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“Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; ⁴ even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

Isaiah 46:3-4

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the years pass by, we continue to age. Some years our age does not show itself as quickly, other years it shows itself plainly more and more. We have more gray hair. We wake up with strange pains in our joints where there was no pain before. We get more wrinkles. Getting old is not for the weak, yet it happens to all of us from the very moment of our conception.

Yet as we continue to age, there is one important thing that we need to remember. We are not responsible for our lives. They are a gift to us from our gracious Triune God. He gives us our daily breath and bread. He saved us through His Son, Jesus Christ, who bled, and died for our salvation. He sanctifies us through His Holy Spirit that we might be made holy and blameless before Him.

In this sinful world, with our sinful flesh, we age and decay. We also go through many troubles in our lives. The death of loved ones. The loss or reduction in income. The loss of possessions. The hatred and ridicule of the world because we follow Christ rather than them. No matter what happens in our lives, we do not need to be afraid. We do not need to worry because of what our Lord says. He states through Isaiah that He Himself carries us throughout our lives from the womb to old age. He sustains us daily throughout our lives as well as continuing to sustain us in the faith unto life everlasting through His Word and Sacraments. No matter how young or old we may be, the Lord knows every hair upon our head and still cares and protects us.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who donated school items to Foothills Christian School.
Jennifer Lewis for taking the school items to the school.
Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ during our worship services.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.
All of the people who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study will be Saturday, September 13 at 11a.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited to join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ ***For Such a Time As This*** is the theme for the LWML Fall Retreats this year! The dates are **September 19-21, 2025**. There are 2 places to choose from: **Trinity Camp in Bigfork** and **Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman**. The cost is \$125 per person and includes all meals and lodging. Registration forms are in the church office and are due by **August 25, 2025**. Plan now to go and join us for Bible study, food, fellowship and fun!
- ♥ **Central Zone Fall Rally is at Trinity Lutheran in Great Falls** beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday, October 4. The cost is \$6 per person. More information will be available later. ALL ladies of Peace, First and Christ for the Deaf are welcome to come and join us!
- ♥ **LWML Sunday** is October 5. A Noisy Offering will be taken after the service and will go toward our Mite Goal. There will be lots of purple and refreshments during the fellowship time!

Ladies Bible study

September crisp mornings brings children laden with new backpacks walking to school with friends. Out in the mountains the last flowers of the summer are showing their colors. Look for purple asters and crimson paintbrush in high mountain meadows. Yellow or magenta monkeyflower are found along streams that empty into Belt Creek with their toes in the water. This is the last month to view the Lord's mountain flower garden. Make a date to get out there!

Ladies Friday Bible Class is in recess for several months. Check your Sunday bulletin to see when it will resume.

The Assisted Living Ministry will be at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South with hymn singing and a devotion at 1:30pm on Friday, September 26th. Before going to Highgate there will be a no host lunch at 11:30am the Rib and Chop House, 21 3rd Street North. Pastor Reinke will have a worship service at Highgate on Monday, September 15th at 1:30pm. Plan to enjoy the fellowship of these activities.



September Anniversaries

Sept. 3 Darrell and Cindy Greenwood
 Sept. 8 Ernie and Judy VanVleet
 Sept. 9 Tim and Kathy VanderMolen
 Sept. 27 Jason and Brook Gerard
 Sept. 29 Robert and Angela Fletcher

Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1 Tara Onstad
 1 Kate Baumer
 7 Jessamy Blomgren
 13 Jayden McPartlin
 13 Cole McPartlin
 19 Elsie Huss
 20 Kate Creek
 28 Patty Paulsen

Ushers for September

Sept 7 ----- Dennis Nivens
 ----- Arnie Gidlow
 Sept 14 ----- Pat Lewis
 ----- Tyler Denning
 Sept 21 ----- Arnie Gidlow
 ----- Jeff Blomgren
 Sept 28 ----- Mitch and Taylor Martin

Family Night resumes

Family Night will begin on Wednesday, September 10. This is a time for brothers and sisters in Christ to be together, share a meal, and study the Word of God. We begin with a potluck dinner at 6 PM. The theme for the first week's meal is Italian food. We close with a short devotion at 7:30 PM. Come and join us for this time to be together as the family of God at Peace Lutheran Church.

Fuddruckers' Burgers for Benefits fundraiser for Wee Disciples is the **third Tuesday of each month** from 5 to 9 PM. (The next fundraising evening is on September 17.) No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of the total ticket to Wee Disciples. **You can use dine-in or takeout.** Thank you for supporting Wee Disciples!



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 12 year old with liver cancer
Marylan Dallum – health issues - Fort Benton
Jody Decker – health issues - Fort Benton
Michael Drummond – Lupus
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Marge Johnsten, cancer
Connie Juden
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Eloise Morehead – health issues
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund – Parkinsons

Survey:

Looking through the perspective of stewarding the resources that we have been given for the best use of growing the Kingdom of God, especially as it regards Sunday bulletins. Pastor has come up with this survey, if you have a moment, please check one of the boxes. Nothing is changing, this is merely to inform and examine.

Currently, we are printing a total of 300 pages every week, 1,200 per month, for bulletins.

	Let's keep on with this
	Change to steward resources
	Other

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 18C) - (7 September 2025)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–35

Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You

A disciple of Jesus Christ will “bear his own cross” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “all that he has” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “life and good, death and evil” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord” (Philemon 14).

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 19C) - (14 September 2025)

Ezekiel 34:11–24

1 Timothy 1:(5–11) 12–17

Luke 15:1–10

Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to “display his perfect patience” (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep “from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He “will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak” (Ezek. 34:16), and “they shall no longer be a prey” (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who “shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, “having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,” would “leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it” (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, “the angels of God” and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 19C) - (21 September 2025)

Amos 8:4–7

1 Timothy 2:1–15

Luke 16:1–15

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “not strong enough to dig,” and we are “ashamed to beg” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “eternal dwellings” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “the sons of this world” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 21C) - (28 September 2025)

Amos 6:1–7

1 Timothy 3:1–13 or 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).