



# November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday of Pentecost

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](http://www.augustanalutheran.org) [www.firstlutheranchurchff.org](http://www.firstlutheranchurchff.org)

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. **Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great."** But I am poor and needy; **hasten to help me, O God!** You are my help and my deliverer. **O Lord, do not delay.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

### HYMN #244, v.1,2,4

Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

## REETING

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

**p. 184 Congregation sings the refrain**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

## CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God. (Brief Silence) 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. 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

**p.187**

*Refrain* S 187

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of  
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -  
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo- ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us look to our God in prayer: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**KRISTY WICKLUND**

**READING: I Thessalonians 4:13-18** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**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.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

## SERMON

REV. DAVID STROM

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O God Our Help In Ages Past*

HYMN #632, v.1,4,6

O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: William Croft, 1678–1727

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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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need, as we respond with the phrase, "Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great.**"

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

### WORSHIP & PRAISE #41

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!

## 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

### Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

### HYMN #436 v. 1

Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.

### 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***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***HYMN #631, v.1,4**

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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



## FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Dennis & Audrey Emmen with wishes that everyone smile and take a short break from COVID stress.

**The radio broadcast is sponsored by** Tedd Steenbock in memory of Patti's birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Zoom Fellowship** today November 8th 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! Today's topic: What are you thankful for? Zoom link is: [www.flcff.org/zoom-fellowship](http://www.flcff.org/zoom-fellowship)

**In-Person Worship has started!** Maximum number allowed at this time is 50, and pre-registration is required. If you are interested in attending worship, contact the office at 739-3348 Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or after Thursday contact Pastor Gretchen at 218 321-0995. Worship continues to be with Augustana, and will be broadcast on the radio and YouTube.

### Coming up this week:

- Monday, November 9 – 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study *Narthex and Zoom*
- Tuesday, November 10 – 1:00 to 7:00 pm Blood Drive (pre-registration required) *Fellowship Hall*
- Tuesday, November 10 – 6:00 pm Council via *Zoom*
- Wednesday, November 11 – 12:00 pm Mutual Ministry *Narthex*
- Wednesday, November 11 – after school FLY K-6 *Roosevelt Park*
- Wednesday, November 11 – 6:00 pm Hosanna Handbells (smaller group) *Sanctuary*
- Wednesday, November 11 – 6:30 pm Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> Graders *Narthex*
- Thursday, November 12 – 1:00 pm Luther's Small Catechism Bible Study *Narthex*

**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 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Call Harriet (701) 426-4003 or the church office.

**November Sunday School Kits** are ready for pick-up 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 [kristy@flcff.org](mailto:kristy@flcff.org).

**Blood Drive at First Lutheran** Tuesday, November 10 from 1 to 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. To register call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Sponsor code: Fergus First Lutheran. We are still looking for volunteers to cover 2 shifts: 1-4 pm and 4-7 pm, with 2 volunteers per shift. Please contact Jennifer at 701 238-0276 if you are able to help. Thank you.

**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.

**Thankoffering 2020** –Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to missions through Thankofferings for over 100 years. Funds collected will be used to address concerns of women and children in crisis and poverty, health/AIDS, and domestic violence. Please mark your donation "Thankoffering" and bring it or mail it to the church office before December 1.

**Meals by Wheels November 23-27** (note: no delivery November 26) Since we cannot utilize our traditional means of sign up, please contact Jennifer by text or phone call (701-238-0276) or via email ([77jennifer@msn.com](mailto:77jennifer@msn.com)) to let her know of your willingness to help/preferred routes/dates of availability. Please know that this request does not supersede any current recommendations--please use your best judgement in volunteering. Thank you.

**Luther Crest 17 the Annual Christmas Bake Sale is open for orders!** Place an order by calling 320-846-2431, by completing an on-line order form at [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org), or use a form on the Info Counter in the Narthex. Orders due December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Give to the Max Day to support nonprofits and schools** is on November 19. You can donate to the NW Minnesota Synod of the ELCA by visiting [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org). This year's giving will benefit three areas that align with the synod's core values of: *faithfulness, authenticity, and love.*

### How Can I Help?

- **Giving Trees** – financial contributions for the Giving Trees can be sent to the church office, specifying it is for the Giving Tree. The funds will be used to shop for gifts for *A Place to Belong* and *Someplace Safe*.
- **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.

**Financial Update:** As of November 2, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$390,141, year-to-date budget \$443,710, last year: \$390,385.