

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

October 30, 2022 – 21st 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. 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”.



“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Prelude

Pat Anderson

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Rick Dunkley and Donna Wachsmuth

Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Red Worship Book 504

- 1** A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2** No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 4** God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

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: Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcome New Member- Affirmation by Assembly

Red Worship Book pg. 237

L: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

L: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

L: us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Psalm 32:1-7

L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

C: and whose sin is put away!

L: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,

C: and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,

C: because of my groaning all day long.

L: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;

C: my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. R

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

L: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

C: when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

L: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;

C: you surround me with shouts of deliverance. R

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 205

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of Our Lord

Red Worship Book pg. 206

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

Children's Sermon "Be the Light"

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Sermon "We Know the Song"

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Hymn "We All Are One in Mission"

Red Worship Book 576

- 1** We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2** We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3** Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Nicene Creed

Red Worship Book pg. 104

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

L: God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 208

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 Hymn **“As the 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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" **Red Worship Book 471**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

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 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" **Red Worship Book 774**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,) safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,) leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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



New Members Are Joining

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

We welcomed the following new member during Worship today: Larry Garaghty. His sponsor is Kathryn Souer.



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

Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm

Psalm 17:1-9

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~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/New Member.

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

Tues. 9 am Lefse making for Soup/Sandwich; 9:30 am Women's Bible Study in Library

Wed. 11 am Staff mtg.; 5-6:30 pm FiA; 5-7 pm Confirmation; 6:30 pm Worship Service/HC; 7-8 pm Youth Group.

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study.

Sat. 10-2 Soup/Sandwich/Craft/Bakes Sale; 8 pm AA mtg.

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



Thank you to everyone for the cards, calls, and visits for my birthday. It really made my day.

Dorothy Svendsen.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of David Mickelson (brother of Colleen Volden.) May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.



Today is Commitment Sunday for our stewardship program.

Please pick up your commitment card today from the ushers or on the table in Narthex. All are invited to place your commitment card in the basket during Holy Communion or if not, you can send it to the church- attention Kathy Thompson.

Please return by no later than December 4th. Thank You.

You are invited to join together in Fellowship Hall after Worship for coffee and cookies.



Trick or Treat for Food Shelf

Youth Group (grades 7-12) will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf Monday, October 31st from 5-8 pm If you would like the youth to stop at your house let Mindy know or you may bring in your donation.



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



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

We need people to bring bake sale items or crafts items, If you would like, 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.

If you would like to help, make lefse, we will be making it on Tues., November 1st at 9 am. Hope to see you Thank you.



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.

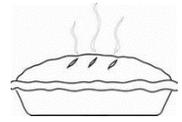
Please have them collected and here at the church by November 6th

Box is in the Narthex for your donation. Thank You!



Psalm 150:6, KJV

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Pie and Praise!

7 pm on Saturday, November 12th

**We invite you to join us for a night of
Praise and Worship and a Pie Potluck!**



**Thanksgiving Dinner Church
5 pm Wednesday, November 16th**

Join us at 5 pm for "Thanksgiving Dinner Church", November 16th! We will gather for an Intergenerational meal and fellowship that will include Worship and Holy Communion. Participate in this worship and dinner as we give thanks to God for all our blessings and give thanks and prayers. All are welcome! Parents, come with your FiA children, young and old invited!

Worship begins at 5 pm NOT 6:30.

No 6:30 pm Worship



Please join us for our
Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Noon-2 pm-Thursday, November 24th
First Lutheran Church-301 Lawler Ave. South

*Join your community to celebrate this day in the true spirit of Thanksgiving-Turkey and all the trimmings,
homemade!*

Reservations Appreciated by November 21st

(Home delivery and pick-up is also available upon request.)

Robin Hendrix – 320-279-0961 Lois Kunze- 320-384-6399

Everyone Welcome! GOOD FOOD-GOOD FELLOWSHIP

We also will need workers on Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30 pm to do food prep for dinner and workers to help serve, clean-up, etc. on Thursday, November 24th.

Sign-up sheets will be on the Usher's table in Narthex.