



The harvest is plentiful.

Matthew 9:37

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.



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

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" **WOV 776**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *This Is the Feast P. 81
- *Prayer of the Day

O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8

²{The people of Israel} set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

⁴“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” ⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Psalm 100 (responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading

Romans 5:6-15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."

Sermon: **"WITNESS TO THE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD"**

*Hymn of the Day: "Take My Life, that I May Be"

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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God and Father of us all, by whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named: Grant that all on earth who bear the earthly name of father and those who may not bear the name yet still share a fatherly love for the children around them may reflect your grace and care. Strengthen their witness to the love that you have for all your children everywhere, and lead us by their example to be people of faith.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Triune God, bring unity and peace to your Church throughout the world. Where there is discord among us, help us to work for reconciliation. Create in the larger Christian family, and this congregation, a climate of unity and peace, that our fellowship with one another may be grounded in your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Steadfast God, in the midst of all the changes of this world, you are the One who is eternal. Your Son Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. As the world continues to turn, we pray for youth, working parents, single persons, homebound, and those anticipating life changes. Keep us alert for your coming.

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

God of compassion, in times of weeping and mourning -- when we are ill or suffering -- we wait upon your mercy, trusting that you never forget us. Give hope to all who wait in patience and faith [especially ...]. Be with them in their time of need, and remind them of your promise, that neither height or depth, death or life, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.

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

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*Closing Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Postlude

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Abigail Springborn 6/19/2007	Paul Buzzell 6/22
Tadd Krabbe 6/22	Sarah (Schmidt) Hill 6/22
Jo Boehmer 6/23	David Thorstad 6/23
Russ Mothkovich 6/24	

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Gary & Joanne Seegers	6/22/74
Thomas & Vongdeuane Thorstad	6/22/11
Malcolm & Leah Anderberg	6/24/61



FOURTH OF JULY –

Parade candy donations are now being accepted. Please place them in the office. Float building will be happening soon. Watch the bulletins for more information. If you are willing to help, please contact the Pahnke's - Dan (815) 751-4568 or Janelle (815) 739-1538.

Church Fun Facts

An 8:00 am service was added to the 10:30 one in 1982.

The church basement was named Ecklund Hall in honor of lifetime members June and Ernest Ecklund in the fall of 1983.

Dr. George Firkins, our local veterinarian, played basketball for the Lutherans in the “Y” church league. Who else was on the team?

Next Week’s Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 91:1-10 [11-16]; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 6/17: Join us after service for coffee in the fellowship hall.

Monday 6/19: Food Truck Delivery, 8:30am.

Tuesday 6/20: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Thursday 6/22: Wittenberg Door, Pastor’s Fellowship, 10am.

Saturday 6/24: Worship Service with Baptism of

Emmaline Renee Haag, 5:30pm.

Sunday 6/25: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Jane Hinkle, a previous member of FLC, passed away June 4th. Her funeral will be in Rockford at First Free on June 23, 2023. Visitation starts at 12:00PM and Service begins at 1:00PM.
- Pastor Ian Griffiths died on Wednesday due to cancer. Pray for his wife, Barb, and family, including his congregation, Zion Lutheran Church in LaMoille, IL.

May the promise of God's resurrection bring the families of Jane and Pastor Ian peace.

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

- Emmaline Haag, born on June 2nd has a heart murmur, pray for complete healing.
- Louie Mielke will have eye surgery on June 20th.
- Lonn Buzzell has had surgery for a broken leg.
- James Klus has colon cancer.
- Chuck Schindler and Ina Koehler as they are both in hospice care.
- Susan & Jim Colgan, friends of Mary Loomis', both are dealing with cancer. Susan has breast cancer and Jim has brain cancer.
- Elaine Mitchell is home, visits are welcome, however contact Heather (Emerich) Von Bergen 1st.
- David Sanderson, Joanie Sanderson's son needs prayers.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Taylor Norris.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All who are traveling throughout the summer months.
- Our president, elected leaders, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Ben Blobaum, pray for God's leading to his 1st church.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.