

## GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Katie and Doreen introduced, Pr. Stan's gift presented*

CALL TO WORSHIP *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **HOSANNA HANDBELLS, ADULT CHOIR**

**PIANO: Joyce Perez, ORGAN: Keith Melberg**

## 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

**Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

## KYRIE

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Lord have mercy. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**VICAR LYNN**

**PSALM 46 PRESENTED BY ADULT CHOIR**

*God is our Refuge, arr. Pote*  
**TRUMPETS: Josh McGowan, Scott Kummrow**

**READING: ROMANS 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

**GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

**SERMON**

*“Freedom”*

**VICAR LYNN**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*     **KRISTY WICKLUND, SUNDAY SCHOOL**

I will call upon the Lord (echo) Who is worthy to be praised (echo)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (echo)

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock And may the God of our salvation be exalted!  
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock And may the God of our salvation be exalted!

Boom, boom, chick, chick,  
Boom, boom, chick, chick,  
Boomed, boomed, boom, boom, KICK IT!

**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**

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great. Amen.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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**

**ELW #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.

## 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

#### *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

ELW #779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

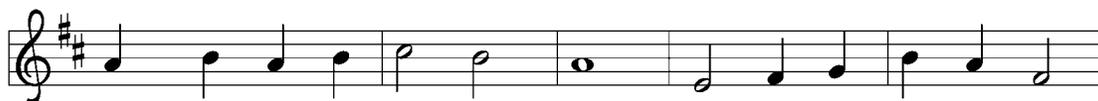
Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW #515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.  
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

### DISTRIBUTION

### BLESSING

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

Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #886



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## **SENDING SERVICE FOR PASTOR STAN SATRE**

### **Farewell and Godspeed**

Pastor Stan as you retire, we wish to bid you farewell. You have shared Christ's light with those of us who are grieving, ill and struggling. We thank you.

When you first came to First Lutheran, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

After 7 years of faithfully serving First Lutheran as our Visitation Pastor you are retiring, and we have appreciated your deep service to your position as Visitation Pastor, your passion for letter writing, your singing and your Ole and Lena jokes.

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Stan Satre, who has enriched this congregation and shared his gifts with us. Now bless and preserve him at this time of transition. Day by day, guide him and give him what is needed, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling him. By your Holy Spirit be present in his pilgrimage, that he may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **This Sunday, October 31, 2021 – Reformation Sunday**

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion with sending service for Pastor Stan Satre
- 10:30am followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School: Reformation/Halloween party

## **Monday, November 1:**

- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters
- 5pm Al-Anon

## **Tuesday, November 2:**

- 1:00pm Worship & Music Committee
- 5:30pm Discipleship Committee

## **Wednesday, November 3:**

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 12:00pm Executive Committee
- 12:00pm FIT Team, *Kairos*
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 3-4:30pm FLY K-6, Roosevelt Park
- 4:30-5:30pm Confirmation, *Fellowship Hall*
- 5:00pm OA
- 6:00pm Hosanna Handbells
- 7:30pm Adult Choir *Narthex*

## **Thursday, November 4:**

- 10:30am Senior Bible Study, *Kairos*
- 12:00 pm Middle of the Mess Book Study, *Narthex*
- 4:00pm Finance Committee
- 6:00pm Women's AA
- Directory Pictures

## **Friday, November 5:**

- Directory Pictures

## **Saturday, November 6:**

- Directory Pictures

## **Next Sunday, November 7: All Saints Sunday**

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*.
- 9:30am Installation of Pastor David Strom
- 11:20am Education Committee
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies
- 11am-2pm Confirmation Intensive, *Fellowship Hall*

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.

**The radio broadcast** is sponsored by Judy and Dick Werner, blessings and peace to all!

**Thank you to Valerie Clark** for making a special gift of an individual cake for Pastor Stan and Bev today.

**A slide show is being created** to accompany a performance by the choir for the Thanksgiving Eve service. The theme is "Giving Thanks to God". We are looking for any pictures of families, special events, selfies, landscapes, sunrises/sunsets, etc... that you are thankful for. This slideshow will also be broadcast on YouTube as part of the joint Fergus Falls ELCA Thanksgiving Eve worship service. By submitting the picture, you are giving permission for this to be used for worship and it will be streamed on YouTube. Please submit digital photos to Kristy@flcff.org or text to (218) 531-9544 by Wednesday, November 10th.

**We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks:** 2022 Dates are open; Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is available for Dec. 5. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you! 2022 dates are now open.

**Sunday School:** Join us for Sunday School from 10:45-11:15 in the education wing lower level.

**Luther Crest- Registration for Summer Camp 2022** will open on November 1, 2021. Winter Youth Retreat- 3-6 Grade Retreat: January 14-16, 2022 and 6-9 Grade Retreat: January 21-23, 2022 check out the website: [luthercrest.org](http://luthercrest.org) for registration and more information. Early bird registration rate for Summer camp ends February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Children ages 0-3 years and a special adult-** Butterflies will be starting November 7<sup>th</sup> in the lower education wing, classroom #3. Our 30 minute class begins with a warm welcome, next a craft and toddler lesson/story, singing, a wiggle activity and ends in prayer. An exciting change this year is that Butterflies Sunday School will be in session every Sunday that the older Sunday School children meet.

**We are in need of prayer shawls!** If you knit or crochet please make some for us and bring to the office. Thanks!

**If you have a loved one** you would like remembered in the **All-Saints bulletin Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** please write their name in the book in the Narthex. We will ring a bell for congregation members who have passed since the last All Saints Sunday.

**Join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve Service,** Wednesday Nov. 24, 6:30pm. We are welcoming members and musicians from other Fergus Falls ELCA churches for this community worship service.

**We will have a Giving Tree again this year!** Check out the November Messenger for more information.