



First Lutheran Announcements

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Mt. Carroll, IL

sharing Christ's love through
worship, study, and service

SUNDAY, September 18, 2022



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

We continue through the autumn's standard Sundays, now proclaiming some of Luke's parables, which although able to be simplified into universal truths, were probably in the mouth of Jesus somewhat disconcerting depictions of the nearness and reversals of God's kingdom and of what the cross of discipleship meant.

Amos 8:4-7 Amos was a farmer, not a member of the prophets' guild, who was active as a mouthpiece for God's word during the monarchies of Uzziah (783–742) and Jeroboam (796–746). His primary message, delivered in elegant Hebrew, is that since God's people are living without justice to the poor and are incorporating pagan practices into their worship, God will punish them. The new moon was the first day of the lunar month, an ancient religious holiday of rest on which sacrifices were to be offered. The Sabbath was a day of rest that the Pentateuch ties to both creation (Exod. 20:11) and the Exodus (Deut. 5:15): its origins are a matter of considerable scholarly controversy. The ephah was a dry measure slightly more than a bushel. The shekel was at this point a unit of weight of about half an ounce.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 The introduction to 1 Timothy completed, the author, likely a late-first-century disciple of Paul, begins the body of the essay. The Christian practice of prayer is to include secular authorities, thus indicating that Christians are not revolutionaries. The author stresses the universality of the gospel message, which is offered to "everyone," "humankind."

Luke 16:1-13 This Lucan excerpt includes a parable and three separate moralizing comments, and thus is similar to some other synoptic parables in that a later moralization has become attached to Jesus' words. The parable, like others ascribed to Jesus, is somewhat unsettling and full of exaggeration: a hundred jars of oil is 900 gallons, a hundred kors of wheat is more than 1100 bushels. One commentator suggests that the manager is merely adjusting the debt which he had dishonestly raised in the first place. The parable praises the manager for taking necessary steps in view of what the future promises, and so it presents an eschatological picture of the believing community. The first moralization (vv. 8b-9) urges believers to choose what is right and to trust that when this world and its values fail, God will receive them. The second moralization (vv. 10-12) offers advice for daily Christian fidelity. The third moralization (v. 13) simplifies the parable by tying it to the Christian use of money.

Interested in Singing with the Choir?

Rehearsals are every Thursday at church at 5:30pm. If you would like to join in, contact Janice Smith for details, or just come and join us.

This Week At First

Tuesday: 9/20

6:00p Five Minutes of Fame, Meal and Music

Wednesday: 9/21

8:00a Men's Coffee & Bible Study

7:00p Weekly Praise & Worship Gathering

Thursday: 9/22

10:30a Meals on Wheels

5:30p Choir Practice

Friday: 9/23

Pastor's Sabbath
8a-12p Cottage Bakers

Saturday: 9/24

8a-12p Farmer's Market

Sunday: 9/25

9:00a Live Worship Service, on Zoom & Facebook Live Stream

Thought of the Day

God usually answers our prayers so much more according to the measure of His own magnificence, than of our asking, that we do not recognize His benefits to be those for which we sought Him.

Coventry Patmore

Body & Soul Gathering

You are invited to Dinner and a Bible Study Sunday September 25th at 5:00pm. Sirvo and Mary Wiemero, (850 N. Washington Ave. Mt. Carroll, 805-304-9923), will be hosting and providing a Swedish/Finnish Meatballs main dish. Please bring along a side dish from the following list: Appetizer, Breads, Potato or Rice dish, Vegetable dish, Salad or Dessert. Please RSVP by return e-mail, with your side dish selection and copy everyone in. Or just sign-up on the church bulletin board. Bring some friends, all are welcomed!!

Meet Your Neighbors, Sign-up for Booth Duty

The Cottage Bakers meet in the church kitchen every Friday during the farmer's market season. Bakers, sellers, packers, etc., are all needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for your convenience. Many hands make light work. And, the pies are delicious! Please contact JoAnn Palmer with any questions.

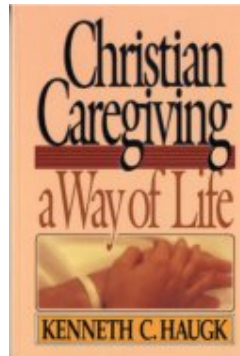


Wednesday Night Gathering

We invite you to take a break in your busy week to recharge your spiritual batteries and spend some time with family, friends and neighbors in God's presence. We look forward to joining together, regardless of where you are on your journey, to lift our voices toward our Creator in praise and thanksgiving. Will we see you this Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00pm?

Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life

If you have ever wanted to become a better caregiver, this 5 class course will help improve your caregiver skills. Starting on Thursday, October 6, at 1:00pm the classes will be held at Bridges on Main St. in Savanna. Every consecutive Thursday, Pastor Bob Stark will lead these workshops that focus on five key aspects of distinctively Christian Caregiving. The workshops are free, but you will have to purchase Kenneth C. Haug's book, Christian Caregiving a Way of Life. These books will be available on or before the first Workshop.



Envisioning What God is Calling us To

If you have ever wondered what God might have in store for us here at First Lutheran, join Pastor Bob and JoAnn Palmer as they pull together a group to help us prayerfully discern God's mission for us in this community. As the Holy Spirit speaks through each of us, this will involve all of us at some point or another. Come and join in the conversation early in the visioning process.

Birthdays This Week

Ross Ballard - 19
Hunter Holm - 22

Anniversary This Week

Tarvis & Kalah
Alvey - 20

In Our Prayers This Week

Nico Neely
Haley McColley
Sandy Shaw
Jo Lyn Kruse
Dolores & Al Fredericks
Nicole Merboth
Darlene Streicher
Sandy Haas
Ron Messenger
Peggy Mader
Richard Kehl
Kenneth Kingery
Nancy Schroeder
Earl Gilliland
Ashton Miller
Dawn Rittmeyer

In Assisted Living:

Lyle Hartman
John Hovorka
Earl Gilliland

In Military Service here and abroad:

Aaron Hartman
John Kaufman
Benjamin Rath
Logan Rittmeyer

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHY JESUS *LIKES*
THIS GUY.
HE'S A *CROOK!*



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SOME SCHOLARS* BELIEVE
HE WAS ACTUALLY CUTTING
OUT HIS OWN PROFIT FOR
THE SAKE OF HIS
RELATIONSHIPS.



*THANK RITZMEYER!

HUH! AND I THOUGHT
THE BIBLE SAID
"MONEY CAN'T BUY ME LOVE."



UHH... THAT'S
LENNON/MCARTNEY.

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LUKE 16:1-13

This Day's Smile

The secret of a
governable tongue
is not self-control
but Christ-control.

George Sweeting