

FIRST LESSON. Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL. Mark 10:17-27

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



*For mortals, it
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October 11, 2015

20th Sunday after Pentecost
 October 11, 2015
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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Today's Gospel story is our story. Like this decent, religious man, our many possessions and self-reliance hold us back like an immovable anchor. Can our loving savior free us from our "stuff" and pull us through the needle's eye and into his kingdom? Hear again the old, old story of grace and find out.

Gathering Songs

*Here I Am to Worship
 You Are the Lord
 There Is Joy in the Lord*

Worship Team
**Hughes
 Owens
 Keagy**

Announcements

***Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Steadfast and saving God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the name of +Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

C: Amen.

*** Processional Hymn**

Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW 822

*** 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.

WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE		UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00	
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00	
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00	
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00	
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00	
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00	
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00	
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00	
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00	
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00	

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
 2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Why Did Jesus Talk about Money So Much?

"The question Jesus illustrates so perfectly with the story of the rich barn builder is as current as the morning paper. Each of us asks the same question every day of our lives: Will I try to achieve a quality life by focusing on money or by focusing on God? As we answer that question, we tend to believe yet resist believing Jesus' teaching that money is both material and spiritual. On one hand, we see that Jesus is right. On the other hand, we are constantly tempted to think and behave as if Jesus missed the turn on the issue." [Money Is/Isn't Everything, Herb Miller]

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

* Kyrie

P: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:
Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

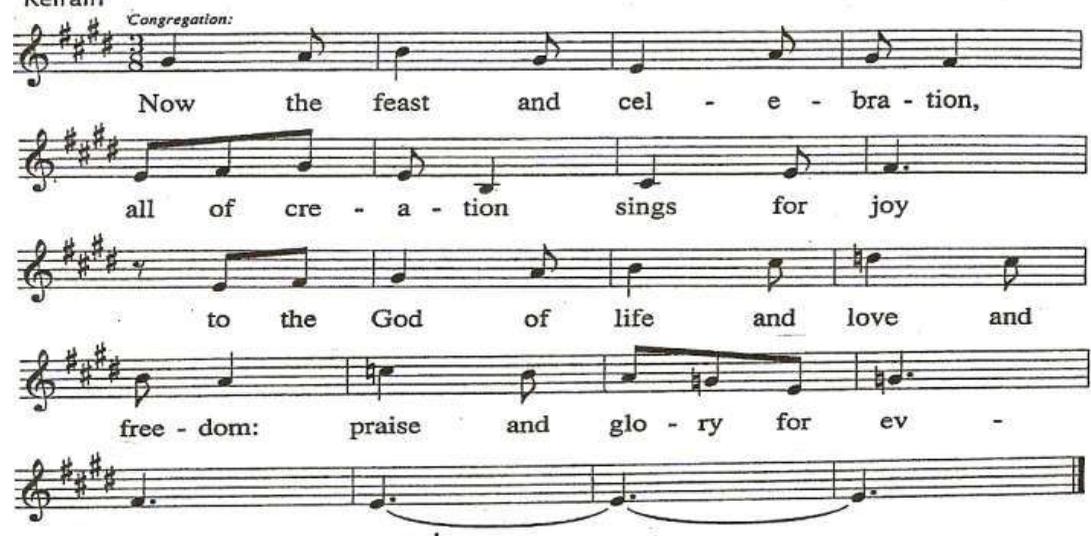
P: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all ... (Refrain)

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word ... (Refrain)

Assistant: Congregation:
Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.

* Hymn of Praise

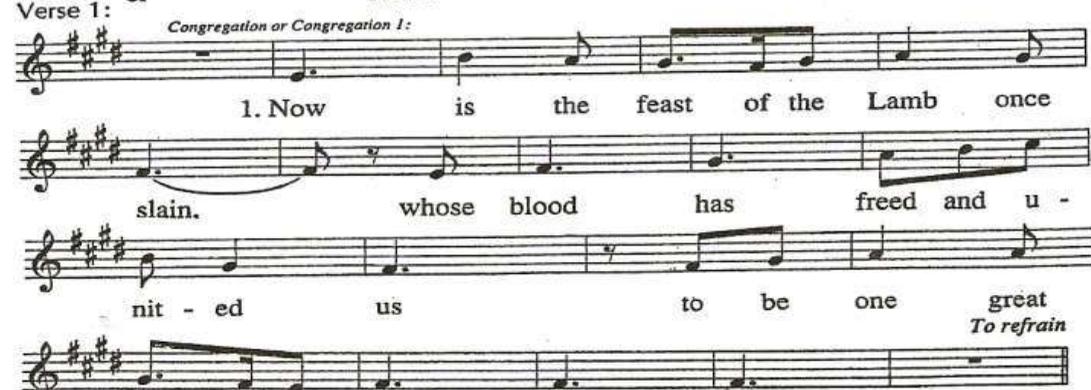
Refrain
Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

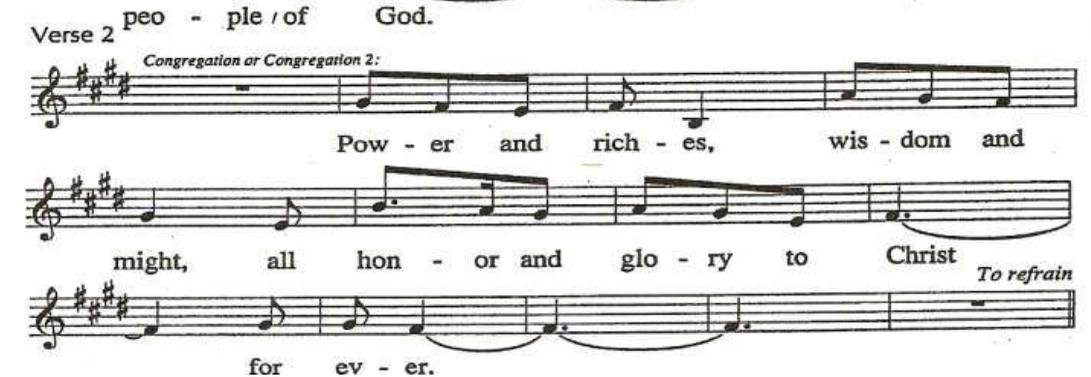
er - more!

Verse 1:
Congregation or Congregation 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
To refrain

Verse 2
Congregation or Congregation 2:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
To refrain
for ev - er.



Operation Bootstrap Africa
50th Anniversary Celebration!

Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of OBA!

The event will benefit the MaaSAE Girls School and the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre School of Nursing in Tanzania.



When: Friday, November 13, 2015
6:00-8:30 P.M.

Where: Thrivent Financial Bldg.
625 Fourth Ave. S.
Minneapolis

Silent Auction and Live Auction
Anniversary Program with guest
speaker Dr. Mark Jacobson, ALMC

Individual tickets - \$25

(ticket includes appetizer selection, sweets, and one drink ticket)

Tickets may be purchased online at www.bootstrapafrica.org
Go to "Give Now". On the donation page, check "50th anniversary
tickets. Ticket purchase deadline is November 1.

Are you interested in joining a group that will travel to the event by
motor coach? The motor coach will depart Fergus Falls at
approximately 1:00 p.m. and depart Minneapolis at 8:30 p.m. The
cost will be \$40 per person (includes event ticket and round-trip bus
fare). Please contact Morrie Kershner at 218-736-5493 before Oct.
12 if you are interested. A minimum number of 40 will be needed.

Coffee and Refreshments will be served this morning in the narthex between services by the families of Camden Andrews and Brett Swedberg.

Altar Flowers are given by Logan & Jasmine Sonmor in celebration of their first wedding anniversary.

Known Hospitalized this week: Marilyn Rose at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

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.

NO Education Hour Next week – classes resume the following Sunday

Butterflies (birth – 4 year olds & Parents) meet today in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Reminder from our Bookkeeper: If you don't have your offering envelopes, please use a pew envelope to place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Meals by Wheels: November Meals by Wheels dates: November 2 thru 6 and November 9 thru 13. If you are available to help out one or more of these dates, please contact Rick West at 218-205-6963.

Red Cross Blood Drive: The Outreach Committee is in need of volunteers to help out at the upcoming Blood Drive on Friday, November 13th from 10-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Rick West at 205-6963 if you are interested in helping.

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Part-time Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Lectors:	8:30- Chad Felstul 11:00- Steve Guttormson
Acolytes:	8:30- Andrey Lockett, Brandon Hinsverk 11:00- Aaron Shelstad, Matthew Oehler
Greeters:	8:30 – Ty, Katie, Elly & Maya Stortroen 11:00 – Steve & Kathy Emerson
Communion Assistants:	8:30 – David & Lorri Holt 11:00 – Tom & Jane Willett
Ushers:	8:30- Robert & Karla Wynn, Duane & Bonnie Gran 11:00- Eric & Rachael Shelstad, Robbie & Karen Olson
Worship Team Director:	Anne Taylor
Sacristans:	11:00- Carolyn Sund
Organist:	Keith Melberg
PA:	LeAnne Jaenisch

Refrain
Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 3
Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

*** Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

First Lesson

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

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

Second Lesson

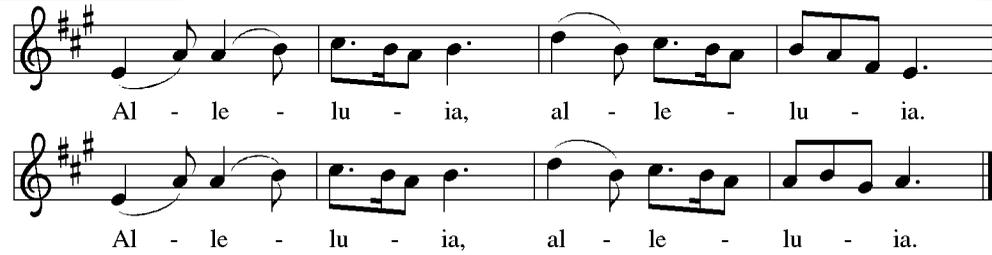
Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

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

*** Gospel Acclamation**

ELW 174



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

*** Gospel**

Mark 10:17-27

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

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

Sermon

The Old, Old Story

Pastor Saul Stensvaag

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

*** Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

*** The Prayers**

*** The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

No Other Name

Gray

Worship Team

***Offertory Response**

What Have We to Offer?

R. Makeever

- 1 What have we to offer? What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer; hearts filled with care.
God will not falter; so let us dare
Lay it at the altar there.
- 4 What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Lives we will live.

***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.

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today:	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Blended Worship/Holy Communion/
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Butterflies
	10:00 a.m.	3rd Grade Milestone Class (East side of Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	3 pm	Girl Scouts
Monday:	9 am	WELCA Love days
	5 p.m.	Al-Anon
	7 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday:	9 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	3 pm	Mill Street Bible Study
	5 pm	Education Committee Meeting
	6 pm	Church Council
Wed.:	9 am	Al-Anon
	10 a.m.	AA
		No Children's Choir, FLY 57, Senior FLY or Confirmation (MEA)
	6 pm	Hosanna Handbells
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thurs.:	8:45 a.m.	Morning Watch – Pr Jennifer– KBRF AM 1250
	9:30 a.m.	Sr. Coffee & Bible Study
Friday:	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
<u>Next Sunday, October 18th:</u>		
	8:30 & 11 am	Worship
		No Sunday School (MEA Weekend)
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

WELCA FALL CAMPAIGN
“Coins, Cash & Checks Change Lives”

Each Fall, the Women of First Lutheran Church reach out to each of you asking for financial support of Missions that are important to all of us. Therefore the product of this Campaign is Coins, Cash and Checks. The product of a generous culture is Changed Lives locally and Around the World.

We helped financially to Change Lives in these areas in 2014: KBRF Morning Watch, Jail Ministry, Lutheran Campus Ministry, A Place to Belong, WELCA Scholarships, Lakeland Hospice, Luther Crest, PioneerCare Chapel Fund, OBA Scholarships, OBA Shule Funds, OBA Mama Naomi Clinic, Haiti Medical Mission, Haiti School Children (Soaring Unlimited) and Haiti Mission Fund (wells).

You are asked to place your coins, cash, or checks in an envelope marked WELCA Fall Campaign and either put it in the offering plate or bring it to the office before the end of October.

We are all called to Grow in faith, to Support one another and to Engage in Ministry and Action. Thank You for your Support of this Campaign. Because of your Actions, we will be able to help Change Lives again this year.

-WELCA Board

Fall 2015 Cluster 8
 Women of the ELCA
 Presents:
**“Exploring God’s
 Creation”**

Guest Speaker:
 Dr. Heidi Manning
 New Life Church
 102 w. Main Ave., Rothsay,
 MN

Saturday, October 24th, 2015
 Registration & Coffee: 9:00
 AM

Meeting & Program: 9:30 AM
 Noon Meal &
 Fellowship following

**Sign up in the First Lutheran
 Church office by Sunday,
 Oct. 11th. Write your check
 for \$10.00 to First Lutheran
 WELCA**

On Saturday, Oct. 24th, we will meet in the west church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to share rides to New Life Lutheran Church in Rothsay, MN.

Distribution of Communion
Hymns during Communion

*** Post Communion Blessing**

*** Post Communion**

Garment of Praise
 (congregation please join in on refrain)

Ingles

Put on the gar-ment of praise for the spir - it of heav - i - ness,
 Lift up your voice to God. Praise with the Spir - it
 and with un - der - stand - ing, - Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord.

Chord markings: Bb, Eb, Bb, F7, Bb, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Eb, Edim, Bb/F, Gm Gdim7, F13, F7, Bb

- 1 All you that mourn in Zion, I have authority to appoint unto you in Zion oil of joy that will set you free. **Refrain**
- 2 Lift up the hands that hang down. Lift up the voice now still. Give unto God continuous praise. Sing forth from Zion’s hill. **Refrain**
- 3 Sing to Yahweh, Alleluia. Worship and praise our God. Praise and adore Him. Bow down before Him. Oh, magnify the Lord. **Refrain**

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*** Benediction and Sending**

(Congregational response: Thanks be to God)

*** Postlude**

Garment of Praise (Reprise)

* Indicates when congregation stands