



The Lamplighter

Plattville Lutheran Church
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"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31b-32

Jesus said to him(Thomas), "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the except through me." John 14:6

If we say we that have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

The time in which we live is occasionally called the "Information Age". We are bombarded with information through more media outlets than ever before. It has also become the age of "fake news", "mis-information", "dis-information", "spin doctors" and the like. It is more and more difficult to determine what is true and what is not. More often than not, opinion and bias are being treated as fact and truth in public discourse and the media and it matters not what side of an argument is being represented.

The apostle John make clear what, rather, who is truth. Jesus Christ is truth. He is the one who fully manifests the will and work of God in and for all people. The only way to come to God is through this truth. Jesus Christ became for us the means by which we can be forgiven our sin, be cleansed from our unrighteousness and come into God's eternal presence.

We must first, though, acknowledge and confess that we are sinful. Only as we admit our sin can God grant us the forgiveness we so desperately need. If we claim to be without sin the truth, Jesus, is not in us. In our self-serving, self-satisfying self righteousness there would be no room for Jesus or his gift of salvation. We would squeeze him out in the misguided untruth that we are somehow untouched by sin.

So let us cling to the truth, which is Jesus, the one who is faithful and just, the one who will forgive us and cleanse us. Let us also repent of our substituting our selves, our opinions, our biases for the truth. May we, rather be found in the truth and the truth found in us. Once more from the Gospel of John, chapter 1 verse 14: "And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."

Pastor Bret



Women of the ELCA

FOR JUST SUCH A TIME AS THIS

HELPING OUR VOICES BLOOM
ESTHER 4--8

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place..."
And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

CIRCLE	DAY	TIME	HOSTESS
Peace	July 2	2:00 p.m.	Lu Shearer
Grace	July 2	6:00 p.m.	Carla Taylor

Worship Offering: Children's Christian Home
Oblong, IL

The best news! Kyler has completed our program at Oblong and returned to his family. What a happy day!

USING OUR VOICES
ESTHER 9--10

"Mordecai, the Jew was second in command to King Xerxes,...worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of Jews.

WATCH bulletins for August Circle dates.

W orship Offering: GRACE PLACE Campus Ministry
N IL Univ., DeKalb, IL
Wednesday evening students gather for worship and a meal our offering supports.

WELCA BRUNCH
SUNDAY AUGUST 4th
FREEWILL DONATION
Proceeds for LUTHERDALE FEST/AUCTION Aug. 10
WAYS YOU CAN HELP
*Bakery *Canned Items Garden Produce

CHURCH COUNCIL - June 17, 2019

Present:	Absent:	Absent:
Darrell Hansen	Rick Fox	K. Ashley
J. Homerding	P. Gegenheimer	J. Bols
Mark Hansen	Heidi Nelson	N. Bols
Mark Bols	Emily Stromdahl	
David Kurtz		
Orpha Bols		

Call to Order At 7:10 p.m.

Devotions Romans 5:15
Minutes MSC to approve May 13 minutes.
Pastor Home & hospital visits, VBS
Treasurer May Receipts \$11,501.00
Disbursements \$13,784.17
Old Bus: Drainage project waste removed
Bake sale proceeds \$295.00
Church cleaning OCTOBER 14.
Parish Bd: Breakfast: \$434.00
Deacon Bd: Contacting Worship leaders.
Closing: Adjourn at 7:34 p.m.
Jean Homerding, Secretary

BOWING to AUTHORITY

Almost 250 years after the Revolution, independence is still important to Americans. Just as colonists objected to high taxes from the English crown, we object when others saddle us with overbearing burdens or demands.

As God's child, however, I recognize the importance of his authority and oversight. God works in me to make me more like him, and he works through me to do his bidding. The Holy Spirit intertwines with my thoughts and actions to bring about God's good will. Even when I'm selfish or don't want to conform, God's presence becomes part of my daily activities. "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13)

Because God knows what's good and right for me, I'll depend and lean on him, even when doubts arise. As I grow older, I see more clearly that hope and satisfaction result when I follow God's direction.

--MaryAnn Sundby

ATTENTION STRETCH HEARTS and HANDS to HELP

During July and August the Lutheran World Relief ~~BABY~~ CARE KITS and PERSONAL CARE KITS NEED TO BE COMPLETED.

BABY CARE KITS:

Sizes 6 to 24 months
T-Shirts, gowns or sleepers
receiving blankets
jacket, sweater or sweatshirt
diapers, socks, hand towel

PERSONAL CARE KITS:

bath towel (20"x40" to 52"x27")
bath-size bars of soap
wide toothed combs
metal nail clippers
adult tooth brush

SCHOOL KITS:

70-sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets)
One 30-centimeter ruler
One pencil sharpener
One blunt scissors
#2 pencils w/erasers
black or blue ballpoint pens
(no gel ink)
box of crayons
2½" eraser

GOD is EVERYWHERE

We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything--in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

--Thomas Merton

The ELIMAA SCHOOL, near Arusha, Tanzania About 80 families in the community received LWR School Kits, Personal Care Kits and Quilts at a distribution held at the school. To help the children learn to care for Kit items, the school's teacher created lesson plans for how to use each item, to help make them last. The simple items contained within a School Kit make a big difference here. Thank you for making education possible for children around the world.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Care/Com. Asst: Carla Taylor Ushers: Barry/June Saidat Tim/Donna Engel *Lectors **Greeters	1	2 1:00 Peace Circle Lu Shearer 6:00 Grace Circle Carla Taylor	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 A.M. WORSHIP Communion 10:15 a.m. Fellowship *Orpha Bols **Ann Kurtz	8 7:00 Church Council	9	10	11	12	13
14 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 A.M. WORSHIP *Barry Saidat **Jeff Gurley 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 A.M. WORSHIP *Joel Reedy **Linda Nichols	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 A.M. WORSHIP *Paige Pry **Steve/Carla Taylor	29	30	31			