

November 13, 2016

26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**FIRST LESSON. Malachi 4:1-2a**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

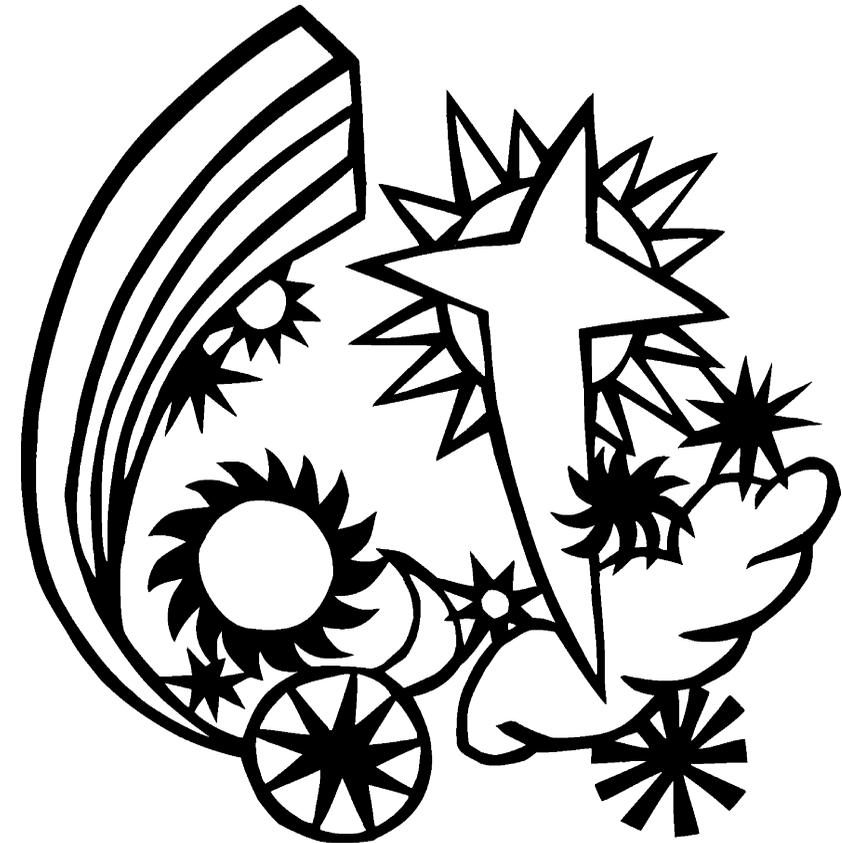
**SECOND LESSON. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**GOSPEL. Luke 21:5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

# Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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Sometimes we can feel like Chicken little – “The Sky is falling! The Sky is falling!” The tone of our readings today is ominous. The end is near. We come together as a congregation to break bread, confess sins and receive forgiveness, and to receive strength to walk forward together, knowing that with God’s love and care, we don’t need to be afraid.

**Gathering Songs**

*God Will Make a Way  
Be Unto Your Name  
Be Bold, Be Strong*

Worship Team  
Moen  
Sadler  
Chapman

**Announcements**

**\* Processional Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance*

**ELW 638**

**\* Apostolic Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

**\* Kyrie**

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**\* Hymn of Praise**

*This Is The Feast*

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**\* Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

**Kindergarten Milestone Blessing**

**First Lesson**

Malachi 4:1-2a

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

**Second Lesson**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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

**Coffee and Refreshments** will be served this morning in the narthex between services by the families of Ryan & Sara Hanson and Kaiden & Raven Vallevand.

**Rose on the Altar** is in celebration of the baptism of Jude Dean Buchholz, son of Derrick and Rebekka Buchholz. Sponsors are Samm & Natalie Knutson. Guardian Angel is Nicholas Flugstad.

**Visitors!** If you didn’t get a “Visitors Bag” when you came in this morning please pick one up in the basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the Sanctuary after worship.

**Large Print Bulletins are available.** If you would like a copy for worship, please ask an usher.

**Do you use offering envelopes?** With the addition of simply giving and electronic giving options, many members don’t use their offering envelopes. If this sounds like you, you could help save the church some money! The 2016 envelopes will be ordered within the next month. **If you wish to NOT receive the envelopes, please contact the church office.**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION REQUESTS FOR 2017:** The requests should be approved by the Church Council. The written request for funds should be sent to Orrie Leabo, Foundation President, before December 5th, 2016. This will help the Foundation Board to prepare for the Foundation’s Annual Meeting. If you have any questions or comments please contact the board members. They are as follows: Chad Felstul, Vicki Hanneman, Leonard Hatzenbuhler, Tim Johnson, Orrie Leabo, Missy Mattson and Linda Mellon.

**Zion Lutheran Church** is seeking an Office Administrative Assistant: a personable, organized, & energetic self-starter with experience in church office functions for a 30-32 hr/wk position. Please call the Zion Office at 218-736-2913.

**PioneerCare** is in need of volunteers to help residents get down to the chapel on Sundays. The service begins at 10:30 am. If you are interested in helping out, please call the church office for details.

It’s that time of year again for our Bookkeeper, Katrina, to order offering envelopes. If you know you do not need envelopes printed for your household, please call the church office at 218-739-3348. Thank you.

**Thankoffering:** Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings for more than 100 years. Thankofferings are sent in full to the church-wide women’s organization and help do mission and address concerns of women and children in crisis—especially the crisis related to poverty, health, AIDS and domestic violence. The blue offering envelope you receive in the Nov Messenger may be placed in the offering plate anytime in November or bring it to the office. If you receive your Messenger e-mail, there are envelopes on the Info Counter for your use. Questions?? Call Margaret Kratzke 736-3697

**Hannah Circle Hosting Pioneer Sunshine Aid @ 3 pm on  
Wednesday, Nov. 16th** in the Lakes Neighborhood on the 2nd  
floor of Pioneer Care.  
Come join us!

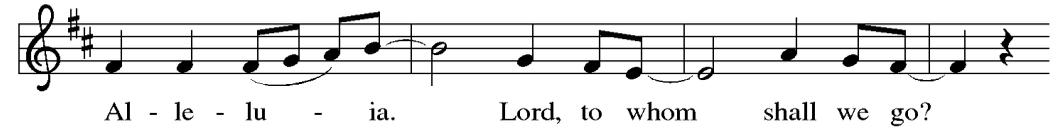
**NEW MEMBER COMMUNITY begins TODAY**...Join us between services today in the Kairos Room. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring membership at First Lutheran – PLEASE COME. This friendly, informal atmosphere offers an opportunity for everyone to get to know one another and take a look at our Lutheran teachings. Attending the sessions doesn't commit you to join. We will also meet on Monday, November 28th from 5:30-7:30 for class and a potluck dinner!

**Harvest Dinner is right around the corner!** We have all been blessed to be a blessing and donations are needed to make this year's Harvest Dinner a success! We only need a few remaining items! Sign-up today on the table in the narthex so that we know what you can help out with.

**CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 2016:** Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the Info Counter. Please pay \$15 (group rate) by check when you sign up. Payable to First Lutheran Church—Concordia Concert in the Memo line. Deadline to sign up and pay is Wednesday, Nov 23. Questions? Call Margaret Kratzke at 218-736-3697.

Interim Senior Pastor:	Erick Thompson
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Lectors:	8:30- Derek Abrahams 11:00- Carmon Jackson
Acolytes:	8:30- Isaac Pederson, Ian Stumbo 11:00-Ethan Menge, Brandon Hinsverk
Greeters:	8:30 – Jack & Sandy Pearson 11:00 – Daniel & Carol Roehl
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Duane & Bonnie Gran 11:00 – David & Lorri Holt
Ushers:	8:30-Robbie & Karen Olson, Tom & Jeani Trosvig 11:00- Joyce & Anthony Perez, Jace Vangrud & Ashley Shuck
Worship Team Director:	Anne Taylor
Organist:	Keith Melberg
PA:	LeAnne Jaenisch

**\* Gospel Acclamation**



(After Gospel is announced, congregation says, **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

**\* Gospel**

(After Gospel is read, congregation says, **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Sermon**

**Is the Sky Falling?**

Pastor Jennifer Rose

**Hymn of the Day**

**Goodness Is Stronger than Evil**

**ELW 721**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**\* Apostles' Creed**

**\* The Prayers**

**\* The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

**Offering**

**Fear Not**

Worship Team

**\*Offertory Response**

**We Are an Offering**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\* The Lord's Prayer** (alternate version)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Distribution of Communion**

**Hymns during Communion**

**\* Post Communion Blessing**

\* **Benediction and Sending** (Congregational response: *Thanks be to God*)

\* **Sending Hymn**

**My Life Is In You, Lord**  
Worship Team

D. Gardner

My Life is in You, Lord, — My strength is in

You, Lord, — My hope is in You, Lord, — in

You, — it's in — You. My Life is in

You, Lord, — My strength is in You, Lord, — My

hope is in You, Lord, — in You, — it's in — You. — I will

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\* **Postlude**

**My Life Is In You, Lord (Reprise)**

\* Indicates when congregation stands

**This Week at First Lutheran:**

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Blended Worship/Holy Communion/Kindergarten Milestone Blessing  
9:45 a.m. "Butterflies" (0-4 yr olds) – Fellowship Hall, West side  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. **New Member Class (Kairos Room)**  
9:45 a.m. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Class in Fellowship Hall, East side**  
**\*\*No Adult Bible Study today**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love days  
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
6:30 p.m. **Cemetery Committee Board Meeting**

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:00 p.m. **Church Council (\*Note Change of date)**

Wed.: 9:00 a.m. Al-Anon  
9:30 a.m. **Sarah Circle (Pioneer Pointe)**  
10:00 a.m. AA  
1:00 p.m. **Hannah Circle (PioneerCare)**  
3:45 p.m. Children's Choir  
4:30 p.m. FLY 57  
6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells  
6:30-8:30 p.m. **No Confirmation (Super FLY Harvest Dinner Prep – required for all Confirmation Students)**  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thurs.: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch – Pr Erick– KBRF AM 1250  
9:30 a.m. Sr. Coffee & Bible Study in Kairos room  
5-7 p.m. **Harvest Dinner**

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday: **NWMN ELCA Junior High Youth Gathering**

**Next Sunday, November 20th:**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Blessing  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study