

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

October 23, 2022 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”



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Welcome to Worship this morning.

Reminder: We are videoing “live”.



Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God’s forgiveness. Keep the faith. God’s people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus’ sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Prelude

Joanne Richards

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Rick Dunkley

Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Red Worship Book 654

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

L: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

L: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Kyrie

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Prayer of Day

C: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Baptism of Addalynn Foley Ramirez

Red Worship Book pg. 227

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me!"

Red Worship Book 595

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Psalm 84:1-7

L: How dear to me is your dwelling,

C: O LORD of hosts!

L: My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;

C: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

L: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

C: by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

L: Happy are they who dwell in your house!

C: They will always be praising you. R

L: Happy are the people whose strength is in you,

C: whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

L: Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,

C: for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

L: They will climb from height to height,

C: and the God of gods will be seen in Zion. R

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 205

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 206

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

the worship is ended ... let the service begin....



Baptized at our font on October 23, 2022, is Addalynn Foley Ramirez, daughter of Nathan and Angie Ramirez. Her sponsors were Delayna Groen, Allyce Mulder and Genessa Sadler. Also baptized on October 23, 2022, after Worship is Penelope Jean Bostrom, daughter of Chris and Bonnie Bostrom. Her sponsors were Cassandra and Dylan Van Gordon.

We welcome Addalynn and Penelope into the family of God at First Lutheran.

****The Noisy offering for this month is for Blessing Box, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.**



Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalm

Psalm 32:1-7

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Sympathy to the family of Kia Johnson (Amy and Jamie Johnson's daughter's death), Bradley Fairbanks, Leigha Ness, Kathy Thompson, Judy Smith, Lana Jensen, Wally Guptill, Karen Johnson (mother of Jamie and Amy Johnson), Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth), Yvonne Guptill, Drew (Mindy's brother), and Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny).

Care facility member ~Dorothy Svendsen.

For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.

Mon. 6:30 pm All Boards.

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

Wed. 5-6:30 pm FiA-Trunk or Treat; 5-7 pm Confirmation; 6:30 pm Worship Service/HC; 7-8 pm Youth Group.

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.

Mon. 5-8 pm Youth Group Trick or Treat for Food Shelf.



Thank you everyone for your prayers, calls and cards during my surgery and recovery. Also thank you for the hotdish that someone dropped off, it was much appreciated.

We have a caring family at First. Thank You again.

Kathy Thompson

LOOKING AHEAD



Now the holidays are approaching rapidly and the **Annual FOOD & FUND DRIVE** to give all families a Thanksgiving meal is underway. Please join us in the effort to distribute **Thanksgiving/Christmas meals** to our neighbors in need this season.

To that end, each church is invited to concentrate on collecting one food item.

We invite your church to lead your own Food & Fund Drive by Collecting 100 boxes of Stove Top Stuffing and monetary donations to help purchases additional items for holiday meal.

Please have them collected and here at the church by **November 6th**
Box is in the Narthex for your donation. Thank You!



*Youth Mission Trip and
Women on a Mission
Soup/Sandwich/Craft and Bake Sale*



10am- 2:00 pm Saturday, November 5th

If you would like to bring bake sale items or crafts items for this fundraiser, it would be appreciated. We will also be selling lefse! If you would like to make a financial donation, you may do so by using your offering envelope, mark it "Craft/Soup" or turn in cash donations (marked Craft/Soup).

Depending on COVID status, we will have lunches to go, if need be.

If you would like to help or have questions??? Contact Mindy Johnson 320-469-3774.