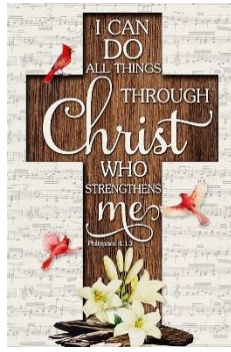




First Lutheran Church  
FERGUS FALLS, MN  
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Sunday, October 10, 2021

9:30 am worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost – Gratitude Sunday

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KJK or FM 97.7 Livestream on YouTube, link on website.  
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## GATHERING

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## HYMN #858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## 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.**

## 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. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

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**Lord have mercy. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Let All Things Now Living*

**HYMN #881**

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Take Now My Voice*  
Douglas Nolan

**SENIOR CHOIR**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**KRISTY WICKLUND**

**PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17 (sing or read bolded lines responsively)**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days,\* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?\* Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your lovingkindness in the morning;\* so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us\* and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works\* and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;\* prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

**READING: ECCLESIASTES 11:1**

<sup>1</sup>Send out your bread upon the waters,  
for after many days you will get it back.

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

**GOSPEL: MARK 10:17-31**

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

<sup>17</sup>As he 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?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>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.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>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!" <sup>24</sup>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! <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Boomerang Blessings*

**PASTOR BLAIR ANDERSON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### For God Risk Everything!

1. For God risk ev - 'ry - thing! Since  
2. How shriv - eled, Lord, the soul That  
3. From hearts that hide and hoard The  
ev - 'ry - thing we own, Our laugh - ter, tears, the  
grips what it re - ceives And dares not free its  
treas - ures that you send Free us, till we by  
songs we sing, Our breath, our flesh and bone, Are  
anx - ious hold But fool - ish - ly be - lieves That  
faith, O Lord, Shall act as you in - tend, Till  
no more ours to keep Than wind that rush - es  
you are too se - vere To par - don an - y  
we risk all for you, Risk ev - 'ry - thing you  
by Or dreams that flick - er in our sleep Or  
loss, For - get - ting how your Son made clear For -  
give, And risk - ing, learn what Je - sus knew: By  
clouds that fade to sky.  
give - ness on the cross.  
risk - ing all we live.

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Tune: TERRA BEATA, SMD; English melody, adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

William Everett McMahan

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*William McMahan will be baptized here this morning. His mother, Teasha, was baptized, confirmed and married to Ethan McMahan in this church. Teasha's dad, Derek, was confirmed here and he and Tammy are now grandparents. William's great grandpa is Gary Eckley.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

## OFFERING

Let us pray: **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERING RESPONSE***Create in Me a Clean Heart***HYMN #186**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****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.

**COMMUNION****COMMUNION HYMNS***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***HYMN #814**

Take, oh, take me as I am;          sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

*Beautiful Savior***HYMN #838**

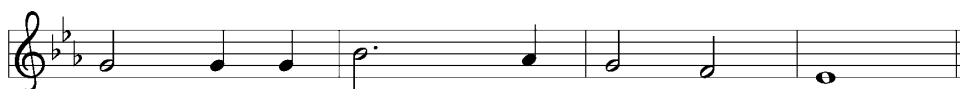
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,          King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows,          fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine,          fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,          Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee,          tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er,          Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er,          Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or,          praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul,          my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

**HYMN #800**

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

**DISTRIBUTION**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

**HYMN #537**

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

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

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### This Sunday, October 10, 2021 – Gratitude Sunday/20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Worship, Pastor Blair Anderson preaching, with Holy Communion & Holy Baptism followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- 10:30 am “Canned Auction” & Craft Sale in *Narthex*
- 10:30 am Drive Thru Meatball Meal *upper parking lot*
- 10:30 am Sign up for photos for Directory *Narthex*
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School *lower parking lot*

### Monday, October 11:

- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters
- 2-8:30pm Church Picture Directory Photos
- 5pm Al-Anon

### Tuesday, October 12:

- 12:00pm Personnel *Conference Room*
- 2-8:30pm Church Picture Directory Photos
- 3:00 pm Mill Street Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Council *Kairos*

### Wednesday, October 13:

- 9:30 am Al Anon
- 10:00 am AA
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA
- 2-8:30pm Church Picture Directory Photos
- 3-4:30pm FLY K-6, Roosevelt Park
- 4:30 pm FLY 7-12 at church
- 5:00 pm OA
- 6:00pm Hosanna Handbells
- 7:30pm Adult choir

### Thursday, October 14:

- 10:30 am Senior Bible Study *Kairos*
- 12:00 pm Middle of the Mess Book Study
- 6:00 pm Women’s AA

### Saturday, October 16:

- 10:00 to 11:30 am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Intensive *Fellowship Hall*

### Next Sunday, October 17:

- 9:00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> graders & family *Fellowship Hall*
- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade milestone followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- 10:30am Sign up for Directory Pictures, *Narthex*
- 10:30am Canned Auction and Craft Sale, *Narthex*
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School *lower parking lot*

### Welcome to 1st Lutheran!

\* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.

\* The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ’s promises are welcome.

\* Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don’t mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.

\* If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

***Please pray for our Service Members: CJ Ward, Joe Dinsmore and Alex Pajari.***

**The flowers** on the altar are given by Barret & Harriet Wicklund in celebration of their anniversary. **The rose on the altar** is in celebration of the baptism of William Everett McMahon.

**The radio broadcast** is sponsored by Gary Eckley in celebration of the baptism of his great grandson William Everett McMahon.

**Kid Worship Challenge**- Today is Gratitude Sunday. Gratitude to show thankfulness or return kindness. What are some ways that you can show gratitude? Write them down, or have a parent write them down for you and give it to Ms. Kristy when you go to Sunday School. Feel free to even draw a picture of it.

**Craft Sale and Canned Auction** in the Narthex continues today and next Sunday, October 17. Come to check out the awesome items after church.

**Stay for the drive through American Legion Meatball Dinner** after church TODAY! If weather permits, there will also be tables in the parking lot to eat outside.

**Sunday School and FLY K-6**- please fill out a Health/Permission form for your child(ren) if you have not already filled one out this 2021 year. Forms can be found in front of the church office and on our website. Please turn into the office.

**We need more ½ gallon milk jugs** for flowers. Please bring them, clean, into the office.

**“Phattie Nattie” Yoga** is now taking place in our church! Tuesdays at 12 and 5:30pm. The church has two comp spots, please contact the office or Pastor Gretchen to sign up for them.

**We are hiring a full time Middle and High School Youth Coordinator** to share with Augustana LC. Please find our job listing on Indeed.com or the FF Chamber of Commerce website.

**Make a joyful noise!** The Adult Choir (7:30pm) and Hosanna Handbells (6:00pm) have returned to rehearsals on Wednesdays.

**We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks:** November 21 and December 12. Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is also available on Oct. 31, Nov. 14 & 21. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

**The Library Committee** has free books for you in the Narthex! Check out the cart by the courtyard windows.

**Our New Photo Directory** needs your picture! Sign up in the Narthex after church today or on October 17 and 24. You can also sign up online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Church ID: MN144, pass: Photos