



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, 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.

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: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136:1-9 (read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³When Jesus heard {of John the Baptist's death}, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON: "IS THERE ENOUGH?"

SONG: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, you are the one true God, and desire all people to know you and your love. Help all people to share the good news of your salvation, and grant that missionaries would be able to spread the glorious Word of your mercy and saving power to all those they meet.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

We ask you holy Father, to strengthen our faith and encourage growth in our spiritual lives, that we would come to know you better and trust you more deeply. As the summer season continues and steady growth is occurring in fields and on farms, let our hearts be open to your Word working within us that we would experience the steady growth of faith in our lives as well. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of grace, you are the source of all good things including food, shelter, and family. There are so many in our world that do not have enough to eat each day - be with them and provide for their daily needs by giving them nourishment enough to satisfy.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of all mercies, your tender care is evidenced in your healing power. Grant your healing to those who are in need this day: the wounded, lonely, oppressed, and ill. We remember particularly those who are on the prayer list of this congregation.... Grant your strength to the weak, and hope to the hopeless.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

THE BENEDICTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" **LBW 343**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God!



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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Cathy Krabbe 8/7
Grant Nelson 8/7
Sue Peterson 8/7
Clarice Brisart 8/9
Emma Koehnke 8/9/2004



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Chris & Shannon Mitchell 8/5/06
Ken & Karen Benson 8/6/77
Constant & Clarice Brisart 8/6/15
Bob & Lisa Coyle 8/7/82

Did you know?

CHURCH FUN FACTS

In 1956 David Paulson was one of Mrs. Dundore's 4th graders who met in the basement for 9 months in exchange for heat, water, lights and janitorial services. Gene Lamont fell down the stairs with a case of milk bottles (\$0.02 each). They had access to a color TV!



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements for the first half of 2023 (January – June) are available upon request, Dianna will print a copy for you.

Next Week's Readings:

Job 38:4-18; Psalm 18:1-6 [7-16]; Romans 10:5-17;
Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday 8/6: Join us after service for coffee in the fellowship hall.

Monday 8/7: Pastor leaves for the NALC Convocation in Oklahoma.

He will return on August 12th.

Tuesday 8/8: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Thursday 8/10: Confirmation sign-u deadline. Call Pastor Tom
or Dianna Wittwer.

Saturday 8/12: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/13: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

May the Promise of God's resurrection bring peace to the families of:

- Arlene, Elda Bruning's sister who died recently.
- Gary Schliessman, Richard Wince's brother in-law died recently from a fall.

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

- All who are traveling throughout the summer months.
- The NALC upcoming convocation Aug. 7-11 in Oklahoma.
Pastor Tom will be attending.
- Lizzie Klausner, Peggy Wince's 22-year-old niece has internal bleeding, unknown cause as of last Saturday.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Chuck Schindler, Ina Koehler, James Klus, David Sanderson, Susan & Jim Colgan and Mark Bernhardt.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Taylor Norris, due mid- August.
- 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 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.