



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.



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 or 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

*Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56
- *Opening Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" **LBW 328**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57
- *This Is the Feast P. 60
- *Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all who are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sunday School (please follow Sue Peterson to Sunday School)

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

¹As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon

them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Psalm 23 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 10:11-18

¹¹{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Sermon: **PASTOR DEUANE**

*Hymn of the Day: “Come, Thou Almighty King”

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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Heavenly Father, you call us to walk with Jesus in a life of faith and to serve our neighbor. Help us to trust in your abiding mercy and constant care as we seek to do your will in the world. Guide us to walk to the places you would have us go so your name would be praised and all people would come to know you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Shepherding God, you are the one who watches out for your sheep and guides us gently into green pastures. Help us to hear your voice and keep us safe from all harm. When we get lost, find us and restore us to your fold. Forgive us for our wandering ways and lead us into all goodness.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, bring an end to war, violence, and injustice around the world. Soften the hearts of those in authority so they would govern with fairness and equity, looking out for those who are truly on the fringes of society. Bring a lasting peace to the earth so all humanity would work together for your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we ask your tender care to be with all those who are struggling with grief, pain, confusion, or disease. Remind them of your never-failing love for them. Grant them hope in the midst of darkness. Surround them with your very real presence and bring wholeness to their bodies and spirits. [We pray especially for ...]

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Sharing of Peace

Offering

- *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful P. 66
- *Offertory Prayer P. 67
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- *The Lord's Prayer P. 71
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- Communion Distribution
- *Thank the Lord P. 72
- *Benediction
- *Threefold Amen
- *Closing Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" **LBW 474**
- *Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
- ***Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**

* Postlude

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Coffee Server: Louie Mielke

Acolyte: Abraham

Sunday, 4/14: 39 adults & 8 children

Thank you, Pastor Deuane, for sharing the Sermon today.

Volunteer appreciation cake reception to follow the service.

Thank you to the many volunteers who give of themselves and their time.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Eli Ash 4/20/13 Brayden Chastain 4/23/15
Rosalie Warren 4/23

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Mark & Cindy Stoll 4/25/2015
Brian & Ashley Mielke 4/27/2013



FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR PASTOR TOM & FAMILY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 5th. We will have a farewell potluck after the service. BBQ pulled pork sandwiches will be the main dish. Please sign-up in the narthex. See Jean Bauer with any questions.

NALC GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT RETREAT

The retreat will be in Magnolia, IL on Thursday, May 30th and Friday, May 31st. RSVP to Dianna or Richard by **MAY 6 TH.**

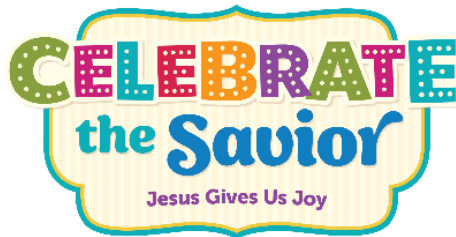
The cost is \$175. per person and includes lodging and 3 meals. Pastor Brad Hales will be the keynote speaker. Please see the Narthex bulletin board for more information.

NALC GIFTS

On Wednesday, 4/17, a trip to Rantoul, IL. was made by Roger & Jean Bauer. They took a collection of diapers and Bibles from the NALC Women's Gathering which was held on 4/13. The Lydia Circle created 21 Kitchen kits and Barb Evenson & Connie Worden made 38 quilts collectively. Rantoul is our local NALC Disaster Relief location. Thank you to all who donated.

SPRING IS HERE!

It's time to do some yard work around the church again. We are in need of two bags of moisture control potting soil, 5 bags of Scotts topsoil Peat moss, and a rake. If you like to donate, please contact Susan Wilson (224) 629 0016.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Val Norris and Denise Norris have agreed to direct VBS this year. More information will be provided soon.

Sunday 4/21: Join us after the service for a cake reception to honor our many volunteers. Adult Forum 10:30am.

Tuesday 4/23: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 4/24: On-line Bible Study, 7pm

Saturday 4/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 4/28: Worship Service, 9am. Sunday School to follow.

Sunday, MAY 5th: Farewell potluck for Pastor Tom and family.



PARISH CONCERNS

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

- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Richard Krabbe

Bill Byers

Matt Johnson

James Klus

Emmaline Haag

David Sanderson

Michelle Bruning

Nathan Wrobel

- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- Our church and its activities.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All affected by natural disasters.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.