



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First*  
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*Saturday, June 24, 2023*  
*(With Readings for the 4<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost)*

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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, 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.

LBW – green hymnal    WOV – blue hymnal    \*Please stand

## **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:** “I Was There to Hear Your Bornin Cry”    WOV 770

## **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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

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

**PSALM 91:1-10** (read responsively by whole verse)      p. 258-259

**SECOND READING:**

Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are

not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup>For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL:**

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

<sup>5a</sup>These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them, <sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. <sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather

fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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

## SERMON: “THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP”

**SONG:** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

**WOV 752**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** Emmaline Renee Haag      p.121

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW p.97

**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:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**LBW 370**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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Last Sunday, 6/18: 41



## **BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

We rejoice today as God welcomes **Emmaline Renee Haag** into His family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to Emmaline, her parents, Alexis Haag and Chris Krabbenhoft, and big sisters, Paisley, Charlotte, and Isabella. Congratulations to her baptismal sponsors, Laura Block and Taylor Haag. Grandparents are James & Sara Haag, and Wayne & Jennifer Gottlieb; Great-grandparents are Russ & Judy Lacefield, Dennis & Becki Manni and Harold Gottlieb.



## **THANK YOU**

Dear friends,

It is with joy and thanksgiving, I come again to say how thankful I am to have such a wonderful congregation of friends. Each card or message I receive from you is so much fun to open. It brings joy and the connection with each of you. You are not forgotten; I think of you daily.

In God's Love,  
Nancy Bakanas

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Russ Mothkovich 6/24	Ezra Ash 6/26/2019
Taylor Haag 6/27/2002	Katalina Hall 6/28/2017
Donna Koehnke (Grandma) 6/30	

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!**

Malcolm & Leah Anderberg	6/24/61
Nathan & Amanda Wrobel	6/28/08
Tom & Louise Hoffman	6/29/57
Larry & Connie Worden	6/29/74
Karl & Sarah Fivre	6/30/18



#### **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 or to ride the float, please contact the Pahnke's – Dan (815) 751-4568 or Janelle (815) 739-1538.

#### **Church Fun Facts**

When Pastor Carl Rasmussen, Nancy, Andy, Matthew, Peter came to First Lutheran in 1989, the Ladies' Aid women would baby-sit Peter toward the back so he couldn't run to the front to help his dad preach. Norma Benson was once mortified that he got away from her, and she had to run halfway down the aisle before she retrieved him.

#### **Next Week's Readings:**

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13;

Matthew 10:34-42

Sunday 6/25: Join us after service in the fellowship hall for coffee.

Monday 6/26: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm

Tuesday 6/27: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Saturday 7/1: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 7/2: Communion Service, 9am.

Watch for the First Lutheran Float in the parade.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

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

- Emmaline Haag, born on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, heart murmur test came back normal! Praise God!
- Louie Mielke had eye surgery on June 20<sup>th</sup> and is doing well.
- Lon 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> church.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.