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A **FREE** Day camp for children and teens,
 ages 7-17, grieving the death of a loved one.

September 23, 2017 to ,
Lakeshore Center
 1864 IA-Highway 86
 Milford, IA 51351



RSVP by Sept. 8. 2017

To receive a camper registration packet
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Bethany Lutheran Church
 703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Sunday School Sept 10th

Lost Island Lutheran Church
 3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
 Worship 8:45 AM
 Sunday School Resumes in Oct

We welcome you to worship today
 September 10, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

SERVICE FROM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP-SETTING 10

*Please stand as you are able

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #551 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

***GREETING:**

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.

***KYRIE:** sung to tune of *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol- emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a- way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de- part.



We come to hear your liv- ing word; it saves us from de- spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be- gin.
Re- new us with your sav- ing pow'r; cre- ate in us new hearts!

CONCLUSION OF THE GOSPEL: Praise to you, O Christ. (Spoken)

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMM OF THE DAY:** LBW #558 *Earth And All Stars*

***THE APOSTLES' CREED:** LBW pg. 85

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.

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION-**respond with "hear our prayer"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** WOV #731 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Noisy offering goes to "Feed Our Kids—Emmetsburg"

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 67

Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN:** WOV #721 *Go My Children, With My Blessing*

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Sung to *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord. (Spoken)

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE:** sung to tune of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*



- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Pray together

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalms 119:33-40 Please read responsively by verse

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

2nd Reading : Romans 13: 8-14 (Cont'd.)

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

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VOLUNTEERS –BETHANY

Organist	Janis Campbell
Ushers for September	Burdell Naugle, Joel Saxton
Assistant side ushers for Sept. 10	Heidi and Brian Malm
Assistant side ushers for Sept. 17	Lindsay Carter, Sophia Fjetland
Altar Guild for September	Linda Umbrell

TODAY, Sept. 10

Lector: Logan Murray
 Greeters:
 * Maxine Lashbrook
 Communion Asst:

NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 17

Kim Campbell
 Dave & Judy Cole Family
 *Pat Vician
 Kim Campbell, Pat Vician, Diane Clasing-Steger

TODAY, Sept. 10 LOST ISLAND NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 17

Organist	Tim Nielsen
Altar Guild for August	Linda Pitt, Pat Henningsen, Courtney Cook
Reader: Jonah Hackbart-Morlock	Alaire Nielsen
Communion Asst:	Steve Pitt
Acolytes: Jonah Hackbart-Morlock	Kate Sorenson

OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, Sept. 11 9:00 am Quilters Resume
Tuesday, Sept. 12 6:30—9 pm Cub Scouts in Church Basement
Wednesday, Sept. 13 12 Noon—Men’s Bible Study
 3:30—10 pm Youth Groups Resume
 5:30pm Youth Board Meets

Sunday, Sept. 17 8:45 am Lost Island Worship, Holy Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School—Bethany
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School resumes—Bethany
 10:30 am Bethany Worship, Holy Communion
 1:30 pm Pedal-With- Pete—PA Co. Fairgrounds

The Noisy offering today goes to Feed Our Kids-Emmetsburg.

Weekend meals as well as visit with other community members.



IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God’s love and care including: Marlene Walker, Marilyn Carlstrom, Kort Freeman, Milton Hough, Courtney Davis, Fern Schmidt, Lois Jurries, Heide Rienhardt, Margaret Sloan, Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Rod Snavelly, Lea Schipull, Bob & Janet Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

- *Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea (now on furlough)
- *Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany .

ANNOUNCEMENTS



UDMO is seeking donations of backpacks, 3 ring notebooks, washable markers, dry erase markers, glue sticks and folders for the Palo Alto Co. Outreach to distribute to students of needy families. Donations may be dropped off at 2905 25th St or mail donation to PO Box 353, Emmetsburg. Questions-712-852-3482

Don’t forget about school supplies for the **Lutheran World Relief** school kits. Thank you for the generous supplies that have already been given.

