



# October 11, 2020

19th Sunday of Pentecost

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from Augustana & First Lutheran

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## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!** The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. **Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is He!**

## GATHERING HYMN

### *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

### HYMN #521, v.1,2,4

O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;  
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:  
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;  
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.  
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.  
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

## **GREETING**

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

## **KYRIE**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another; Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us look to our God in prayer:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen!**

## HYMN

## "Jesus Loves Me"

ELW #595 v. 1

### Vs. 1

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

### Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

### READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.; Those slaves

went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**REV. DAVID STROM**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Now We Join in Celebration*

**HYMN #462, v.1-3**

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Brief silence*

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer!**

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer!**

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*).

Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. **Hear our prayer!**

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer!**

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer!**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

### **WORSHIP & PRAISE #41**

## COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways. In an upper room of a guest house in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The body of Christ given for you. *(all share in eating the bread)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(all sharing in drinking of the cup)*

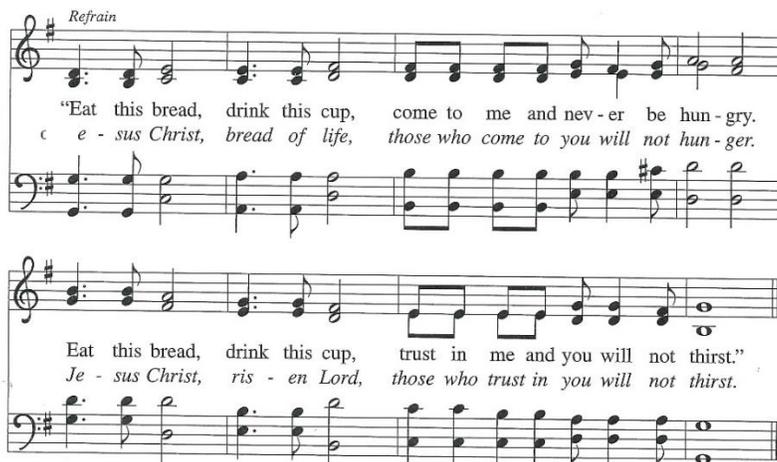
Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

### *Eat This Bread*

### HYMN #472

*Refrain*



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
e - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community  
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## LORD'S PRAYER

**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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;  
 dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 meet a-gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904  
 Music: William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

GOD BE WITH YOU  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**First Lutheran will continue online worship with Augustana.** All worship services are closed to the public, but will be live streamed on YouTube and on-air on KJK AM 1020 or Channel 977 FM97.7 at 9:30 am, or PEG Access Channel 8 (check for times). The Smart Team is working on a plan regarding return to worship and other church activities. Updates provided as they are available. If you have a pastoral care emergency, you can contact Pastor Gretchen at 218-321-0995. Please continue to call (leave a message) and email with questions or concerns. Phone: 218-739-3348, Email: [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org).

**We appreciate your on-going support of the ministry of First Lutheran Church.** Your gifts may be mailed to the church at 402 South Court Street, or you can visit the website [www.flcff.org/donate](http://www.flcff.org/donate) and set up your donation plan.



## FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2020

Church phone number 739-3348 and email [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)

The flowers on the altar and the radio broadcast are given by Dennis & Esther Youngberg of Augustana Lutheran Church.

**Tonight, October 11 FLY 7-12** Bonfire, Smore's & Charades at 6:00 pm in the Upper Parking Lot.

**Ordination of Chantell Lankford today**, October 11 at 3:00 pm outdoors at God's Acres at Zion Lutheran Church-Amor. Mask wearing is expected, and bring your own lawn chair if possible. Zion-Amor location in case of inclement weather.

### Coming up this week:

- Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 pm Council meets via Zoom.
- Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 pm Hosanna Handbells (smaller group) meets in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet in Sanctuary.
- Thursday, October 15 at 1:00 pm Bible Study on Luther's Small Catechism in the Narthex.
- Friday, October 16 at 6:30 pm Drive In Movie Night Upper Level Parking Lot.

**Christ in Our Home Devotional booklets** October-December and the **October Messenger** are both available in the Narthex and the Little Free Library.

If you requested offering envelopes, they are available in the Narthex for pick-up.

**Sunday, October 18, 2020 Member Appreciation Sunday** – drive thru pick-up of American Legion ribs 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (or until gone) in the Upper Parking Lot. Due to COVID-19 please remain in your vehicle. Free will offering. Please contact the church before October 15th at 739-3348 if you need a meal delivered. **NOTE: Date of this meal was incorrect on page 1 of the Messenger.**

**October Sunday School Kits** are ready for pickup in the Narthex. If you would like one delivered (and haven't already signed up for delivery) please contact Kristy at 218 531-9544 or email [Kristy@flcff.org](mailto:Kristy@flcff.org).

**2020 Fall Campaign "Coins, Cash & Checks Change Lives"** – the women of First Lutheran are reaching out for financial support for missions that are important to all of us. Please place your donation in an envelope marked *WELCA Fall Campaign* and leave it in the office or mail it to First Lutheran before the end of October. Thank YOU!

**Worship Singers** - if you are interested in coming to worship in person, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to help with singing for October 18<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Call Harriet Wicklund (701) 426-4003 or the church office 739-3348.

**Study Opportunity on Luther's Small Catechism** led by Michael Wicklund still has space available. Please call the office at 739-3348 to sign-up. The class will meet face to face in the Narthex from 1:00 to 2:00 pm on Thursdays until November 12.

**All Saint's Sunday** is on November 1. If you would like a loved one remembered on that Sunday, please print their name in the book in the Narthex, or contact the church office (739-3348 or [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)) with the names before October 26. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin on All Saint's Sunday, November 1.

**A Women's Bible Study will begin October 19** and run for 6 weeks. The time selected is Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Social distancing will be observed. "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer will be used as a guide. There is still time to sign-up! Please let the office know (739-3348 or [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)) if you are interested (*if you've already contacted the office, no need to call again*).

**Habitat for Humanity** is looking for individuals and small groups of volunteers to help with our current build at 1353 Lenore Way (near Calvary Free Lutheran Church). Building days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Masks encouraged when working outside before the house is enclosed, and masks are mandatory when working inside the enclosed house. No experience necessary; directions are shown by the experts. Please call Habitat ahead at 218 736-2905 or 218 205-5739. Thanks!!

**Join us for fun, spirituality & fellowship at Aspire Women's Event** on Friday, November 6 at 7:00 pm at Harvest Outreach Church in Wahpeton, ND. Cost \$25.00. Please let Pastor Gretchen know if you are interested (call 218 321-0995) before October 23.

**Thank you from the Riverside Lions** for participating in our shoe drive this fall. You may have read in the Journal how successful our collection was. This is 3-fold: We receive some money for local projects, we keep shoes out of the landfill, and we help entrepreneurs in poverty create a business. This is an ongoing project, so periodically you will see collection boxes around town.

**The Riverside Lions collect eyeglasses** for reuse. There is a collection box in the Narthex for your convenience. Thank you.

**Mitten Ministry** – we are collecting new mittens, hats & scarves (purchased or homemade) to help those in need of winter wear. Please leave your donation in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you.

**Change to Make a Change** – There is a large plastic bottle in the Narthex and we invite you to put your spare change in the bottle. The money collected will go to help feed the hungry – 75% locally and 25% worldwide. Thank you!

**Fleet Farm Trunk or Treat** will be on Friday, October 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. First Lutheran will be participating. If you would like to donate candy, there is an orange bowl located in the Narthex. Thanks!

**Financial Update:** As of October 5, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$359,656, year-to-date budget \$411,250, last year: \$367,762.