



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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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.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: "I Was There to Hear Your Bornin Cry" WOV 770
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 80
- *Prayer of the Day P. 82

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.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O 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. ⁸For 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. ⁹If 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. ¹⁰For 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."

¹¹But 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. ¹²O 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. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Psalm 91:1-10 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do 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. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do 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? ¹⁷But 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, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I 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. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But 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. ²²But 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. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Alleluia

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*Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

^{5a}These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them,
²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When 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. ²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It 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. ²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Sermon: “THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP”

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

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*Apostles' Creed

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*Sharing of Peace
Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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*Prayers of the Church

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Gracious Father, your Son prayed that we may be one in your name. We thank you for your Son who makes us one. Help us

to receive and keep your Word, that we would work diligently to be one in Spirit and of one mind with Christ.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord God of the Sabbath, as you rested on the seventh day, you hallow our times of rest as well. Be present with your people as they travel in these summer days. Keep them safe from harm and accident; refresh them in their play time, and open their eyes to the wonders of your good creation. Bring travelers safely home, renewed in joy and zeal for you.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you for the vocations you grant to all your people. Keep safe from harm and danger those whose work is dangerous. We hold before you in prayer those who have answered the call to military service that at the completion of their work, they may return home safely. Be present with families who wait and watch for their homecoming.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of mercy, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Restore our cities, towns, and rural communities. Use us to build houses for the homeless, give bread to the hungry, cover the naked, comfort the grieving, and give care to those suffering in body, mind, or spirit, [especially ...]. May we serve as instruments of your saving Gospel.

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

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

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

*Postlude

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Last Sunday, 6/18: 41

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS!!!



We rejoice as God welcomed **Emmaline Renee Haag** into His family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism yesterday. 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 Faivre

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 2nd, test for a heart murmur came back normal! Praise God!
- Louie Mielke had eye surgery on June 20th 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 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.