

The First Sunday after Trinity

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 24 *Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care*

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Epistle Lesson Romans 8:1-11 So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 19:16-26 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Hymn 742 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Sermon Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
3 They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
6 It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Cultivating an Attitude of Godly Awe...

The Offertory

The Offering

Hymn 26:1-4, 6 *Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 15 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

CDS Students *Shine Jesus Shine!*

HOSPITALIZED Loren Marschel was admitted to the Worthington Hospital with pneumonia on Friday evening. Please remember him in your prayers.

FAREWELL Mr. Hansen plans to move to Eau Claire next weekend. A farewell gathering will be held after the service today. Cake and coffee will be served. May the Lord will bless Mr. Hansen and use his gifts for the furtherance of His kingdom. Be sure to attend!

LADIES LUNCHEON All women of the congregation are invited to the potluck luncheon on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

DELEGATE CONFERENCE Craig Ahrens and Larry Boernsen represented the congregation at the conference yesterday. They will be asked to report on the highlights at some point soon.

CLC NEWS Pastor Matthew Hanel (Dallas) has returned the Eau Claire call. Pastor James Naumann, Jamestown, ND has the call to Marquette MI. Noah Ohlmann has accepted the call to be a fulltime assistant for the lower grades of Grace School in Valentine, NE for the upcoming school year.

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USHERS 06/11 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

06/18 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

06/25 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) The Voits
The Ruthenbecks