75
- *Prayers of the Church P. 75

Eternal and Living Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and truth. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, and may they be a bold proclamation to the world, that all who do not know of your victory over death may come to know the salvation offered through your Son.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God. You bring forth bread from the earth. You have graciously brought us to another season of harvest. We ask that you would be with farmers and agricultural workers in these days. Keep them safe in their work and in the use of their machines and keep your watchful eye upon them as they work to serve the needs of many.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Eternal Righteous One, as you see the turmoil among nations and in our world, we ask that you would turn our hearts from bitterness, wrath, slander, and malice. Enter all places of warfare and violence with your peace. And when the battle rages within our hearts, we ask that you would grant us that peace which the world cannot give.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, as you brought healing and wholeness to those in infirmity, we pray for your healing strength to be at work among those who suffer from physical disabilities and special needs. Guide your people in mercy, that none may be deprived of the opportunity to share the blessings you so generously provide.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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"PRAYING THE BIBLE"

Please feel free to pick up a copy from the Narthex. Please one copy per family.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Corbin Brisart	10/24/13
Chris Boyer	10/24
Ina Koehler	10/28
Lexus Tompkins (Newberry)	10/30/03
Jamie Marshall	10/30
Alexis Haag	10/31
Richard Wilson	10/31

ANNIVERSARY

Heath & Taylor Norris 10/28/2017



THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone for your prayers, concerns, cards, and expressions of support for our family during this difficult time since the passing of our daughter-in-law, Kirsten Boehmer.

We appreciate it so much,
John & Jo Boehmer, Eric, Dom, Addi, Audrey, and Charlee Boehmer family



STEWARDSHIP

The theme this year is
"The Indescribable Joy of Giving"

Each week there will be a short lesson or lessons shared. Here is a prayer from the "Generosity's Ripple Effect" chapter.

Generous God, teach us to be joyful givers, recognizing that all we have comes from you in the first place. May we use the gifts you've graciously given us for the sake of the world you love, so that all would come to know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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



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.



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".

Sunday 10/23: Join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, snack, and Adult Bible study.

Monday 10/24: Clothes Closet Open 12 – 1:30pm.

Tuesday 10/25: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 10/26: On-line Bible Study, 7pm.

Thursday 10/27: Wittenberg Door Pastor's Fellowship, 10am.

Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 10/29: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 10/30: Worship Service; Children will sing and then Sunday School to follow, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- John Boehmer had a lung biopsy, which was negative but further testing will be done.
- Jerry Sheehan as he continues to heal from a motorcycle accident.
- 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.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

Lessons for Next Week

Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING

Disaster Response Training will be 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. Let Pastor or Dianna know that you are interested.

The information for this event is posted on the bulletin boards.