



***I count everything
as loss because
of the surpassing
worth of knowing
Christ Jesus
my Lord.***

Philippians 3:6

**October 4, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE AND BELLS
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSICPre-K & K Sunday School
"Who's the King of the Jungle"

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 Orlin Larson & Theresa Petersen
"When the Saints Go Marching In"

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: Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be

pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

PSALM.....Psalm 80:7-19

- ⁷ Restore us, God Almighty;
 make your face shine on us,
 that we may be saved.
- ⁸ You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
 you drove out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it,
 and it took root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,
 the mighty cedars with its branches.
- ¹¹ Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
 its shoots as far as the River.
- ¹² Why have you broken down its walls
 so that all who pass by pick its grapes?
- ¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it,
 and insects from the fields feed on it.
- ¹⁴ Return to us, God Almighty!
 Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,
- ¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted,
 the son you have raised up for yourself.
- ¹⁶ Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
 at your rebuke your people perish.
- ¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
 the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
- ¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
 revive us, and we will call on your name.
- ¹⁹ Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
 make your face shine on us,
 that we may be saved.

SECOND READING Philipians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

SPECIAL MUSIC Grade 1-6 Sunday School
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46

³³{Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,}
“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and

stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC Orlin Larson & Theresa Petersen
"I Love to Tell the Story"

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.

THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the rescuing work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who overcame evil by the goodness and love, we take up our cross and follow our Savior, receiving from Him the blessing of forgiveness. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

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

P: Lord remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray..

All: 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)

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C: 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.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

POSTLUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are
 then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann
GUEST PASTOR..... Pastor Sally Gausmann
READER.....Dewey Oster
ORGANIST..... Theresa Petersen
USHERS/GREETERS Sharon Chrest & Claudette Ness
ALTAR GUILDBrenda Ankenbauer & Val Swanson
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORSTerry & Donna Gunderson

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.

Good morning and welcome! Let us worship God who creates all things, came as Jesus to save the world and breathes life into us through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 27th Attendance – 103
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,283.00

Prayer Requests

Beryl Lonski – Brother-in-law to Mike & Sharon Nelson, 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

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.

Flowers

Altar flowers today are in honor of Pastor Chuck's ordination and installation.

Thank You

Thank you Pastor Sally Gausmann for joining us and helping out with this mornings worship service.

Ordination and Installation Service

Please join us this afternoon for the worship service with Holy Communion as Pastor Chuck will be ordained and installed at 3:00 pm here at First Lutheran Church. The service will also be on Facebook Live. Reception follows. Everyone welcome! What an exciting time!

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 11th. 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 6th, at 7:00 am meeting in the fellowship hall.

Church Council

Church council will meet this Thursday, October 8th, at 7:00 pm.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	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
TUES.	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	6:15 PM	Confirmation
	6:45 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
THURS.	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon Fireside Room
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson Fireside Room Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon at Brad & Cathy Sheldon's
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting

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 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

We're on our way!

Great Plains Food Bank

Wednesday, October 7

Harvey Mobile Food Pantry ~ 1:00 – 2:00 pm

High School parking lot – 200 N Street E.

McClusky Mobile Food Pantry ~ 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Old Polar Ware building – 910 4th Street E.

Washburn Mobile Food Pantry ~ 5:30 – 6:30 pm

McLean Family Resource Center parking lot – 205 7th Street

****Drive through distributions****

Anyone in need from any community is welcome. No preregistration required.

For more information or to volunteer please contact:

Rachel Monge, regional services manager
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For SNAP assistance call: 855-405-0000
www.greatplainsfoodbank.org

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**GREAT PLAINS
FOOD BANK**



Thoughts on the Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Israel of old was a very fertile vineyard—that was essentially fruitless. It produced an inferior, wild grape. God did everything for his people; he defended them, cared for them, and loved them. In other words, he made the vineyard fertile. God was faithful; Israel was faithless. The expectation was a good harvest of justice and righteousness, but instead there were the wild crop bloodshed and cries of distress.

A vineyard that produces bad fruit is a wasted land, and will be laid waste by the Lord. The Israel of God (Gal 6:16) should pay careful attention to what the Lord promised to do to the Israel of old.

Psalm - Psalm 80:7-19

If a vine personified is to grow and produce a crop, the sun of God's face must shine upon it. Moreover, the vine must turn to the sun. Though the Lord is implored to turn again to Israel, his people must not turn their backs to him.

Second Reading - Philippians 3:4b-14

Perhaps there was an adage in ancient Israel that stated, "Being born in Israel does not make you children of God any more than standing in a vineyard makes you a grapevine." At any rate, Paul put no trust in his pedigree. Instead, his entire faith was in Christ: namely his death and resurrection, so that Paul might attain to the resurrection of the dead.

Though Christ had gotten hold of Paul in such a way as to make him "his own," Paul was now hastening on to the goal of fully grasping Christ. Looking back to his heritage would have slowed him down—and may have hindered him from achieving the prize God had called him toward.

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-46

That most tragic barrenness is the rejection of Jesus as Christ. Yet, the very one who was rejected by his own people, by "the Lord's doing" became the very foundation of the Church that would now include the rest of the nations. The promise of Isaiah 5:6 has come to fruition, while the whole world has become God's vineyard.

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost 18 – October 4, 2020

*“If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence
in the flesh, I have more...”*

– Philippians 3:4–

Do you remember the song, “It’s Hard to Be Humble,” by Mac Davis? Even if you weren’t alive in 1974 when this record was released, you’ve probably heard it on the radio. The country singer crooned, “O Lord it’s hard to be humble, when you’re perfect in every way,” and, “to know me is to love me...”. It’s a silly song, however, certainly we know people who actually think this way about themselves.

St. Paul wrote to the church in Philippi saying that he had every reason to be proud of himself. If salvation came by works of the flesh, he had a resume that was sure to impress: circumcised on the eighth day according to the Law, a Benjaminite, a good Hebrew when it came to following the Torah, a Pharisee full of zeal, and blameless when it came to righteousness. Who can compete with that? No one! And, that’s not the way it works with Jesus anyway. (Thanks be to God!)

Instead of singing, “It’s hard to be humble when you’re perfect in every way,” St. Paul was saying, “I count all of that as loss for the sake of Christ.” Just sit with that sentiment for a moment. In a world where success means more money, more possessions, more status and power, it is quite countercultural to be of the mind of Christ, “who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:6–8).

Salvation comes through the cross of Christ alone. Our human desire is to be noticed, rewarded for our efforts, praised even. But humility and servanthood is the way of the cross. We can laugh at Mac Davis’ song, and then we can recognize that his words bear witness to our lack of humbleness. There was only one who was perfect in every way, and he was the epitome of self-emptying humility. (He would never have dared to sing such a tune!)

All the accomplishments we can put on our resume are nothing if we do not have Christ in our lives. He is our treasure and our greatest gift. Amen.