



October 18, 2020

20th Sunday of Pentecost – Member Appreciation Sunday

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from Augustana & First Lutheran

Worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

www.augustanalutheran.org www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

HYMN #526, v.1,4

1 God is here! As we your people meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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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.**

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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. **Amen.**

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

Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"*Lord, Listen to Your Children*"

LINDA MELLON

Ken Medema

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

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

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions.

First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere,

and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.
²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"²¹ They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

"Identity"

VICAR LYNN MELCHIOR

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is My Father's World

HYMN #824, v.1&2



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ry - where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

HYMN #186

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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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

Let Us Break Bread Together

HYMN #471, v.1



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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.**

SENDING HYMN*You Servants of God*

HYMN #825, v.1,4



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
2 As -cend-ed on high, al - might-y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal -va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless-ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o - ver all!
tri-umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas-ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

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

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Today, 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.

Thank you to all who helped coordinate this event!



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2020

Member Appreciation Sunday

Church phone number 739-3348 and email office@flcff.org

The flowers on the altar are given by Barret & Harriet Wicklund in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Todd & Dacia Johnson from Augustana Lutheran in memory of Cynthia Johnson.

Today, 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.

Coming up this week:

- Monday, October 19 at 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study "Battlefield of the Mind" in the Narthex.
- Wednesday, October 21 after school until 4:30 pm FLY K-6 at Roosevelt Park.
- Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm Hosanna Handbells (smaller group) meets in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm Confirmation 7th graders meet in Sanctuary.
- Thursday, October 22 at 1:00 pm Bible Study on Luther's Small Catechism in the Narthex.

News for the November Messenger is due by October 21. Thank you!!

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

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.

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

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) 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.

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.

Sponsorship Sheets for 2021 Radio Broadcasts and Altar Flowers are on the kiosk in the Narthex. You are welcome to stop by to select a Sunday you would like to sponsor, or you can call the office at 739-3348 to check on availability. Radio broadcast cost is \$100.00, and flowers run approximately \$45.00. Thank you.

How Can I Help?

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

Zoom Fellowship will begin on Sunday, November 1 from 11:00 to 11:30 am. The purpose of this is twofold: 1) to connect with people and 2) to talk about a fun topic! For November 1, All Saints Sunday, the topic will be – what deceased loved one do you remember fondly? Zoom link is: www.flcff.org/zoom-fellowship

Financial Update: As of October 12, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$366,028, year-to-date budget \$422,070, last year: \$375,303.