



**Philippians**  
— 2:8 —

**He humbled  
himself  
and became  
obedient  
unto death.**

**September 27, 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church  
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## 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.

PRELUDE AND BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF 2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE AWARDS

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 ..... Choir  
"Faithfulness"

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)

**Heavenly Father, when called to do your will, we often respond with enthusiasm, yet in our human weakness, we fail to follow through. Strengthen us with your grace poured out through your Son, so that we may overcome our weakness and follow you in the way of life; 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 ..... Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and

does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

PSALM.....Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING ..... Philippians 2:1-18

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup>When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Peggy Moran, Wendy Miller  
Justin & Brent Petersen  
"You Servants of God"

SERMON ..... Pastor Charles Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Peggy Moran, Wendy Miller  
Justin & Brent Petersen  
"The Church's One Foundation"

**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**

**HYMN ..... On Next Page**  
**“When Peace, like a River”**

**POSTLUDE**



## When Peace, like a River

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way;  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought;  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

When sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What -  
 Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That  
 My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is  
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate  
 nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.  
 trum - pet shall sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;

It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
 Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

IT IS WELL  
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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR ..... Pastor Chuck Mann  
READER ..... Stacy Boeshans  
ORGANIST ..... Theresa Petersen  
USHERS/GREETERS ..... Gary & Cindy Thiel  
ALTAR GUILD ..... Janet Hanson & Maybell Job  
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS ..... Dwight & Margaret  
Rasmussen

**Our Mission**

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

**Welcome**

Welcome to worship in the name of Jesus. Please greet those near you with a sign of peace.

**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.

**Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Attendance – 178  
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$3,007.05

**Prayer Requests**

Beryl Lonski – Brother-in-law to Mike & Sharon Nelson, Wes Sauer, Taylor Gardner, Virgil Wisdom, Harold Holtz, 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

## Confirmation Parents and Youth

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

## Bible Studies

- Bible Study led by Alexis Solomonson meets at 10:45 am on Sunday's. You will meet in the Fireside Room. Bring your favorite Bible.
- Bible Study led by Cathy Sheldon will begin Sunday, 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. Newcomers welcome!
- Men's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 am meeting in the fellowship hall.

## 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.

## 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
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	11:45 AM	Confirmation Students & Parents Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	6:15 PM	Confirmation
	6:45 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	3:00 PM	Pastor Chuck's Ordination & Installation Service w/Holy Communion – Reception Follows
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting