



To live  
is Christ,  
& to die  
is gain.

Philippians 1:21

**September 20, 2020**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rite of First Communion**  
**9:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church  
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# PLEASE SEE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT CLAPPING DURING WORSHIP

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 ..... Dean & Sonja Bergstedt  
Rick Richard, Gwen DeMontigny  
“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

## 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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**C: Steadfast God, you are slow to anger, and your mercy endures forever. We stand in your presence as beggars, completely undeserving of your mercy and grace. Awaken in us such a sense of gratitude that our own lives may reflect your overflowing generosity; 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 COMMUNION LITURGY

P The following young people have been instructed and are now presented for admission to Holy Communion:

Kyle Albers

Haylie Bentz

Justin Dahl

Tanner Fiedler

Lily Gardner

Alyson Knox

Brooke Knutson

Berandt Olafson

Gracie Omlid

Ethan Swanson

Brooklyn Thomas

Brady Vollmuth

DJ Winter

P In Holy Baptism these young people were received into the family of the church and accepted by Christ as his own. As a gift of his love our Lord Jesus gave his church his Holy Supper and invited his own to receive this sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins, as he said: Do this in remembrance of me. Now these young people have learned what Christ has done for them and the gift that is being offered them. They know what it means that they are sinners and need forgiveness. They know the joy of being loved and accepted by him. They are eager to say thank you by sharing the love they have received. Therefore, as members of the family they are now ready to receive the Lord's Supper.

*To young people:*

P Do you believe that in Holy Baptism God accepted you as his child?

Answer: I believe.

P Do you believe that you should share in the Lord's Supper with joy because in it Christ comes to you, forgives your sins, and strengthens you to trust him and to love one another?

Answer: I believe.

P You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Supper. The church invites and expects you to come regularly to the services of God's house to hear what he has to say to you and to thank him for everything. You will also have to continue to be taught so that you may better understand and live in the Christian faith. You will want to come to the Lord's Supper as often as you can. When you are old enough, you will be confirmed and take a more active part in the church and its work. All this will help you to live as God wants you to live as his own baptized child. So I ask you:

Do you promise to do this, knowing that God will help you?

Answer: I do, with the help of God.

*To congregation:*

P You have heard the confession of these young people and the obligations they have accepted. God's whole family shares the concern and responsibility for helping them to grow up in Christ. On behalf of the church and of the young person's whom you serve as sponsors, will you help them to fulfill their promise?

Answer: We will, with the help of God.

P By the authority of the church, I now invite you young people to the Lord's Table to receive with us his gracious presence in this sacrament.

*All stand*

*Silent prayer by all present for those now admitted to the Lord's Table.*

P O God, whose son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to him: We ask you to bless these young people and to strengthen them in their faith through his gracious presence in the sacrament, so that as they grow physically and mentally they may also continue to grow spiritually, and so may bring blessing into the lives of others, and honor to your holy name. We ask it in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

P The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always.

C Amen.

FIRST READING ..... Isaiah 55:6-9

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!

SECOND READING ..... Philippians 1:2-14, 19-30

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>19</sup>... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

<sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

ALLELUIA

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 20:1-16  
1{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ 7They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ 9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. 10Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 12saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ 16So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Paise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ..... Pastor Chuck Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... Dean & Sonja Bergstedt  
Rick Richard, Gwen DeMontigny  
“O Living Bread from Heaven”



## 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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Words of Institution

### 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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Single Aisle Station – one side at a time, social distancing)

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... Sonja Bergstedt  
"My Word"

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

BENEDICTION

**HYMN .....On Next Page**  
**"Jesus Shall Reign"**

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

- PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann
- INTERIM PASTOR ..... Pastor Curt Hanson
- READER..... George Swanson
- ORGANIST ..... LeAnn Richard
- USHERS/GREETERS ..... Tom Merkel & Suzanne Swanson
- ALTAR GUILD ..... Janet Hanson & Maybell Job
- SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ..... Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

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Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: The pris - 'ners

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
 Honors peculiar to our King;  
 Angels descend with songs again,  
 And earth repeat the loud amen.

## **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.**

“The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,” writes Paul, “but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18). This is why we’re here!

## **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

## **Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.* Receive the bread into your open, flat palm. Ask if you wish to receive grape juice or a gluten free wafer. Alert an usher if you, or someone you know, needs communion served in the pew.

## **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.

## **Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Attendance – 153

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$6,557.00

## **Prayer Requests**

Family of Nick Reinsenauer on his death, Beryl Lonski – Brother-in-law to Mike & Sharon Nelson, Lorraine Larsen – Donna Gunderson’s brother’s girlfriend, Wes Sauer, Taylor Gardner, 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, 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

## **Clapping During Worship**

At FLC, we are so blessed with many gifted musicians that have been so willing to share their gift of music during this unprecedented time of change due to COVID-19. We are especially thankful for their time and energy to share their beautiful music with us each week. To help focus our hearts and minds on Jesus, please refrain from *clapping* during the service as their special music is taking place of the hymns in the normal liturgy of the divine service. The musicians understand that in reverence to God, it is their honor and service to God and congregation to bless us with their harmonious music.

## **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Dick & Jackie Olson and family on the death of Jackie's brother, Darryl Bellerud. Darryl passed away on September 12<sup>th</sup> in Washington state. No service is scheduled. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

## **Thank You**

Thank you, Pastor Curt Hanson for coming back this morning to help out with the worship service.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jeff & Amanda Schmidt and family on the birth of their daughter, born on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. She weighed 8# 5 oz and was 21.5" long.

## **Rite of First Communion**

Today 13 youth will participate in the Rite of First Communion. They participated in their First Communion Class earlier in the year but were unable to go through the Rite of First Communion because of Covid-19. What an exciting time for them. Congratulations!

## **Bible Studies**

- Bible Study led by Alexis Solomonson will begin today at 10:45 am. You will meet in the Fireside Room. Bring your favorite Bible.
- Bible Study led by Cathy Sheldon will begin October 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be a continuation of the study on Dr. David Jeremiah's "Agents of the Apocalypse". You will meet at 8:30 am in the Fireside Room or 10:45 am (or following church service) at Brad & Cathy Sheldon's. You will recap the first two lessons and start Lesson 3.

## **Quilting**

Women! Please join us for quilting and fellowship this Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 am.

## Confirmation Parents and Youth

There will be a meeting next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 am in the fellowship hall for all 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth and their parents about confirmation. Confirmation classes will officially start on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 pm.

## Ordination and Installation Service

Pastor Chuck will be ordained and installed on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm here at First Lutheran Church. The service will also be on Facebook Live. Reception follows. Everyone welcome!

## Christ in Our Home

The October/November/December issue of *Christ in Our Home* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to use with your daily devotions.

## Connections

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

## 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!

## First Lutheran Church Updates as of September 2, 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 Facebook Live services will continue.
- It was determined that small groups of no more than 24 people are the only groups allowed to meet at the church at this time with the exception of Sunday School and Pastor Ordination reception. **No food to be prepared in the kitchen at this time and no coffee hour.** Please make sure to have your group scheduled through the church office.
- Doors will be open daily from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Watch the church website [www.flcwashburn.com](http://www.flcwashburn.com) and Facebook 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.

## COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pumpkin Pickin'** at Olafson Farms, 1514 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Washburn – Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, rain or shine! Pumpkins for sale - a portion of the proceeds benefits the Washburn Ambulance. There will be: Nerf Gun Obstacle Course, other yard games and live music by the Moen Family. Enjoy Knoephla Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs and Sweet Treats. Free will offering goes to the Washburn Ambulance. Donate gently used COLD WEATHER GEAR items to McLean Family Resource Center. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion Rite of First Communion
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
MON.	10:30 AM	Memorial Service for Wayne Christensen
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	6:45 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
THURS.	9:00 AM	Quilting
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship Last Year S.S. Attendance Awards Given Out
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study
	11:45 AM	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Youth & Parents Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost 16 – September 20, 2020

*But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong.  
Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’*

*– Matthew 20:13 –*

There are certain sermons that really stick with you over the long haul. We hear so many that it’s hard to remember most of them, but once in awhile there’s a message that gets through and sticks with us. This is the case for me with a sermon that was preached over twenty years ago on this parable.

I was working at a toxicology research laboratory right out of college, making \$7 an hour, which wasn’t much even then! I wanted a job in the field of science because that was what my degree was in, but the job was very low paying. I knew I had to get experience in order to find something better later on, but I was young and newly married and we didn’t have much money. I had an attitude about the pay which tainted my joy over the opportunity.

My pastor said something to the effect of “agreeing to a certain wage and being satisfied with that.” It’s hard when we think we are worth more than what we’re paid, or when someone new comes in and you find out they are making more than you are and you’ve been there longer! Can you relate? This doesn’t bode well for employee relations at all. Yet there was a truth to his words that I could not shake – I agreed to work for that \$7 an hour. I could have refused the job, and yet I needed to break into the industry somehow. An agreement is an agreement.

I think we can all relate to those first workers in Jesus’ parable. They agreed to a certain wage, a fair day’s pay, but when they found out that the boss has paid those who worked only one hour the very same wage they received for working a whole day, they were upset. The boss was right though! He didn’t cheat them out of anything. He just happened to be very generous with those who showed up at the end of the day. It was his money to give, and those who fussed forgot that part. All of this touches on our sense of fairness and if we are honest, our sense of what we are worth. It also reminds us of God’s great generosity and that without his love and mercy we would have nothing. We can never say that God is unfair to us – he gives us that which we do not deserve – forgiveness and new life. Amen.