

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

October 2, 2022 – 17<sup>th</sup> 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. This Sunday, we are celebrating “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday! We will be sharing Holy Communion. Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor, or Pastor can commune you, or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.**

**Reminder: We are videoing “live”.**



A little faith goes a long way is Jesus’ point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

**Prelude  
Welcome**

**Joanne Richards**

**Hymn                    “God is Here!”**

**Red Worship Book526**

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> 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.

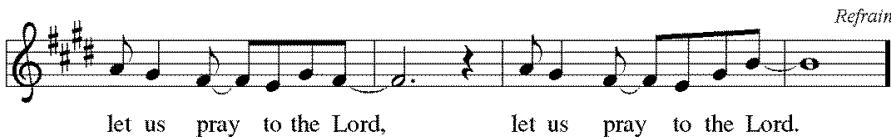
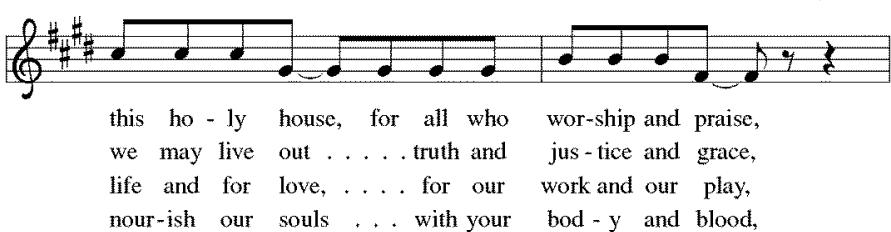
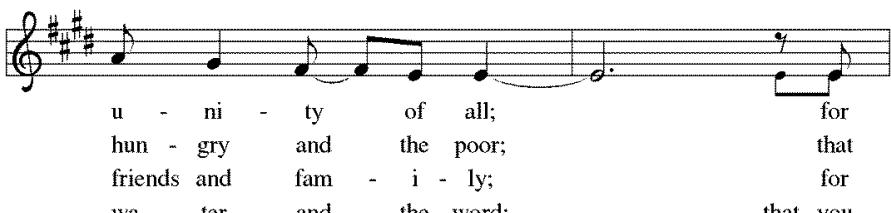
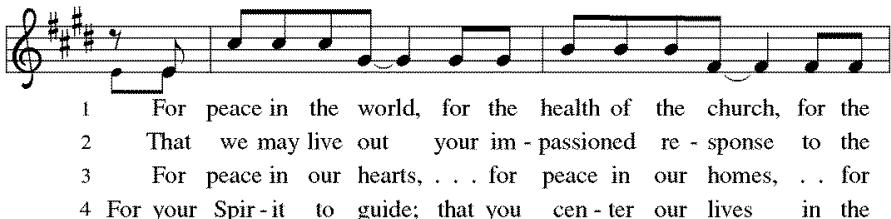
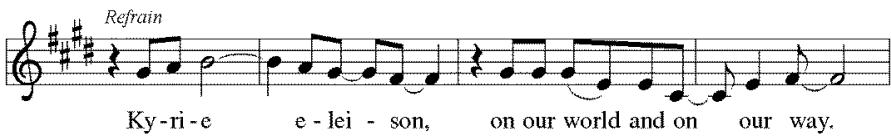
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 <sup>☩</sup> 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**



## Prayer of Day

**C: Benevolent, merciful God:** When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

### First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to

me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

### Psalm 37:1-9

L: Do not be provoked by evildoers;

**C: do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

L: For they shall soon wither like the grass,

**C: and like the green grass fade away.**

L: Put your trust in the LORD and do good;

**C: dwell in the land and find safe pasture.**

L: Take delight in the LORD,

**C: who shall give you your heart's desire. R**

L: Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,

**C: and see what God will do.**

L: The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light

**C: and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

L: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

**C: Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

L: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

**C: do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

L: For evildoers shall be cut off,

**C: but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land. R**

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

<sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

### The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 205

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

### **Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

### **The Gospel of Our Lord**

**Red Worship Book pg. 206**

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

**Children's Sermon**

**“Faith”**

**Pastor Brenda Wicklund**

**Sermon**

**“Really, Mustard Seed?”**

**Pastor Brenda Wicklund**

**Hymn        “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

**Red Worship Book 759**

- 1** My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2** May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3** While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

### **Apostle's Creed**

**Red Worship Book pg. 105**

**C: 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.**

### **Offering/Hymn**

**“O Master, Let Me Walk with You” (vs. 1 & 3)**

**Red Worship Book 818**

- 1** O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 3** Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

### **Offering Prayer**

**L:** Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.      **C: Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**L:** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## Words of Institution

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Red Worship Book pg. 208**

**Communion Hymn**

**"As Grains of Wheat"**

**Red Worship Book 465**

*Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

**Communion Hymn**

**"Come, Let Us Eat"**

**Red Worship Book 491**

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,) come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
(Our Lord's body let us take together,) our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,) come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,) Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,) in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,) in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,) rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,) Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

## Blessing

L: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity,  one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C: Amen.**

## Communion Prayer

**Hymn "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praise"**

**Red Worship Book 535**

*Refrain: Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat*

- 1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.  
*Refrain*
- 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

## Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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



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

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### Next Week's Readings and Psalm

**First Reading****2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c****Psalm****Psalm 111****Second Reading****2 Timothy 2:8-15****Gospel****Luke 17:11-19**

**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Leigh Ness, Judy Smith, Lana Jensen, Wally Guptill, Karen Johnson (mother of Jamie and Amy Johnson), Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil and Joyce Segebarth), Yvonne Guptill, Drew (Mindy's brother), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and Alysa McFadden (daughter of Robert and Pat Anderson).

**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**

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### Announcements/Calendar

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC; after Worship Lendt's pumpkin patch.

**Tues.** 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; 5-6 pm Community Meal.

**Wed.** 5-6:30 pm FiA; 5-7 pm Confirmation; 6:30 pm Worship Service; 7-8 pm Youth Group.

**Thurs.** 8 am Men's Text Study.

**Sat.** Mindy at Synod training; 8 pm AA mtg.

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

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**Lendt's Pumpkin Patch Sunday,  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> after Worship**

## Community Meal will be Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

5:00- 6:00 pm, with Worship Service at 6:30 pm.

# Chili and cornbread



# KETTLE RIVER FALL GATHERING

## Saturday, October 15-First Lutheran Church, Hinckley

Theme: "A Time for Everything Under the Heaven."

*Registration 9-9:30 am - Donation is \$10*

*See flyer on bulletin board for more info.*



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10 AM-2 PM**

## HINCKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

- COAT DRIVE-We will be collecting gently used, clean coats, blankets, sweaters to be distributed by United Way.

## \*Veteran's Services

## **\*Housing                    \*Childcare                    \*Education**

## \*Childcare

## **\*Education**

## \* Senior Services

## \* Food Access

## \* Mental Health Services

## \* Disability Services

## **\*Warrant Resolution**

\* Much more!

\* Free lunch

## **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

# **Everyone is welcome!**

**For more information, call the United Way at 218-879-8404.**



# German Fest

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm.**

# **St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hinckley**

**(see flyer on bulletin board across from restrooms)**

