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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.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession LBW P. 77
- *Sharing of Peace
- *Opening Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” **WOV 776**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
- *Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic Right Hand and satisfy us with His glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Cherub Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalms 27:1-9 (Read responsively by half verse)

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¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

¹²When {Jesus} heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in

their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Sermon: **"THE PROMISE OF MINISTRY"**

*Hymn of the Day: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"	<u>WOV 752</u>
*Apostles' Creed	P. 85
*Offering	
*Create in Me A Clean Heart	P. 96
* Prayers of the Church	P. 97

Merciful God, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, which finds its unity in your Son. As you nourish and sustain all living things, by your Word and Sacrament nourish and sustain the whole body of Christ. Draw us near to your love and to your world in compassionate grace.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we know that you long for wholeness and the well-being of all your children. Yet far too many of your children will be without shelter this night. Protect all who will spend this night on park benches, under freeway overpasses, in vacant lots, and abandoned buildings. May they find safety, sustenance, and warmth. Help us to provide whatever assistance we can.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Christ our shepherd and guardian, protect all people from rulers who care nothing for their welfare and from all the threatening dangers of this world. Bring peace in places of violence, rich pasture in places of poverty, and true righteousness in places of injustice.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you have promised to be with us always, even to the close of the age. By your comforting presence, abide with those who feel unloved, who deal with crisis, and who struggle with illness [especially ...]. Surround them with people who will show compassion.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "We All Are One in Mission"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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Attendance Last Saturday: 1/14: 14

Attendance Sunday, 1/15: 41

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Keegan Marshall 1/21/2010

Alice Hintzsche 1/28

Janelle Pahnke 1/28

Becca Crain 1/30

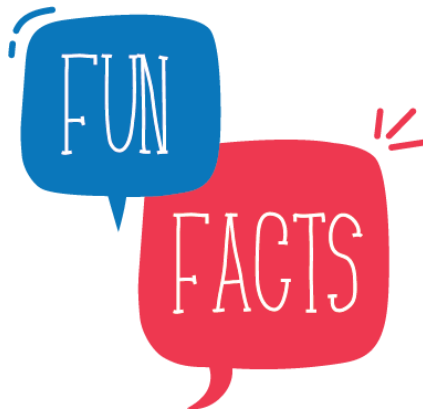
Bob Coyle 1/31

Keith Krabbe 1/31

No Anniversaries that are recorded in our church records. If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please share with me as I would like our records to be as complete as possible. Dianna Wittwer



THANK YOU from Debi Hetland for all the cards and prayers!



CHURCH FUN FACTS

In 1927 Rev. Alfred Fant took over for the very sick pastor for three months for \$5 a service while Annette Carlson took over evening services and leading Luther League meetings.

(Celebrating our 150th Anniversary, Connie Worden has found some fun facts that will be included in the bulletins each week and the newsletters each month. Hope you find them interesting. Dianna)

SHOP NOW FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS

We will be collecting all items from mid- January through mid-February. You may bring any of the above items, you do not have to put a kit together. If you choose to make a kit, you may. All of the supplies will be taken to our local NALC disaster relief location.

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock or tote bag)

- o 1 bath towel
- o 1 wash cloth (optional)
- o 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- o 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- o 1 toothbrush
- o 1 pack of floss (optional)
- o 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- o 1 comb
- o 1 deodorant
- o 1 nail clippers (optional)



DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP THE FOLLOWING FROM THE NARTHEX:

1. Offering envelopes
2. End of Year statements
3. Annual Reports Booklet, read through it and bring it back when you attend FLC ANNUAL MEETING on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 10:15 A.M.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Dianna, or call me at the office (815)522-3886 or my cell (815)378-6654.



Sunday, 1/22: Join us after the service for coffee and Adult Forum
in Fellowship Hall!

Tuesday 1/24: Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 1/25: On-line Bible Study resumes, 7pm.

Thursday 1/26: Wittenberg Door, 10am. Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 1/28: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/29: Worship Service, 9am.

Annual Congregation Meeting, 10:15am. Please attend!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following people that are near and dear to our hearts:

- Chris Droes, Gary Steinhorst's cousin is in hospice care now.
- Debi Hetland had a bad fall recently, spent days in ICU, and is now home. Sending a card? Address is on the narthex bulletin board.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: 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, Jerry Sheehan, Ryleigh Joos, Jason Gorski, and Loraine Steinhorst (Gary Steinhorst's mother).
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- Pastor's Conference Jan. 30 – Feb. 3 in San Antonia, Tx.
- The NALC, NALS, and the Great Rivers Mission District.

Lessons for Next Week

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12