

First Lutheran Church

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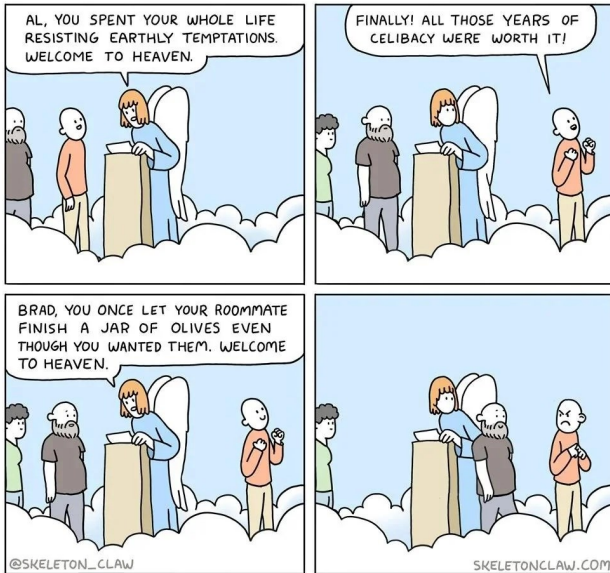
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Worship 10:00 am

Weekly Newsletter

9.24.26

Pastor's Ponderings



IT'S NOT FAIR!!!

Al spent his whole life resisting earthly temptations. Upon entry to heaven he exclaims, "Finally! All those years of celibacy were worth it!"

Al, who is still within earshot, is clearly not pleased. (i)

This is our struggle with the laborers in the vineyard. "When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius." (Matthew 20:9-10)

Because of course they thought they would receive more - and when they don't, of course they are angry! An entire day spent toiling in the sun and all they get is the same

thing as the five-o'clockers!? This is unjust! But that's not how the landowner sees it: "Why are you grumbling? I did you no wrong; you received the agreed-upon wage!" (see Matthew 20:11-13)

Perhaps most damning, the landowner asks, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15)

We Lutherans love to **talk** about grace, but if we find ourselves too often siding with the day-long-toilers over the guy that let his roommate finish the jar of olives, we probably need to ask ourselves whether we believe God's grace is freely given - or whether it's earned.

Thanks be to our **generous** and gracious God.

(i) Reference to the above comic.

If you have comments or questions, would like to talk, or desire a visit, please call or email either me or the church office.

Peace,

Pastor Shawn Schneider

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Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN

This Week at First

Worship: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

In-Person Worship

Sunday – September 27, 2026

8:00am - St. Paul Lutheran Church

10:00am - First Lutheran Church

Tuesday - September 29, 2026

7:00pm - Prayer Shawl Meeting

Friday - October 2, 2026

9:00am - "Men's Breakfast" at Lulu's in Bucyrus



We are praying for:

Kayla Bohland, Kevin McNeal, Joe Kokiko, Patty Owens, Tyler McMillan, Clint and Barb Howe, and Doug May

Long Term Prayer List: Mr. Robert, Tonya

McElree, Rick Stone, Pastor Tim Keeler, Joe Beaty, Marlene Leme, Chloe, Kaden Allarding, Haylee Lilly, Jean Henry, Tina Fuson, Ed Smith, Linda Kahler, and Bobbie Jo Seighman

Homebound, Assisted Living, or Limited

Mobility: Chuck Robinson, Betty Sargel, Jay DeNise, Jack Harpst, Jr., Millie Haas, Brenda Haas, Janet Hammermiller, Phyllis Straka, and Fred Watkins

To add someone to our prayer list or prayer chain, call the church office or email us at pastor@flcgalion.com



Shawn Schneider - September 29

Fred Watkins - September 30

Jay DeNise - October 1- September 18

