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Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-2

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty
expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His
excellent greatness.

Praise Choruses

***Hymn** #61 And Can It Be?

Scripture Reading Howard Schutte

Prayer

Special Music Mr. Knudsen's Sunday School Class

***Hymn** #520 O How I Love Jesus

Offering

***Hymn** #301 Softly and Tenderly

Sermon John 15: 1-8 Pastor Jeremy Wilson
"Grafted for Glory"

***Hymn** #70 I Am His and He Is Mine

***Benediction**

***Doxology** #39

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities This Week

Today	3:30 p.m.	LBYF
	7:00 p.m.	Elder Board meeting
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	NO Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Family Fellowship and Bible Club
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry: Visitation
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages New Member Class
<i>Mother's Day</i>	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	LBYF

Announcements

- Our next Elder Board meeting has been scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m.
- Potato Bar Fund Raiser – On Sunday, May 17th, following the Worship Service, the LBYF will be hosting a potato bar luncheon. There will be a free will offering to raise funds for youth group's trip to the Worldview Academy Camp in Northern California this summer. Please plan on joining us for this event.
- Please note that our **Summer Schedule** will begin on **Sunday, May 24th** with worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. The last day of Sunday School will be on the prior Sunday, May 17th.

Let Us Pray...

- That people in our community would be brought to saving faith through the witness of each of us here at the Lutheran Brethren Church of Nampa.
- Please pray for Erin Kleveland and her family as she continues to struggle with a persistent illness.
- For those unable to attend this morning.
- For Janice Schaefer and the treatments she is receiving for cancer.
- For our Christian brothers and sisters who are facing persecution in the Middle East and around the world.
- For Amber Kollmann's mom, Katie Hellberg, who was severely injured after falling from her horse.

Do you have an announcement or prayer request you'd like printed in the bulletin? Email pastorjeremywilson@gmail.com and we'll be sure to include it.



Sermon Notes: John 15:1-8

"Grafted for Glory"

The Branch is Grafted

The Branch Produces Fruit

The Branch is Pruned

The Unproductive Branch

Cross-References:

- Galatians 2:19-20; John 6:55-58; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 – Life is to be found in Christ alone
- Galatians 5:18-26; Ephesians 5:6-10 – The fruit of the flesh versus the fruit of the Spirit
- John 17:15-21; Romans 10:8-11; Philippians 2:14-16 – The Word gives life.

What does the text say?

What kind of love does Jesus have for you? (v. 9)

How do you abide in this love? (v. 10)

What kind of love are we to show toward others? (vv. 12-17)

What does the text mean?

It doesn't seem very 'loving' that Jesus would put us back into bondage to God's Law. What is the purpose of keeping Christ's commandments? What is *not* the purpose? (See John 15:8; Colossians 3:15-17; Galatians 5:14-18; 1 Peter 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-9)

How do you keep from despairing when you fail to keep Jesus' commandment to love one another? (See verse 10 of this text; Romans 3:21-28; especially 1 John 2:1-3)

It can be easy to think that we have the power to choose Jesus. Why was it important for Jesus to state that we did not choose him, but that He chose us? (See again Ephesians 2:8-9; Ephesians 2:1-7; Romans 3:27, 4:2)

What does the text do?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. Describe what it might look like if you were to show Christ's love to the world.

Thank You John and Kathryn Wile

Once a year for the past 20+ years, usually on their way to or from someplace else, John and Kathryn landed in Taiwan with the goal of blessing our team of missionaries here. We have seen their visits as a generous gift from you at home and are deeply grateful for them and for their ministry to us. John and Kathryn sacrificially gave of themselves to help us grow and thrive—leading us in spiritual retreats and spending time with each of us one-on-one and two-on-two. Some aspects of their visits were particularly amazing: they listened, listened, and listened; their deep and long-term interest in our spiritual, mental, and relational health bubbled out in every connection we had with them; they were open and vulnerable about their own challenges in life; they knew how to help connect us with home—sharing with us about life and our LB family there; they overflowed with resources for ministry, personal, and spiritual growth, and techie stuff; they kept us connected with great worship music; they powerfully modeled a partners-in-ministry marriage; and their ability to live for weeks (and sometimes months) out of one small carry-on suitcase each is legendary. Thanks John and Kathryn! We will miss you! Thanks to all of you who spoiled us by sending the Wiles our way.



Ethan and Sandy Christofferson for our missionaries serving in Asia

To be *alone* – in a world not yours, remote, plunged into the pulse of a different culture's way of being, thinking and feeling – well, it can all so press into the missionary's soul a longing (no, a languish) for a tender shepherd's touch. For a shepherd who understands one's own heart culture, anguish, needs, and perspectives. Missionary *pastoral care*: to expend oneself in the spiritual direction and soul-curing of the heads, hearts and relationships of missionaries from a heart, head and voice that comes from the missionary's own roots and particular religious world-view – this has been the unrelenting devotion of John and Kathryn's ministry for so many years. Beautiful are their feet. For, they traveled the globe to hike across the craggy mountains and chasms of our idiosyncratic and complex lives in order to announce good news, to be an *accompanying presence* of Christ in our solitude. How? They made themselves *friends* forever, forever Aunt and Uncle to our children (whether at home or in the field), people of love, incessant smiles, with candid warmth and discretion. They listened, they felt, they wept, and they partied with us. Most importantly: they spoke words in season from the Word. Transparency reigned. They got under our skin. They gave their very own selves and we knew it. For sweet morsels of time they sojourned with us missionaries on the arid, and sometimes hazardous, desert roads of life in Sub-Saharan Chad. They merit our deepest recognition, love and thanksgiving. And we give it.

Paul and Teresa Szobody for our missionaries serving in Africa

Representing the entire International Mission and CLB family, I want to express a debt of gratitude to Kathryn and John for their faithful, tireless and representative pastoral care to our missionaries on behalf of the sending church in North America. You have given me and our congregations the confidence that our missionaries were getting care that they needed to persevere in the "calling" that they received from the Lord and was confirmed by the CLB. May the Lord of the harvest richly bless you and your continuing ministry to those that do member care around the world.

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1st CHAD *Luke 20:27-21:24*

Pray for stamina for our missionaries in Chad as it is now the hottest time of the year. Pray for good health for **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** and their children. Pray especially for Carrie, as they are expecting their fourth child.

2nd TAIWAN *Luke 21:25-38*

Mike Kittelson reports that Victory Hakka Fellowship always has a Mother's Day outing the weekend before Mother's Day. Pray that it will open doors for the gospel to be proclaimed.

3rd AFRICA/ASIA *Luke 22:1-13*

In addition to regular ministry, missionaries also have duties like managing mission property and funds. These can eat up time and energy. Pray for wisdom in these duties so more time can be dedicated to ministry.

4th WORLD *Luke 22:14-30*

At this writing, a terrorist act at a university in Kenya has left 148 dead, simply because they were Christians. Pray for our fellow believers around the world for whom bearing the name of Christ means constant danger.

5th N. AMERICA *Luke 22:31-46*

Roger and Sue Olson ask prayer for 50 new students who

have arrived from Japan for a 10-month course. Pray for God to work in each student through Japanese Ministries, Seattle.

6th JAPAN *Luke 22:47-62*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** as they visit with neighbors who still suffer the effects of the 3/11/2011 earthquake and tsunami. Experts say recovery will take at least ten years.

7th EAST ASIA *Luke 22:63-23:12*

Pray for **Joel** and **Liz Christenson** as they have been asked for advice from families wanting to get their children out of the high-pressure school setting and send them overseas. Sending children away sometimes causes future parent/child problems.

8th TAIWAN *Luke 23:13-25*

Mike and Delores Kittelson ask prayer for **Mr. and Mrs. Dzo**. Mr. Dzo needs healing of chronic back pain, but he and his wife also need Jesus. Pray for ways for the Kittelsons to partner in witness with the Dzo's believing son.

9th N. AMERICA *Luke 23:26-43*

Pray for **Marcos Holzner's** work on translation projects that are nearly complete: a Naba dictionary, the Gospel of Luke and a Naba language learning guide.

10th CHAD *Luke 23:44-56*

Paul Szobody asks prayer for two Arab language helpers. One has once professed Christ but lost his faith; the other never professed Christ, but both enjoy reading the Bible and hearing the gospel! Happy 15th birthday to **Titus!**

11th N. AMERICA *Luke 24:1-12*

Roger and Sue Olson praise God that **Mizuki** (baptized 11/2014) is involved in church life in Tokyo and is sharing her faith. Pray that she will continue to grow and introduce others to Christ.

12th NIGERIA *Luke 24:13-35*

Nigeria's March election ended peacefully. Many Christian leaders backed the newly elected President, a Muslim, as an honest man who will fight corruption and Boko Haram. Pray for peace and unity.

13th EAST ASIA *Luke 24:36-53*

Pray for **Joel Christenson's** work of equipping local believers for cross-cultural ministry in their country and in other parts of Asia.

14th CHAD *Psalms 1,2*

Nathanael and Carrie Szobody report that construction on their house is advancing and requires much time. Pray for positive relationships with the workers and community. Happy 4th birthday to **Cyril** today!

15th TAIWAN *Psalms 3,4*

Ethan & Sandy Christofferson ask us to pray that **Mrs. Wei** who is interested in spiritual things but holds bitterness toward someone at church. Pray for reconciliation, and for Ethan and Sandy as they reach out to the Wei family.

16th JAPAN *Psalms 5*

Ishinomaki House of Hope officially opens tomorrow with a ceremony and mini-concert and a separate evening concert. At both events, Pastor **Hiroshi Satoh** will bring a Bible message in traditional Japanese Rakugo style. Pray that **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson's** neighbors hear a message of hope.

17th WORLD *Psalms 6*

Pray for the children of our missionaries who are in boarding schools away from home or attending college in the States. Pray also for their parents who can't be as available as they would like.

18th EAST ASIA *Psalms 7,8*

A 2008 earthquake in East Asia orphaned many children. In one town, local Christians have been caring for a small group of children. **Joel Christenson** visited with a discouraged 15-yr-old there who is failing at school. Pray for this boy that he will come to know how much God cares for him.

19th CHAD *Psalms 9,10*

Pray for a church to be planted among the Bilala people, and that God would open the way to place missionary families among them.

20th CHAD *Psalms 11,12*

Nathanael Szobody asks, "Pray for the chief of our village who urged us so insistently to come settle in his town. Pray that his heart would be open to the good news that we bring."

21st CHAD *Acts 1:1-11*

Pray for **Steve and Stella Banks** who are arriving back to their ministry at the Lutheran Welcome

Center after a five-week home assignment in Europe.

22nd N. AMERICA *Acts 1:12-26*

Pray for **Danny and Mandy Bronson** as they make plans to return to France, and later to Chad. Pray for continued healing for **Samuel** from the effects of Hirschsprung's disease.

23rd EAST ASIA *Acts 2:1-13*

Pray for **Stephen and Sandra Bickler** as they meet with missionaries to consider how short-term teams and individuals can best contribute to their ministries. Happy birthday to **Sandra**.

24th TAIWAN *Acts 2:14-36*

Andrew and Kris Larsen ask prayer for their daughter **Noelle's** neighbor friend **Liyun** who has been attending church. Pray for other Christians who are also reaching out to this family. Happy 11th birthday **Isaak!**

25th WORLD *Acts 2:37-47*

Pray for **Randy and Betsy Mortenson** who have accepted the call as the Pastoral Care Team to Japan and Taiwan, and for **Joel and Marybeth Nordtvedt**, the Pastoral Care Team to Chad. This ministry is part-time in addition to their other full-time ministries.

26th CAMEROON *Acts 3*

Pray for the ministry of the Cameroon church to the refugees who have come to Cameroon from Nigeria due to the Boko Haram violence. Pray for these refugees who have been displaced and had to flee their home. Pray that they

will feel the love of Christ through those who are ministering to them.

27th N. AMERICA *Acts 4:1-31*

Pray for **Marcos Holzner** as he works through the final process of obtaining US citizenship. Pray also for new candidates to work among the Bilala people group in Chad.

28th TAIWAN *Acts 4:32-5:16*

Mike Kittelson sings with the Hakka Evangelistic Association Choir that is singing this coming weekend in a church in Yangmei. May God use this music to reach hearts with the gospel.

29th EAST ASIA *Acts 5:17-42*

Joel and Liz Christenson praise the Lord for a growing indigenous missions movement to reach minority people groups in their country and to send workers elsewhere. Pray for local churches to equip and support those they send. Happy 14th birthday to **Tim**.

30th N. AMERICA *Acts 6*

Pray for **Dan Venberg's** work of presenting the ministries of LBIM in our local congregations. Pray for the Spirit of God to call future missionaries for global mission work through LBIM.

31st TAIWAN *Acts 7:1-43*

Praise God for three pastors who are being ordained this spring. **Pastor Li Yi-Song** receives ordination today at Victory LBC. Pray for him and this church, and for the other two newly ordained pastors and their churches. Happy 8th birthday today to **Joey Larsen!**

1 59th Street Lutheran, Brooklyn, NY

Pray for our Community Swap tomorrow as we invite people in our congregation and neighborhood to “swap” gently used items for free - giving what we don’t need and receiving what we do need. Pray for great connections with our neighbors.

2 Living Word Fellowship, Dickinson, ND

Pray for our Mother/Daughter Brunch today that it will be a meaningful time of experiencing God’s presence and the opportunity for producing spiritual fruit in the lives of those who attend.

3 Word of Life, LeSueur, MN

Today is Confirmation at Word of Life. Pray for the students as they consider God’s call on their lives in light of what they have learned in class.

4 CLBC

Pray for St. Matthew’s Lutheran in Edmonton as they seek a pastor and as they work through a new constitution in preparation for joining the Church of the Lutheran Brethren Canada.

5 King of Glory, Calgary, AB

Pray that God will help us to find favor and we will be approved to open a Christian pre-school which will run under King of Glory Kids Foundation.

6 New Life at the Well, Mt. Vernon, WA

Pray for the ministries to the homeless and working poor that our church offers each month. They provide food, clothes and loving care to many.

7 Rock of Ages, Saskatoon, SK

We are hosting an event this weekend called “Fashion Rising” to raise money for the Justice Rising Ministry. Pray for a good turnout and for the needed money to be raised.

8 Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA

Pray for the Mother Daughter Retreat this weekend. Pray that the ladies attending will be reassured of their beauty as mothers and as women who serve our Lord and Savior.

9 Seminary

Pray for the LBS Commencement as seven students graduate and head into ministry. Pray for Canadian Regional Pastor, Rev. Roger Olson who is the commencement speaker.

10 Mother’s Day

Praise God for mothers who nurture their children to a living faith in Jesus Christ. Let us also pray for those moms who need special encouragement for the struggles they are facing day to day.

11 Seminary

Pray for the faculty and staff of LBS as they move this week to their new facility. Give thanks to the Lord for LaWayne Rogness’ excellent management of the building project.

12 Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA

Dr. Craig Jennings will be the speaker at the Spring Midweek Retreat beginning today. Pray for Dr. Jennings as he shares from God’s Word with those attending.

13 The Mission Church, Paramus, NJ

Pray that a full time pastor will know God’s calling to come and shepherd our church.

14 CLB

Pray for President Paul Larson as he continues to learn and understand the fabric of our church body. Pray for endurance, wisdom and discernment as he travels and connects with CLB churches.

15 Word of Life, LeSueur, MN

Pray for our church and the leadership as we consider God’s plan to call our next pastor.

16 59th Street Lutheran, Brooklyn, NY

Today we will be joining with four other churches in our neighborhood to cleanup trash on our streets as a way to tangibly serve our community. Pray for good conversations with neighbors and a unified spirit among our churches.

17 Faith, Briarcliff Manor, NY

We are in the process of finishing phase one of our building program, which is a large play field for all our ministries. Phase two will begin soon with a three-story addition to our current facility, enabling us to add a kitchenette, handicap restrooms, a gathering area and teaching space. Pray for patience, wisdom and guidance as we go forward, as this project will take several years to complete.

18 Living Word, Dickinson, ND

Pray that God will lead us to or bring us someone who can minister to our youth.

19 Triumph, Moorhead, MN

Pray for us as we prepare and anticipate our VBS during the second week in June. We are expecting over 800 kids to join us at the East and West Campuses. Pray for volunteers and for God to begin to prepare the hearts of all who attend.

20 Eastern Region

Pray for the preparations for our ER Biennial convention being held June 26-28 at Tuscarora. Pray that all the activities, sessions and workshops will bring glory to God.

21 Mt. Bethel Church, Mt. Bethel, PA

Pastor Chris Priestaf began a sabbatical earlier this month. Pray for Pastor Chris and his family as they take this time for refreshment and renewal.

22 Hillcrest Lutheran Academy

HLA will be celebrating graduation for its seniors this weekend. Pray that they will boldly proclaim the gospel as they begin the next phase of their lives.

23 Bethel Ridge, Faribault, MN

Pray along with us that God will bring us the right person to be our next pastor. Pray that God will bless Pastor Ron Wik in his new parish.

24 Rock of Ages, Saskatoon, SK

Today is Confirmation Sunday at our church. Please pray for all those who are being confirmed today and that they will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

25 King of Glory, Calgary, AB

Pray for direction for our Sunday School leaders. Pray for God to put the right people with the right leadership gifts in place and for His wisdom and direction in everything that we do.

26 Cornerstone, Ferndale, WA

Pray for our Confirmation and high school graduates that the gospel will grip their hearts as they transition into the next stages of their lives.

27 CLB

Pray for God's continued blessing on the CLB *Lifting Our Eyes* ministry plans. We are eagerly trusting God for great growth in our seminary distance learning, student recruitment, the sending of additional missionaries through International Missions, and the planting of new churches via North American Mission over the next years. We are grateful for His faithfulness!

28 Victory Community, Yuma, AZ

Pray for us as we continue to search for a full-time resident pastor.

29 YC15

We are praising the Lord for the number of young people registered to be a part of YC15 this summer. Pray that many more students are able to be a part of this life changing event.

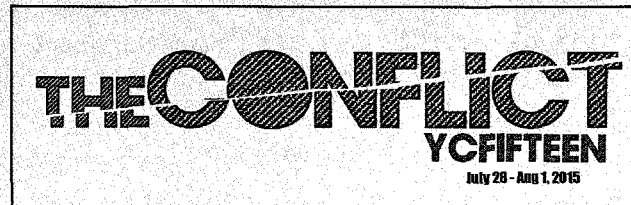
30 Eastern Region

Another group of churches has begun to gather in fellowship and in ministry. Bethany, East Hartland; Praise Christian Fellowship, Barkhamsted; and Faith Chapel, Cranston have joined together to form a cluster.

31 Resurrection, Camrose, AB

Today we will be celebrating the ordination of two elders, Riley Sexton and Greg Rokos. Pray for these men as they serve in leadership positions in our church family.

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The 2015 Lutheran Brethren Youth Convention will be held in Estes Park, CO at the YMCA of the Rockies. Our speakers for the youth convention will be Pastors Andrew Foss and Ed Nugent. The Eleeo Worship band from Bethesda LB Church in Eau Claire, WI will be leading the praise and worship time.

We are also very excited to have some top name concerts and performers featured. They are:

- Tuesday evening : Brad Stine (comedian)
- Wednesday evening: for King and Country
- Thursday evening: Remedy Drive

We look forward to a packed house. Registrations have already exceeded our expectations and there is still room for more. Make sure that your teens include this in their summer vacation plans.

Prayer
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