

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Jeffray Greene, Senior Pastor

Rev. Nathan Feig, Associate Pastor

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2008

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Come Follow Me, The Savior Said"

Paul Wolters

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN No. 509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God, . . .

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

THE GREETING (pg. 28 WOV-With One Voice)

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.**

THE KYRIE (pg. 28 WOV-With One Voice)

P: Lord, have mercy: C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy: C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy: C: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE (WOV Hymn #789)

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

Verse 2: Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

THE SALUTATION (pg. 30 WOV-With One Voice)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (Pg. 765) You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel."

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:9-21 (Pg. 1123) Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:30)

ALLELUIA (pg. 62 LBW for Music)

(Please rise)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL FOR THE DAY

Matthew 16:21-28 (Pg. 973)

After the Gospel is announced, the **Congregation Sings: Glory to you, O Lord.**

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God,

but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

After the Gospel is read, the **Congregation Sings: Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

THE SERMON

Pastor Greene & Pastor Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 346 "When Peace, Like a River"

(Please rise)

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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. (Please be seated)

THE OFFERING "Who At My Door Is Standing?"

Paul Wolters

OFFERTORY (pg. 75 LBW): (Please rise) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – After each petition, Pastor Says, "*Lord, in your mercy*" and the **Congregation Responds: "Hear our prayer."**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN No. 368 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

THE BENEDICTION and THREE-FOLD AMEN

C: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY "*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*"

SILENT PRAYER

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Follow Me"

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PRAYER NEEDS: Upcoming medical procedures: Janet Anderson; **RaeAnne Lindsay**. Recovering/medical procedures: Erna Bridges; Phyllis Hafermann; Sue Simpson (cousin of Deanne Wattjes); Beth Sanders (mother of Judy Peck); Alvin Fruhling (brother of Velma Wolken); Thea Suits; Jenny Salisbury; Al Coffey; Iliia Bricker (sister of Jana Pflugmacher); **Judy Quinlan**; Twyla Sellers; Jacob Head; Pauline Poremba; **Sam Burdette**; **Lowell Heap**; **Phyllis McKaufsky**; Mac McConkey (father of Libby Buhr); Vernon Nash. Those who are ill: Deloris Marikos (sister of John Sjoken); Kenneth Stevens (brother-in-law of Yvonne Coffey); Mike Little (son of Lorraine Lee); **Kathy Hayn** (niece of Karen Flessner and aunt of Mike Tome); Charley Rogers (friend of Julie Laich); Paula Park (friend of Kerry Hanson); Michelle Langenfeld (niece of Juanita Bradley); **Elizabeth Hafermann** (cousin of Phyllis Hafermann); Verna Hills; Thelma Sepp; Hali Smith (daughter of Kari Smith and granddaughter of Emma Beck); Karen Williams (friend of Andrew Sage); Jerry Nygaard (father of Nikky Flesner); **Luke Remington**; Oscar Busboom (father of Bruce Busboom); Pat Bauer (daughter of Margaret Meinecke and mother of Neal Bauer); Sharon Floyd; Sue (Langholz) Miller. Heartland: Bertha Albers; Nina Ehler; **Ted Johnson**; **Gertrud Kesti**; Ferne Sepp; **Lucille Suttle**; Helen VanBlaricum. Prairie Village: Freda Flesner; Marguerite Gordon; Bill McElwain; Antke Peters. Country Health: Jennie Hewitt; **Darrell McGee**; Anna Meier. Amber Glen: Phyllis Bergman, Vernon Martin, Paula Martin. Helia Healthcare: Bob Bergman. CANDLES: Kyle and Andrew East; Chaplain Erik Feig; Shawn Holsinger; Corey Eggers; Dan Worra; Tom Bathe; **Lincoln Scheiding**; Kelly Harnisch; Jonathan Derges; Jon Stiebner; Brandon Bunten; Alex Short; Marue Quick, Brandon Bott, Chris Farris, Chris Jones, Nick Pryor, **Kyle Lawler**, J.R. Hashey, **Chris Taylor**, Sarah March, Mark Rivas, **Nick Ehler**, Andy Reuschel, **Travis Gilbert**; Lamar Baugher; Brandon Elrod; Todd Ochs.

[Because of the number of names on the prayer concerns, Pastor will pray for those in bold by name. Those who continue to be on the prayer concerns (we encourage this) will be read on a rotating basis.]

“...and put your trust in the Lord..” Psalm 4:5

ACOLYTES	(8:30) Devin Briggs (11) Alisa Greene
COUNTERS	GWEN MCMORRIS, Tom & Ginny Vogelsang
GREETERS	(8:30) Duane & Linette Albers, Lowell & Melvina Heap (11) Ruth Lutz
LECTORS	(5) Vernon Rhodes (8:30) Marcia Busboom (11) Vicki VanBlaricum
PARISH NURSE	(9:30 a.m.) Debbi Dietz
SOUND	(8:30) Kris Martin (11) Dane & Alisa Greene
TAPE RUNNER	Marvin Ideus
WORSHIP STEWARDS	(5) Sheila Sherman (8:30) Midge Seim (11) Lloyd Schluter
USHERS	(8:30) Marvin Ideus, Dennis Albers, Clarke Albers, Rick Roesch (11) Matt Schluter

Worship Broadcast Sundays 9:45 AM on WPXN 104.9FM

Welcome to worship! With joy we welcome everyone here to the Lord's house. Please greet one another with the warm hand of friendship.

Flowers on the Altar Today are provided for *Bertha Albers* in celebration of her 94th birthday on September 1st.

Bethany Park Church Clothing Center is in need of *any children's clothing*. They can always use sheets and towels.

Clothing Center Volunteers Needed September is our church's month to work at the Clothing Center. Volunteers are needed to work Monday evening's (except Labor Day) from 7-8 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon's from 3-4:30 p.m. throughout the month. ***Please*** contact Rita Buenting at 893-0850 if able to volunteer.

Card Shower for *Lorine Holverson's 95th birthday on August 31st*. Cards can be sent to 132 Winding Lane, Rantoul, IL 61866.

Card Shower for *Bertha Alber's 94th birthday on September 1st*. Cards can be sent to Bertha Albers, C/O Heartland Healthcare Center, 1001 E. Pells, Paxton, IL 60957.

Got Bells? Yes, but we need one more ringer for this season. We practice 3x a month on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Anyone can ring! Rehearsals begin September 10th. Please contact the office at 893-4550 or Lorene at 979-3449. Enjoy being a part of our worship services! WE NEED YOU!

Church Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please help if you can. There are still many projects to be completed this fall.

Faith Community Bible Study resumes Monday, September 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at American Lutheran. We will conclude the powerful and spirit-guided study of Paul's "*Letter to the Ephesians*" and explore the study on "*The Pillars of Truth*" which will cover: The Truth about the Bible, The Truth about New Birth, The Truth about Faith, The Truth about Sanctification, The Truth about the Church, and The Truth about the Second Coming of Christ. Call Pastor Barbara Busboom at 568-7890 or the church office at 893-4550 to participate. No cost.

Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is to go over the details of our Confirmation program and to answer any questions. If you know of someone in either 7th or 8th grade (child, grandchild, friend, neighbor) that would be interested in being a part of our Confirmation program, please have them attend this meeting.

Eden Park Cemetery Notice Due to rising costs, the price of an individual burial plot will increase to \$400 as of October 1st. The cost of a plot in the inurnment section will increase to \$200. This is the first price increase in several years.

School Kits & Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief are being collected through mid-October. Lists of items needed are on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex and in the Sunday School Hallway. Collection Boxes are located throughout the church. Thank you for your donations!

Service Times: Saturday Evening-5:00 p.m.; Sunday Traditional Service-8:30 a.m.; Sunday School- 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Contemporary Service-11:00 a.m.

Broadcast/Flower Chart The cost is \$50 to sponsor a broadcast and \$25 to provide flowers for the altar. Sign up on the appropriate chart in the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date. Thanks.

Attendance From Last Week

Worship Attendance: 293

Nursery The church nursery will no longer have a nursery attendant scheduled during worship services. This is due to the lack of use of the nursery over the last year. If you know you are going to need the nursery for an upcoming service, please contact the church office and we'll arrange for an attendant.

Children's Busy Bags are available for younger children to use during Worship Services. Please return these following the Service.

Parish Nursing is located in room off of the old kitchen. Please stop by!

Handicap Accessible Bathroom is located in the back of the Narthex.

Prayer Concern Updates Please contact the church office periodically with updates on those currently listed in our prayer concerns.

Preschool Enrollment Forms are available on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Newsletter If you are currently not receiving the monthly newsletter, but would like to, please contact the church office at 893-4550.

Next week's Gospel Lesson:

Traditional Service – Matthew 18:15-20

Contemporary Service – Matthew 18:15-20

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 31

- 8:30 a.m. *TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE*
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Nurse-Debbi Dietz
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum-OPEN
- 9:45 a.m. Beth Moore Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. *CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE*
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group-Meet at church to carpool to Drive-In

Monday, September 1

Labor Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2 **Preschool Starts**

- 9:00 a.m. Esther & Miriam Circles meet
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 3

- 10:00 a.m. Communion-Prairie Village
- 10:45 a.m. Communion-Brookstone
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Thursday, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study

Friday, September 5

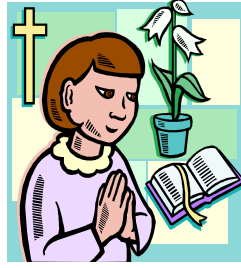
- 8:30 a.m. Volunteers meet to stuff the bulletin

Saturday, September 6

- 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day
- 4:30 p.m. Parish Nurse-Joan Shurbet
- 5:00 p.m. *WORSHIP SERVICE-Chapel/Comm.*

Sunday, September 7 **Rally Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. *TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE/Communion*
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Nurse-Rhonda Roesch
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum-Rally Day
- 9:45 a.m. Beth Moore Bible Study
- 9:45 a.m. All Congregation Mission Trip Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. *CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE/Communion*
- 4:00 p.m. Rally Sunday Picnic
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group



Women's Fall Retreat

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

FRIDAY SEPT. 12 6:00-10:00

SATURDAY SEPT. 13 8:00-3:30

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

\$15

BRING A GUEST AND THEY ONLY

PAY \$10!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ARE YOU THE GUEST OF A CHURCH

MEMBER? YES NO

Please check your box lunch preference: Turkey Ham Vegetable

**PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT
ATTACHED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR OFFERING
BY SEPTEMBER 7.**



ATTENTION LADIES!!

JOIN US FOR OUR BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY

STEPPING UP

SUNDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 26
9:45 – 10:45 A.M. IN THE SEWING ROOM

OR

THURSDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 18-OCTOBER 30
6:30 – 8:30 P.M. IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM

WORKBOOKS ARE \$15
PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 31st
Place this form in offering or give to church office

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____
SUNDAY CLASS _____ THURSDAY CLASS _____



RALLY SUNDAY PICNIC

September 7th, 2008

Join us at 4:00 p.m. as we enjoy grilled hot dogs,
brats & burgers.

Please bring a covered dish to share.
Drinks will be provided.

We will have games for the kids, weather permitting.

Please come for great food, fun & fellowship!!!

Please RSVP by tearing off this slip and placing it in the offering plate.
Thanks!

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

ALL CONGREGATION MISSION TRIP

Have you ever wanted to go on a mission trip, but were not able to?

Now is your time. We are putting together a mission trip for "young adults" and we want to take everyone (no matter what your age) from our congregation that would like to go. This includes everyone out of high school and at least 18 years of age.

We are going to Biloxi, Mississippi to continue the work of repairing from the hurricanes from two years ago. Approximate dates are December 26, 2008 - January 2, 2009.

We will be having an informational meeting on Sunday, September 7th at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Hall for anyone that is interested.

There will be opportunities to serve on the Mission Trip without doing construction/destruction.

If you have any questions ahead of the meeting, or cannot attend the meeting, please call or talk to either Bob & Sandy Lindsay or David & Debbie Keith.





ANYONE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL!

We are starting a 'college age' group here at American Lutheran Church. You do not have to be enrolled at a college to attend our events, nor are we looking for a particular age- just out of high school. We will be getting together 3-4 times a year for activities aimed at keeping all of you connected to this Congregation.

Our first event will be a retreat to Lutherdale to climb the 'beast' their 40 foot climbing tower on the weekend of October 17-19. Cost per person will be \$51.50 plus two meals. If you are interested in going, please contact Bob Lindsay (cell) 377-4918; (home) 897-2179.

Hurry- there is a limit on the number of people that can go!



Looking for a way you can “get on the field”?
We have a brand new Sunday School Curriculum and Format
that is beginning on September 7th and we are very excited
about sharing it with the children and families of ALC.

We only need a few more “players” to make our team complete!
Closing Leader... 10 minutes each Sunday reviewing what we learned
Teacher... assist children with activity related to lesson plan
Substitutes... willing to be on call if a teacher cannot be there

If you would like to join the team please contact the Church office!



For the family of Autumn Wernigk
will be held on Saturday, September 6th,
from 9:00 a.m.-? at the Potomac Park.
There will be food, kid’s games and t-shirts.

Autumn, a former American Lutheran Church Preschool Student,
passed away at the age of 5 on August 6th.