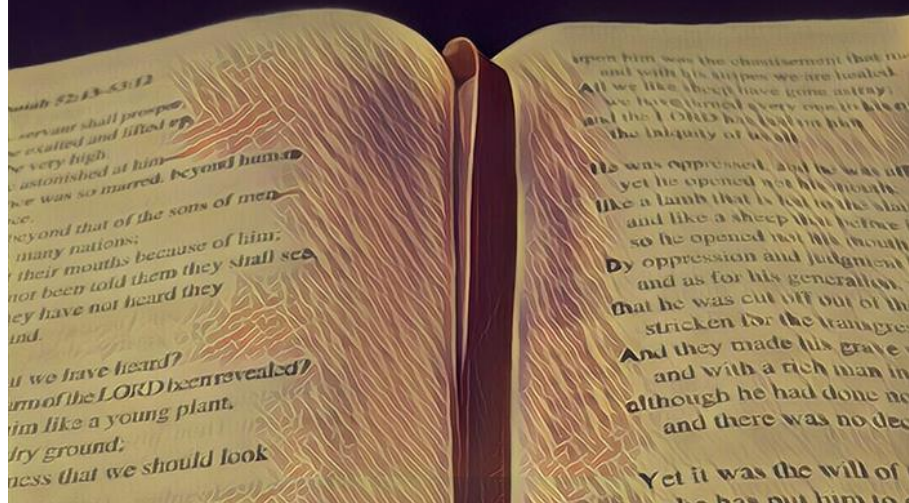


Faith comes
from hearing,
and hearing through
the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, August 9, 2020

9:30 AM Worship Tenth 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC Randy & Gwen Hall
Rick Richard, Sylvia Kalliokoski
"When Peace, like a River"

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)

Almighty God, in the midst of the storms of life, Christ's presence brings eternal peace and calms our fears. Grant us peace through scripture, and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Then send us forth to be signs of Christ's peace in the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

PSALM.....Psalm 18:1-16

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.

⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

¹¹ He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,
thick clouds dark with water.

¹² Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.

¹³ The Lord also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O Lord,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

ALLELUIA

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in

fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

SPECIAL MUSIC Gwen Hall
“Bow the Knee”

SERMON Pastor Charles Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC Randy Hall
“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

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

BENEDICTION

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"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

- GUEST PASTOR..... Pastor Charles Mann
- READER..... Suzanne Swanson
- ORGANIST LeAnn Richard
- USHERS/GREETERSBrent & Theresa Petersen
- ALTAR GUILD Claudette Ness & Maybell Job
- SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Randy & Janet Hanson

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 to worship at First Lutheran Church as we gather in the name of our heavenly Father, Jesus our Savior and the life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today are from Brent, Aaron, Brodi, Braydin, Arik, Blaine, Roxie, Tyler, Nicole and Amanda in observance of the 60th wedding anniversary of Orlin & Ivadell Larson which will be on August 13th.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, August 2nd Attendance - 69

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$5,065.00

Prayer Requests

Alexis Thompson – Granddaughter to Sylvia Thompson, Susan Hanson – Wife of Pastor Curt Hanson, Virgil Wisdom, Harold Holtz, Cindy Delmonicao – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, 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!

Welcome

We welcome Pastor Charles Mann and his wife, Stephanie this morning.

Special Music

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



MOVIE NIGHT

MUSIC • DEVOTIONS • POPCORN!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH 6:30pm
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

All ages welcome. Kids 5 and under must be accompanied by
an adult.

Christ in Our Home

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

In addition to being available in print, both standard size and large print, *Christ in Our Home* is now available as eBooks. You can purchase them on Amazon Kindle, Barnes and Noble Nook, Apple iBooks, Google Play Books, and Kobo Reader Stores. This is a great way to get the devotional if you can't get to church to pick up your subscription, or if you're new to the devotional!

Connections Magazine

The July/August issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to read updates from NALC & LCMC plus other interesting articles.

LWR Kits

With school supplies going on sale, now is the time to help put together kits for LWR. Put the items in the quilting closet at the bottom of the front stairs when you bring them to the church. Bolded items are especially needed. The following are items needed to make one school kit and one baby care kit:

School Kits:

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper**
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One 2 1/2" eraser**
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Baby Care Kits:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

LCMC 20th Annual Gathering Delegates

LCMC 20th Annual Gathering will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN. Yes, one day only this year. This is due to the current restrictions placed on group gatherings in the state of Minnesota due to COVID-19. Breakout sessions, fellowship and networking activities, and vendors have been canceled for this year.

Registration is limited to 250 people at the gathering and is first come first serve, online only, and limited to voting delegates.

First Lutheran is allowed two voting delegates. The deadline to register is September 30th. The event will be live streamed as usual, however this year they plan to offer a more interactive experience for those who will be “attending” the event from home. If you are interested in being a delegate, please see Jeannette in the church office. She also has a schedule for October 5th if you would like to see it.

First Lutheran Church Updates as of August 5, 2020

- First Lutheran will keep maintaining worship services as is, limiting up to a total of 150 people. ***Face masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Bring your own mask, if you don't, masks will be available for your use.*** As of now we will have Facebook Live services. Watch Facebook and our website, www.flcwashburn for further updates regarding Facebook Live services.
- It was determined that the following groups of no more than 24 people are the only groups allowed to meet at the church at this time - AA, FLCW quilters (one day a month for quilting), Pastoral Call Committee, Church Council, Choir, Bell Choir, Deborah Bible Study, Chat & Sew Quilters and Mommy's Group. ***No food to be served at this time or coffee hour.***
- Doors will be open daily from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- 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

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| TODAY | 9:30 AM | Worship |
| | 7:00 PM | AA Meeting |
| MON. | 10:00 AM | Chat & Sew Quilting |
| SUNDAY | 9:30 AM | Worship w/Holy Communion |
| | 7:00 PM | AA Meeting |

Thoughts on the Readings

The Common Thread

God speaks to us all when he answers Job out of the whirlwind. The God of all creation is in control. Even when our souls are poured out within us (Job 30:16), the Lord is our strength. When death assails us, even then he is in control of our lives. He has drawn us out of many waters already — even through baptism, the water of death (Rom 6:3; Gal 3:27). So let us make the good confession of faith in Christ. He has saved us already, as he promised, so that we may confess without fear or doubt that Jesus is Lord. He is the horn of our salvation.

First Reading - Job 38:4-18

The words of the Lord are stinging, even sarcastic. Yet, his remarks are meant as irony; Job is to understand his point. If God knows the “measurements” of the “foundation of the earth,” surely he knows the depths of Job’s despair. God has “walked in the recesses of the deep” and has sets their limits. He also knows our limitations, and is faithful to “provide the way of escape (1 Cor 10:13).

Psalm - Psalm 18:1-6, 7-16

We often feel that we can go no further; surely this was Job’s state. We seem ensnared, strangled, suffocated by life and that there is nothing we might do to escape. These are the moments when we must call upon the strength of the Lord, instead of relying upon our own power. When we call upon the Lord, we are saved, for as Luther says, the Lord has “got[ten] ahead of [us] in this matter” (*Luther’s Works*, vol 10). Our cries do reach God’s ears and, just as he did for our Savior, God will loose us from the pangs of death (Acts 2:24).

Second Reading - Romans 10:5-17

We may see Job's sorry state in ourselves. He insisted that he had done no wrong, and did not deserve what had befallen him. "The patience of Job" had run out. Though he was a devout and benevolent man, he longed for his day in court with God. He had no idea who it was he really would see there (Job 42:5-6).

When confronted with who God truly is, one should be reminded to love God with the whole of self—despite the conditions of life. We finally understand our unrighteousness before God, though we may be blameless in our morality and practices, when we concur with Luther that we do not "trust, fear, and love him with our whole heart" (Tappert, *Concord*, 379).

To live by the law, in the end, is to conclude with Charles Wesley, "I am all unrighteousness" ("Just As I Am"). Yet, there is a righteousness beyond self, that is as near as the heart and mouth. We must finally confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and our only righteousness.

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

There are things more frightening than the storm. When the disciples see Jesus walking toward them across the sea, they forget the fearsome storm. They think they have seen a ghost, and are more frightened by this supposed apparition than they have been of the raging sea. At the word of Jesus, all fears are relieved. Now Peter desires to be in the very place he had feared so much, because his Lord is there.

There is often a storm just before the peace. Jesus is always in the storm, and so, we may come to him there in these peaceful storms, as easily as we may in times of calm.

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2020

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

– Job 38:18–

We human beings, mere mortals that we are, sure do ask a lot of questions of God. We want to know why he isn't there when we need him, how could he let tragedies happen, and why won't he answer when we call? We sure do think a lot of ourselves, don't we? That we would be so bold as to demand an answer from the One who created everything out of nothing is either very brave or totally audacious. Who do we think we are anyway?

Job was considered to be an upright man, according to God. In this saga, the enemy, Satan, questioned God as to the motivation of Job's faithfulness. As the story unfolds, Job loses just about everything as he is put to the test. He suffers great pain and hardship and grows weary of his circumstances. Everyone around him seems to have an answer, many blaming Job himself for the pain he's experiencing. By chapter 13, Job challenges God saying, "Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and you reply to me. How many are my iniquities and my sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin. Why do you hide your face and count me as your enemy?" (Job 13:22-24) Job cannot imagine what he has done to deserve such a fate.

God takes his time when it comes to answering Job. His response is more of a question turned back on the sufferer. God's reply points to our human audacity toward him as we, too, question the one who laid the foundations of the earth, the one who set the stars in space, the one who speaks through a whirlwind. God asks Job, "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?" (Job 38:12-13) "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?" (Job 38:16-17)

God's challenging questions put us in our proper place. We are part of the creation. We are not on par with the Creator! God's ways are too wonderful for us! But therein lies the awesomeness of it all. Next time when we get to questioning Him, someone might want to remind us of this. Amen.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

G Am C G D

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine,
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

G Am C G D7 G

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 G C G D G D

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
 Lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

G C G D7 G

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,