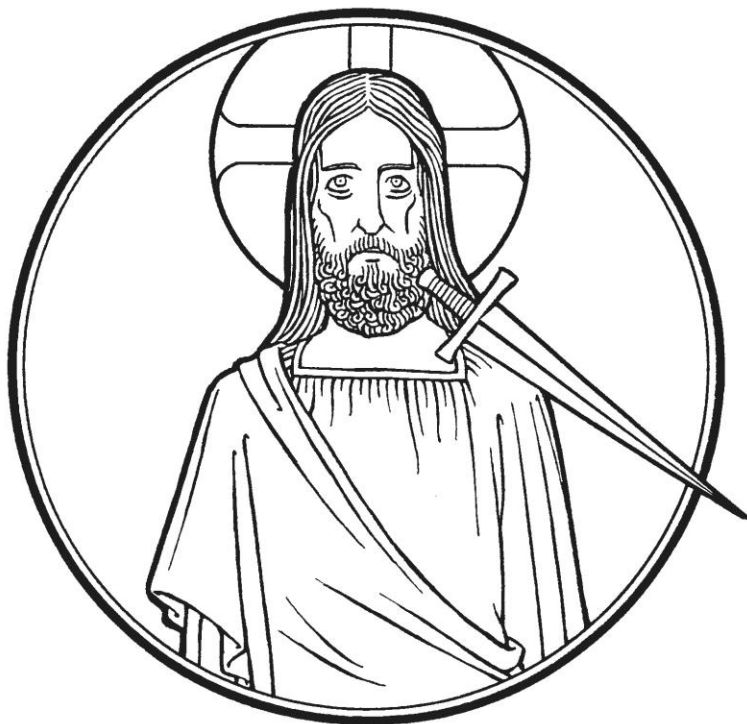


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DIVINE SERVICE SETTING V

PRESERVICE MUSIC

FROM THE CITY, FROM THE COUNTRY

From the city, from the country,
We have come with praises for You
For the God of all the living, Ever loving and forgiving.
Men and women, little children,
Young and old we come before You
To give thanks and adore You
And to sing our songs of praise.

*Chorus: You're the maker of the earth and sky
And You listen to your people's cry.
When we were lost, you showed the way
And You are still with us today.
Lord, You lived among us as our friend,
Died and rose to bring death to an end.
Your spirit guides us in Your ways,
And sends us out to love and praise.*

From the east side, from the west side,
As Your people congregate, Lord,
Let our doors be open wide now,
Welcome everyone inside now,
In a taxi or a wheelchair,
On a bus, by foot or skateboard,
We will come celebrate, Lord,
As we sing our songs of praise. *Chorus*

GATHERED TOGETHER (JULIDA POLKA)

Gathered together, loving each other
Singing and praying, Lord God our Father
Bless us and guide us; teach us, unite us.
These things we ask Lord, please God forgive us.

Chorus:

*Holy God, Holy God, Father, Spirit, Son
Holy God, Holy God, three persons all in one.
Prayers and sacrifice, Your blood, it was the price.
Holy God, Holy God, You're the one for us.*

Accept our gifts Lord and our salutations.
In your name offered from this congregation.
We all are brothers praying for others
For our salvation to Your heavenly home.

Repeat Chorus

CHAPEL IN THE VALLEY

Brothers and sisters we stand together,
Lord won't You come and be with us,
On the mountains and in the valleys,
We praise You Lord for all to see.

*Chorus: Oh la, Oh lee oh, We sing and praise Your holy name,
Oh la, Oh lee oh, Forgive our sins, forget our blames,
Oh la, Oh lee oh, Please take our troubles for today,
Oh la, Oh lee oh, As we worship You and pray.*

You have called us to be Your people,
Lord won't You come and be with us,
See us standing 'round Your altar,
Oh won't You come and set us free. *Repeat Chorus*

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain*

OPENING HYMN "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev-'rything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev-'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev-'ry weakness- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

† THE SERVICE OF THE WORD †

INTROIT

PSALM 89:15-18 ANTIPHON: V. 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

**For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

KYRIE: LORD HAVE MERCY (THOUGHT WORTHY)

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us; Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

Repeat

HYMN OF PRAISE “JOY, JOY, JOY”

I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay.

*Chorus: And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart. Repeat*

I've got that peace that passes understanding
Down in my heart, down in my heart, Down in my heart.
I've got that peace that passes understanding
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. *Chorus.*

I know the devil doesn't like it but it's down there
To stay, down there to stay, down there to stay.
I know the devil doesn't like it but it's down there
To stay, down in my heart to stay. *Chorus*

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
Way down in the depths of my heart, down in the
Depths of my heart, down in the depths of my heart.
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer
Way down in the depths of my heart,
Down in my heart to stay. *Chorus*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

JEREMIAH 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear

now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 7:1-13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. ⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN “I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat.
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
‘Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Our Prayers:

+ Greta Jane Smith
+ Phyllis Ernst
+ Andy Birkholz
+ Margaret Lueck

+ Bonnie Mueller
+ Angela Litzau
+ Scott Christenson
+ Dan Gueningsman
+ Maya Radtke
+ Sonya Clausen

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

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.

BENEDICTION (EDELWEISS)

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes, see His face And His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

CLOSING HYMN “SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE”

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life;
Our Balm in sorrow and our Stay in strife;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

RECESSIONAL “GOING BACK TO OUR HOMES NOW”

Going back to our homes now Taking with us the love of God
To give to our neighbors We want them to share.
The hills and the valleys Will fill with God’s love today
We share it with others For that is God’s way.

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 109

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **HOG ROAST**-Join us in the church basement following service today for our Annual Hog Roast. A free-will offering will be taken.
2. **GIDEONS**- After service today, a short presentation will be made by Kyle Kraft, a member of the Gideons International. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. A free will offering will be done after the service.
3. **SCHOLARSHIP** Applications are available by the Administrative Assistant Office. Deadline to apply is July 1st.
4. **QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING**-Plan ahead to attend the next Quarterly Voters Meeting on SUNDAY, July 27th. The meeting is set to begin at 10:00 AM (following the church service). All communicant members who have reached legal voting age are welcome to attend! Minutes from the last Quarterly Meeting are available on the table near the elevator for you to review.
5. **VBS/CAMP OMEGA** registration is open. Forms are available on the table in the Lower Narthex or on our church website. VBS/Camp Omega will be held August 3-7.
6. **THANK YOU**- The Cemetery Board and Cemetery Expansion Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to Litzau Excavating for cleaning up the Southwest corner of the Cemetery. It looks beautiful!
7. **YOUTH NIGHT**-Sunday, July 19 6:00-9:00 PM for Grades 5-12. Meet at the Church for Supper at 6:00 PM SHARP! We will eat and then head to the pool. We will come back to the church after the pool for Bible Study.
8. **LWML MEETING**-All women are invited to join us for fellowship in God's creation (Jane's backyard - 1502 185th St, LP) on Monday, August 3rd at 6:30. There will be a short meeting followed by good conversation and light refreshments.

9. HELP NEEDED- The Lester Prairie Days Committee is looking for 6-8 helpers to work the Burger Stand on Saturday, July 18th from 10:30am-1pm. Burger stand workers will help with grilling burgers, assembling the burgers, taking tickets, and working the ice cream machine. If you are able to help out, please contact Amy Meyer at 320-223-4442. In addition to the burger stand shift, helpers are needed for set-up, take-down, and to help with the kids' activities. If you are able to help, visit our website at lpprairiedays.weebly.com or contact Amy for more information.

10. BLOOD DRIVE- The Lester Prairie High School and Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 15th from 1:00-7:00 PM at City Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter LesterHS to schedule an appointment.

11. SCHEDULE- *July 5~* Ushers: Larry Hoof, Stewart Ruwersma, Jr., Derek Zebell; Acolytes: T. Parpart, W. Schauer; Greeters-Wayne & Tanya Mathews; Flowers: Shirley Minnick; Altar Guild: Kim Dressler, Karissa Rasset; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Acknowledgment:

+ A memorial for Marlys Klaustermeier was received in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Windows of Faith Campaign.

Calendar of Events

Sun. June 28	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	OUTDOOR POLKA SERVICE Hog Roast
Sun. June 28- Tues. July 7		Pastor Barlau out of Office
Wed. July 1	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Fri. July 3		Offices Closed
Sun. July 5	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers have released "It's a Family Tradition" featuring Generations 2-3-4 of the Thiel family in August 2020. All Jolly Ramblers' CD's are just \$5.00 each. Add \$8.00 postage and handling for mail orders.

Jolly Ramblers' appearance dates and times are subject to change without notice. Check our website jollyramblers.com for our schedule, tours, history, recordings, videos, contact information and more.