



October 4, 2020

18th Sunday of Pentecost - Generosity Sunday

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from Augustana & First Lutheran

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

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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

HYMN #654, v.1,3,5



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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

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. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

READING: Isaiah 43:18-19

¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Alone

Lauren Daigle

KATIE JOHANSEN
ANNE TAYLOR, piano

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 6:19-21

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

¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

SERMON

PASTOR KEITH ZEH



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890

Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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

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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.**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

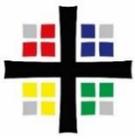


who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

DISMISSAL

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



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020 - GENEROSITY SUNDAY

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Roy & Sheila Graham in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary, which was on Oct. 2.

The radio broadcast today is sponsored by Augustana Lutheran Church.

Today, October 4, 2020 is Generosity Sunday!! Thank you to guest Pastor Keith Zeh, Assistant to the Bishop, for preaching. Worship will be outdoors (weather permitting) and on the radio and YouTube. Drive thru rolls & juice from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the **upper level parking lot** (note: this location is a correction from last week's bulletin). Holy Communion will also be offered at this time. Due to COVID-19, please remain in your vehicle.

Coming up this week:

- Monday, October 5 at 12:00 pm Executive Committee meets via ZOOM.
- Tuesday, October 6 at 4:00 pm Worship Committee meets in Narthex.
- Tuesday, October 6 at 5:30 pm Discipleship Committee meets in Staff Conference Room.
- Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 pm FIT team meets in Kairos Room.
- Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 pm Mutual Ministry meets in the Narthex.
- Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm Hosanna Handbells (smaller group) in Chapel.
- Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm Confirmation (7th & 8th) meet and attend Next Faithful Move Worship.
NOTE: Confirmation will last until 8:00 pm on October 7.
- Thursday, October 8 at 1:00 pm Bible Study on Luther's Small Catechism meets in Narthex.

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.

Mark your calendars:

- Sunday, October 11, 2020 FLY 7-12 will have a bonfire, charades & s'mores from 6 to 7 pm in Upper Parking Lot.
- Sunday, October 18, 2020 Member Appreciation Sunday – drive thru pick-up of American Legion ribs beginning at 11:00 a.m. 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.

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 Helpers - if you are interested in coming to worship in person, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to help with singing for October 18th, and November 1st, 15th, and 29th. Call Harriet Wicklund (701) 426-4003 or the church office 739-3348 if you would like to help on any of those dates.

Study Opportunity - I would like to invite you to join me in a study of Luther's Small Catechism. I will be leading this study is part of my coursework at Luther Seminary. This study is open to anyone who is interested but due to Covid-19 restrictions, spaces are limited to ten participants, so, sign up right away by calling the office at 739-3348. (There is still room) We will meet face to face in the Narthex at First Lutheran Church from 1:00 to 2:00 on Thursdays. This is a seven-week course starting October 1st, concluding November 12. I look forward to healthy discussions and the opportunity for personal growth as we study this foundation of our Lutheran faith.- *Michael Wicklund*

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.

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.

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) if you are interested (*if you've already contacted the office, no need to call again*).

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 and set up your donation plan. Any questions, please call the office 739-3348.

Financial Update: As of September 28, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$347,824, year-to-date budget \$400,430, last year: \$360,221.