

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching Seekers, Building Believers

**12th Weekend after Pentecost
September 3 and 4, 2011**

5:30 PM, 8:30 and 9:45 AM services

*Congregation responses are in **BOLD** print...
We ask that you please silence your cell phone during the worship service. Thank you.*

+++WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD+++

PRELUDE

Randy Morken

BELL

WELCOME ~ GREETINGS

OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...

P God of abundant mercy,

C **we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of † Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

C **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Students and Educators are invited to come forward...

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Pastor

+++WE HEAR GOD'S WORD+++

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Please stand...

L **The HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew 18: 15-20.

Congregation speaks response...

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

After the reading...

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation speaks response...

🗣️ Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated...

SERMON

“Discipline: Why? How? For What Purpose?”

Pastor John Peshek

+++WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD+++

HYMN

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

(Sung to the tune “O Master, Let Me walk with You”)

1. Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, ev'ry race;
and in each person may I see my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.
2. Break down the wall that would divide thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue; let Christian love bind warm and true.
3. Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do will crucify my Lord anew.
4. Give me thy courage, Lord, to speak whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be, help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.
5. With thine own love may I be filled and by thy Holy Spirit willed,
that all I touch, where'er I be, may be divinely touched by thee.

No flash photography during the service please. An opportunity for photos will be available after the service...

(Saturday) **BAPTISMS**

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APOSTLES' CREED

🗣️ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Refreshed by the living word of God, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need.

After each petition...

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Hear us as we pray, O God, and renew in us the joy of salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Members and guests please sign and pass the Fellowship Register at this time...

OFFERING Randy and Mary Morken (Saturday), Helen Johnsrud (Sunday)

(Sunday) OFFERTORY



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Sunday) SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

(Sunday) THE DISTRIBUTION *Music during the distribution...*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



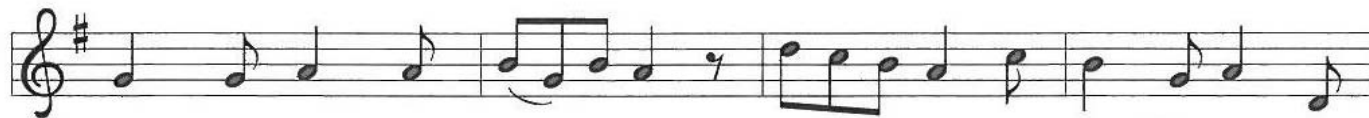
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Sunday) **BLESSING**

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

C **Amen.**

(Sunday) **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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POSTLUDE