

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING. Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

SECOND READING. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL. Luke 18:9-14

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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Who is in and who is out? We quickly find as we read the texts today that when we try to draw those lines of “in” and “out” for God, we quickly find God on the opposite side of the line as we’d expect. Our God goes beyond human expectation – and loves us beyond our comprehension.

Prelude

Announcements

*Opening Hymn

How Small Our Span of Life

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*Apostolic Greeting

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*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

First Reading

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Anthem (8:30)

Ride On King Jesus

arr. Larry L. Fleming

Adult Choir

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

The fall decorations in the Narthex are given in Thanks to all at First Lutheran Church for their support, prayers, help and kindness from Mark & Diane Boen.

Fellowship and Refreshments this morning in the narthex between services by the family of Alison & Emilie Koch.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast is sponsored by LeRoy & Joan Anderson in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on October 23rd.

Visitors! If you didn't get a “Welcome Bag” when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

Our Good Samaritan Fund Needs Your Help to help those with special financial needs. Please give what you can give and indicate it on your pew envelope or on the memo line of your check.

Hurricane Matthew, one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes in years, has caused heavy rain, dangerous winds and landslides. The National Hurricane Center has reported Hurricane Matthew to be “extremely dangerous” with conditions favorable for it to maintain its strength. Where the hurricane has already hit the hardest in Haiti, Lutheran Disaster Response's trusted partner is providing pre-positioned relief material. Our response is spanning across several countries, especially Haiti and Cuba. Gifts designated for “Hurricane Matthew” will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those affected by this hurricane until the response is complete. **Check are payable to First Lutheran Church with “Hurricane Matthew” on the memo line.** Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors. Thank you!

Please check the Radio Broadcast sign-up sheet, if you have signed up. All families that have paid are checked off on the left of their name. Radio Broadcast for each Sunday is \$100, payable to First Lutheran Church. Thank you to all who are supportive of the broadcasting of our Sunday service. Many of our shut-ins utilize the broadcast and we are thankful to continue it with your support.

All Saints Sunday is coming up on November 6... We will remember all First Lutheran members who have passed away in the last 12 months by reading their names and tolling the bell during our worship service. We also give you the opportunity to remember other saints who have gone ahead to join the church triumphant. Everyone is invited to write the names of any loved ones they would like us to remember in the “Book of Saints” located on the podium in the narthex. We will print these names in the bulletin and remember them as a group during worship.

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Curt Rotto

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
9:30 a.m. Sarah's Circle @ Pioneer Pointe
10:00 a.m. AA
10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group
1:00 p.m. Hannah's Circle in Kairos Room
3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
4:30-5:15 p.m. FLY K7 Halloween Party!
6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Super FLY Costume Challenge!
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Senior FLY

Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study & Coffee
8:45 a.m. Morning Watch – Pastor Jennifer

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, October 30:

8:30 & 11 a.m. Stewardship Sunday Worship/
3rd Grade Milestone Blessing
9:30-11 a.m. Stewardship Brunch in Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
****No Adult Bible Study**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

***Gospel**

Luke 18:9-14

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Righteousness Revealed

Pastor Jennifer

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Children's Event

Pastor Jennifer

***The Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.

***The Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

***Blessing**

***Threefold Amen**

***Sending**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***Closing Hymn**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

Postlude

*denotes when to stand

Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Adult Choir Director:	Erik Vigesaa
Greeters:	8:30- Pat & Selmer Trosvig 11- Shirley Peterson & Mary Johnson
Ushers:	8:30- Duane & Bonnie Gran, Richard & Deb Felstul 11- Gordy & Sandy Kvern, Kristi Wentworth family
Lectors:	8:30- Karen Lundstrom 11-Harriet Wicklund
Acolytes:	8:30- Koryna Loomer 11-Grace Opatz
PA Operator:	8:30- Kevyn Heck 11-Margaret Ness-Ludwig

