

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2010



Alleluia! The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia!

GREETINGS and WELCOME to  
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.

VISITORS please sign the guest book. **Come and worship with us again soon!**

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

**Prayer Before Worship:** Dear Jesus, You shed Your blood and gave Your body into death on the cross for my forgiveness. As I prepare to receive Your Holy Supper, I confess that my sins made Your cross necessary. Forgive me, my Savior, and strengthen me through Your body and blood to serve You in gratitude. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on me and grant me Your peace. Amen

**HYMNS: 413 457 \*740 552 VS.1,3**

\*\*Congregation-refrain, Small group—verses.

### ORDER OF SERVICE:

Service of the Word and Sacrament: Page 26

### Prayer of the Day—Spoken by all together,

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by Your gift of grace that we come into Your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to You and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what You have promised; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵 Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29 (Page 1212)**

We should proclaim the Word faithfully in the face of opposition since God's truth has the inherent power to crush false doctrine.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AUTUMN IS COMING!!

Fall Newsletter deadline is today! Have something to share with the congregation? Look for the Newsletter in mailboxes next Sunday!

Worship Time returns to 10am, September 12 - the Sunday after Labor Day week-end. Sunday School starts the same day (8:45am) and Adult Bible Class (8:55am). At least two adult courses will be offered on Sunday mornings! The Friday 9:30am class is finishing Revelation in the weeks ahead and is looking to start a new course in September. A young adult Bible study group is being formed to meet on Sunday or some other day of the week, perhaps off our campus. Look for more information on all of these in next Sunday's bulletin and the newsletter!

**Brooklyn Bridge School** is starting Tuesday, Sept. 7. We have over 20 children planning to attend one of our four classes. Do you know someone with a preschool aged child? Pick up a brochure from the office and encourage them to call or stop in. Pray that we might have full classes of 12 youngsters each learning about their loving Savior!

**Help get the classrooms ready** on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 10:00 am. Toys in the playroom, chairs, tables, and other furniture needs to be disinfected before the school year begins. With enough helpers it will take no time at all.

**The flowers on the altar** were given in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Leonard and Karen Smith. We thank them for beautifying our Service with flowers today.

**Altar Flower Chart** has numerous openings. See poster on Commons bulletin board.

### Forward In Christ (August issue) -

Go, Twins! No, not those Twins: the two sets of twins a mom birthed in the span of less than two years! (p30-31) 2010 MLC graduates (with pictures). Father/Son seminary graduates! (p26-27). Our calling to Christian Faith (p16-17, part 2). Immigrant couple from China called into fellowship with WELS (p14-15). "In The Beginning" - U of W emeritus professor Arthur Eggert addresses the creation/evolution debate (p10-11).

Thanks to all those who contributed toward our **Landscaping Project!** It looks great! NOW—Donations from Sunday fellowship and other welcomed major gifts are needed to repair and seal our **Parking Lot!**

### Psalm of the Day: *Psalm 139a (Page 116)*

God's omnipresence is a source of comfort for the Christian. We know we shall never be in a place where God cannot see us.

### Second Lesson: *Hebrews 12:1-13 (Page 1877)*

Hardship that we suffer on account of the gospel is a sign of loving discipline from our heavenly Father.

### Gospel: *Luke 12:49-53 (Page 1619)*

The truth about Christ will cause divisions. Yet this great truth must be maintained and proclaimed at all costs.

### SERMON: *Hebrews 12:1-2 (Page 1877)*

#### Run The Race Marked Out For You!

- ✘ Believe You Are A Winner!
- ✘ Persevere In The Race!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Meditation Theme for the week: "Run To Win!"

Today's Offering Counters: R. Lucht, B. Larson

Today	9:00	Worship with Communion Fellowship following the Service Wise Penny Work Day
Tues.	7:00	Sunday School Staff Meeting
Wed.	1:30	Worship Committee
	6:30	Lawn Mowing: Pastor Holub, G. Lieder
Fri.	9:30	Bible Class
Sat.	9:00—11:30	Bible Class teachers' Seminar

**Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9**  
**8:15 Bible Study "The Commandments"**  
**9:00 Worship—Fellowship following the Service**  
10:30 Brooklyn Bridge Board Meeting

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**Last Sunday** Worship Attendance: 67; Bible Class: 9  
Offering: \$2793.51; Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,511**  
VBS Offering: \$77.51  
Prairie Lodge Attendance: 16

## A CENTURY OF FAITH

At 111 years old, Elizabeth Buhler is one of Canada's few super centurions, meaning she's one of the oldest living people in Canada.

At age 20, Elizabeth was just an average young woman living in Ukraine. However, it was not an average time: it was a couple of years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, Elizabeth and her family found themselves the object of hatred because they were Christians.

As civil war raged between the revolutionary 'reds' and the anti-communist 'whites,' there was no truly dependable government.

Every so often, anarchist pillaging parties would raid the villages in the area - abusing the women they found, waving their pistols around and taking whatever they pleased. As the brigands approached, many of the women would go into hiding, in hopes that they would be spared.

One day, a group of these bandits came to Elizabeth's village. At one point, they were in her house. Although she was in hiding something prompted her to come out into the room where the invaders were.

Elizabeth went and sat in the middle of the room—and began playing music and praying. All the other women were hiding.

Shortly after, a member of the raiding band spoke up and said: "We need to leave, we've got the wrong house." Remarkably, he fur-

ther declared: "We ought to be ashamed of ourselves, doing this to a frightened family. Drop everything. Let's leave this village; don't hurt anyone."

Through her simple but courageous act of faith, Elizabeth and her family were protected from the men in the pillaging party that day.

Something in the hearts of those men changed, as Elizabeth played her guitar and sang her song.

To often, many people look down on youth for being insignificant, lazy and powerless.

But as 20 year old Elizabeth demonstrated all those years ago, even the seemingly strongest of forces can be defeated by the stronger faith of a young woman.

In 1926, Elizabeth moved to Montreal with her husband - and no money. Through the charity of strangers they were able to move to Manitoba. Once there, a kind family by the name of Krouker graciously sold them land for a modest price. From there, the Buhlers began to build their new life—and their new family.

Leonard, her grandson, said, "Our present society is devaluing strong family ties, and today everything is so individualistic."

It is perhaps Elizabeth's close relationship with God, and the many prayers invested in her grandchildren, that has in particular solidified her descendants' relationship with God.

Until recently Elizabeth would pray for each of her descendants by name. She is an intercessor prayer person. She is a woman of tremendous faith.



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**Our Mission:**

*We exist to use the  
Gospel of Christ to  
win the lost and to  
nurture  
believers, all to the  
glory of God.*



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