

**Whoever  
does not take  
his cross and  
follow me  
is not  
worthy  
of me.**

**Matthew  
10:38**

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, June 28, 2020

## 9:30 AM Worship Fourth Sunday after Pentecost LBW Setting One Non-Communion

PRELUDE AND BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage 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**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

**C: Amen**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” ..... Randy & Gwen Hall

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

**Merciful Father, for Jesus' sake you have welcomed us into your kingdom and given us abundant and eternal life. Set us free from the power of sin and death, and send us forth to serve and welcome others, seeing in them the very presence of your Son; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING .....Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

PSALM.....Psalm 119:153-160

<sup>153</sup> Look on my affliction and deliver me,  
for I do not forget your law.  
<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me;  
give me life according to your promise!  
<sup>155</sup> Salvation is far from the wicked,  
for they do not seek your statutes.  
<sup>156</sup> Great is your mercy, O Lord;  
give me life according to your rules.  
<sup>157</sup> Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,  
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.  
<sup>158</sup> I look at the faithless with disgust,

because they do not keep your commands.

<sup>159</sup> Consider how I love your precepts!

Give me life according to your steadfast love.

<sup>160</sup> The sum of your word is truth,  
and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

SECOND READING ..... Romans 7:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

ALLELUIA

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 10:40-42

<sup>40</sup>Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" ..... Randy & Gwen Hall

SERMON ..... Pastor Curt Hanson

"O Living Bread from Heaven" ..... Randy & Gwen Hall

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

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, for ever and ever. Amen**

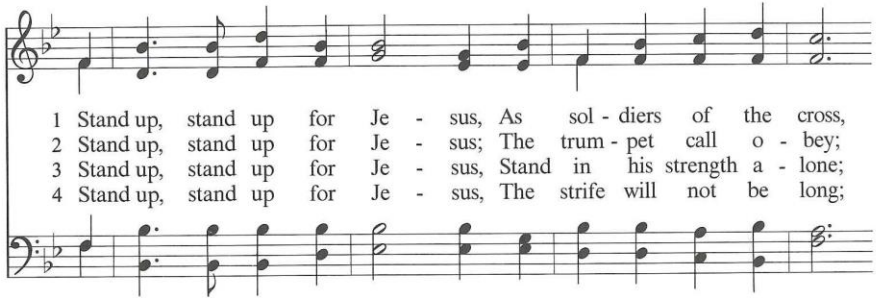
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**"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**

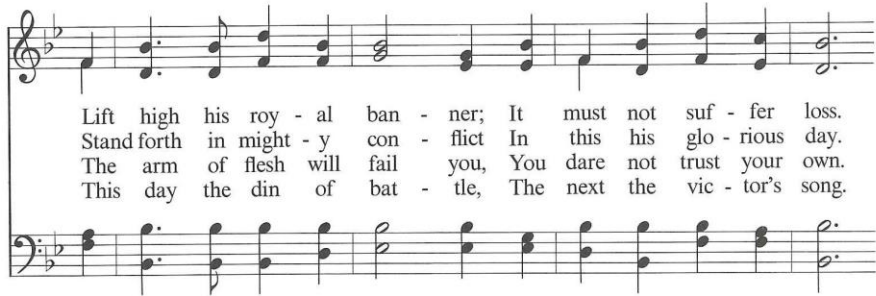
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## Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

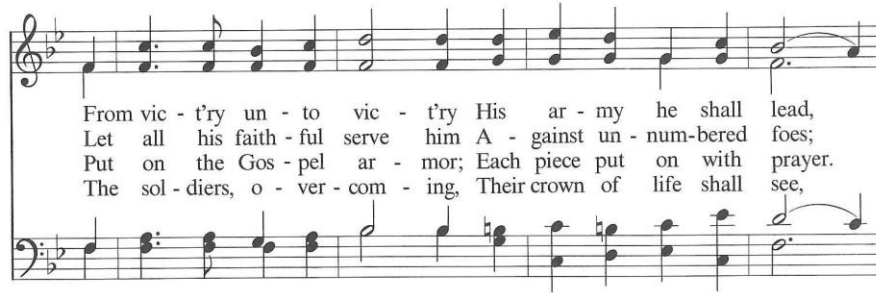
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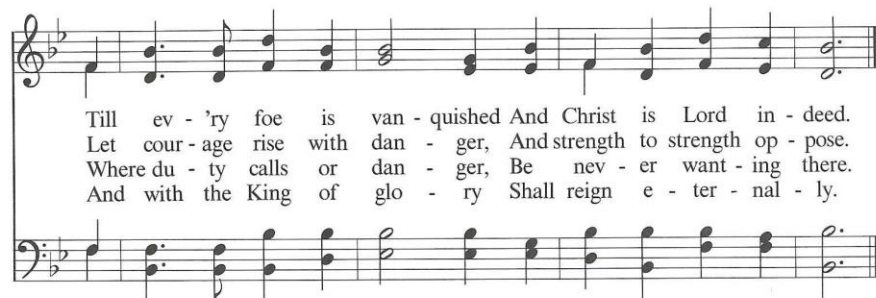
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, As sol - diers of the cross,  
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in his strength a - lone;  
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day.  
 The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.  
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my he shall lead,  
 Let all his faith - ful serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see,



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.  
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
 And with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.



Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Curt Hanson  
READER.....Dewey Oster  
VOCALISTS ..... Randy & Gwen Hall  
ORGANIST.....LeAnn Richard  
USHERS/GREETERS ..... Rick Richard  
ALTAR GUILD ..... Claudette Ness & Maybell Job  
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ..... Rick & LeAnn Richard

**Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

**Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Welcome! Let us join with the psalmist who declares: “I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever” (Psalm 89:1).

**Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

**Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> Attendance - 70  
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,763.00

**Prayer Requests**

Harold Holtz, Cindy Delmonicao – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Randy Hall, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Mike Thyberg, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Taylor Gardner, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

**After Worship**

We ask that after the worship service today, if you don't plan to take your bulletin home with you to please throw it in the garbage can in the narthex on your way out. Also, if you plan to visit, please step out of the building and do so with social distancing in mind. Thank you!

## **Graveside Service**

Graveside service for Vivian Merkel will be tomorrow, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am at Riverview Cemetery.

## **Church Council**

Church council will meet this Wednesday, July 1, at 7:00 pm.

## **Special Music**

Anyone wishing to do special music during the worship services, please talk to Jeannette in the church office.

## **Our Daily Bread**

The June/July/August issue of *Our Daily Bread* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

## **Camp of the Cross Updates**

- Father the Camp 2020 – NEW since we weren't meeting at First Lutheran for the previous Mother the Camp – there is a plastic tub in the Narthex for the ANNUAL donations. A list of food items, kitchen supplies, office supplies, housekeeping, craft items and program needs is on the tub, with lists tacked on the bulletin board in the entry for the taking. Any donations help to reduce the operating costs of the camp. Donations can be collected until Saturday, July 11 and then will be packed up for delivery to the Camp.
- Prairie Lake Festival Update – The festival committee after prayer and discussion has decided to cancel this year's festival all together. They are hoping for a bigger and better festival in June of 2021!
- Summer Sundays on the lake at Camp of the Cross Ministries is through Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Worship at 10 a.m. with community picnic to follow – "rain or shine".

## First Lutheran Church Updates

- First Lutheran has begun in person worship services, limiting to a total of 150 people. Masks are recommended but not required. Pews are blocked off. Hymn books, pew cards and pencils have been removed. Bulletins will be put in the pews. Singing will be limited. CDC guidelines on the Smart Restart will be followed. Offering plates will not be passed but will be on the bulletin table for you to put your offering in before or after worship. ***Until further notice Facebook Live services are suspended.*** There will be no gathering downstairs with the exception of utilizing the restroom facilities. It was determined that AA will be the only group allowed to meet at this time. Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- The front door only will be open daily from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm to help keep traffic down during this pandemic.
- We ask that you remember your tithing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church if you will not be attending worship at the church.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
WED.	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting

# Listening for the Promise

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—June 28, 2020

*“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” –Matthew 10:39–*

Within their immediate context, these words of Jesus have meaning for our family and friends. In the preceding verses, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace but a sword. His law and gospel will produce division between people, and this is by design. Indeed, he says that he came to set family members against each other. Since our love for Jesus should exceed our love for all others, he tells us that we must choose him over family and friends in such cases. The one who finds his life (in his family and friends instead of Christ) will lose it.

However, the reverse is also true. The one who loses his life (among family and friends) for Christ’s sake will find it. Then, in the very next verse, Jesus tells us that our new life in him will include a whole new set of relationships. “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.” While we will lose some relationships, we will gain others. Some will reject us, but others will receive us!

Many of us have experienced this reality first hand. There are issues in our society that divide. Close friendships can be suddenly severed in anger and bitterness. Following Christ has never been easy, and as time goes on it seems that we still have to discern his holy will for his people since people with varying political views, scriptural views, and theological understandings don’t always agree or get along. What one calls “orthodox” another calls “heretical.” As Jesus told us, he did not come to bring peace but a sword. And his word is the sword that divides. (Hebrews 4:12)

In the theology of the cross, we view the events of our lives through the paradigm of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Our conversion at baptism is a death of our old self and a rising of our new self. In our return to baptism, our old self is drowned through daily repentance so that our new self can arise. And since this has social implications as well, we must sometimes die to old relationships so that new ones can arise.

**Prayer:** For your sake, O Lord, we must sometimes lose family and friends. In such cases we pray that you might bring our estranged family and friends back to you and to us. Amen.