

*I will go
before you.*

ISAIAH 45:2

**October 18, 2020
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church
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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

SPECIAL MUSIC Orlin Larson, Claudette Ness, Sue Winter
Brent & Theresa Petersen
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

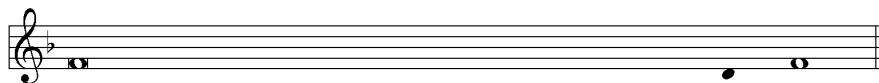
KYRIE

(Kyrie is a Greek word meaning "O Lord." It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength. In ancient times, the crowds would shout "Lord, have mercy" as the King entered their town. The church has taken over his prayer to greet its King Jesus Christ in the church service. As the people so long ago expected help from their King, so we Christians expect help from our Savior.)*

**Matt. 9:27; Matt. 15:22; Matt. 20:30-31; Luke 17:13.*



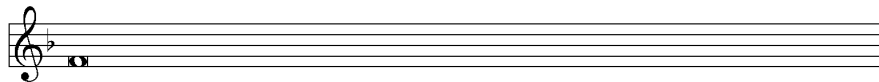
♩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



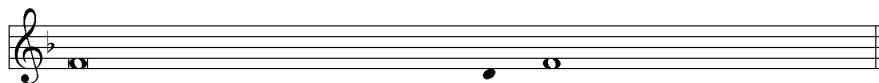
♩ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



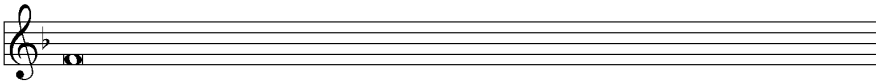
♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



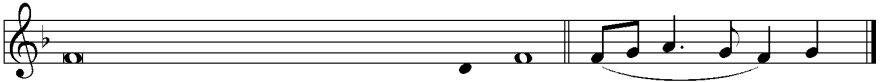
♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. Ⓒ A - men

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **Sovereign Lord, your reign extends across time and space. You have created us in your own image and redeemed us by your grace through your Son. Grant that we may return to you what is yours, our entire selves given to your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1-7

(God has used many earthly kings to accomplish his will. He still employs the rulers of our world so that his will is done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt 6:10). Our prayers should attend kings, presidents, and other government rulers. Yet, as much as God used a king named Cyrus, he has used the King of kings to accomplish far more. The armies of Hell have been vanquished through the cross of Christ. He is the one who causes people from the east to the west to know that there is none besides the Lord who accomplishes these things.)

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I

name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.”

PSALM.....Psalm 96:1-13
(Declare to the nations of the glory of God. This is accomplished by offering more for missions than we do for government—in terms of money, as well as work and prayer.)

- ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- ¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- ¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
("Our gospel" (1Thes 1:5), or the gospel of Christ's Church is what ultimately impacts the world. Taxes, civic authority, and armies are of some use. Yet in the end, our trust must be placed in the gospel of Christ's kingdom. As such, our efforts and prayers must be with those workers in the true kingdom on this earth. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, individual lives are changed—as well as nations.)

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22

(Pay your taxes and pray to God. Jesus has called us to do both, trusting the Lord with the nations. Certainly, God will use our prayers even more than our taxes but we are called to be faithful in each. This is not a matter for debate; it is a matter of obedience.)

¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle {Jesus} in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

SPECIAL MUSIC Bell Choir
"Lift High the Cross"

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



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

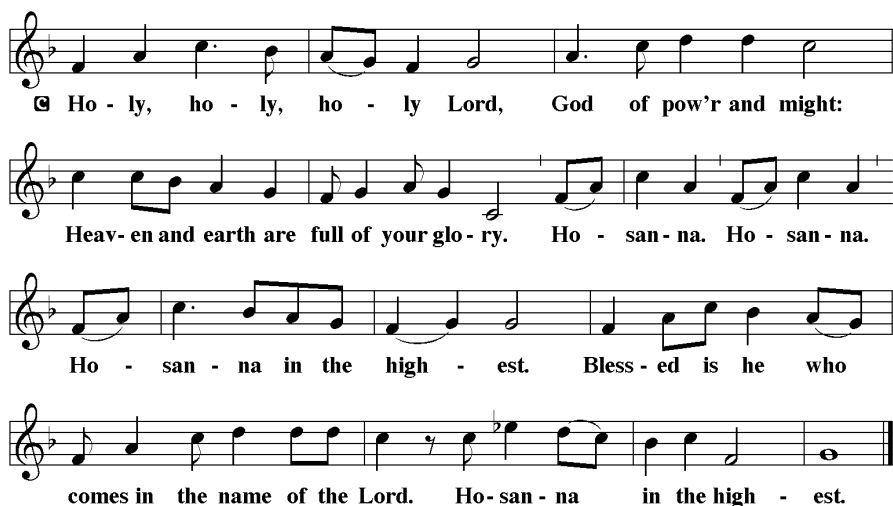


☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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)

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-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

HYMNOn Next Page
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann

ACOLYTE.....Alex Retterath

COMMUNION ASSISTANT Alexis Solomonson

READER..... Donna Sommer

ORGANIST Theresa Petersen

USHERS/GREETERS Glenda Scholl & Sara Scholl

ALTAR GUILD Brenda Ankenbauer & Val Swanson

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Terry & Donna Gunderson

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to his
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men Sound from his

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do If with his love he be - friend you.
 peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: Erneverten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

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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.

We gather as one body, with Christ as the head. Each of you brings unique abilities and contributions to our worship and ministry. Thank you for being here, and welcome.

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, October 11th Attendance – 92

Facebook Online Viewing - 229

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$4,390.00

Prayer Requests

Jamie Baumann, Abe Nichols – Cousin to Steph Mann, James Tolbert, Brad Taylor – Friend of Pastor Chuck, 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

Flowers

Altar flowers today are from Terry & Donna Gunderson in honor of daughter's Susan & Jessica's October birthdays.

Thoughts on the Readings

We've been hearing that people like the "Thoughts on the Readings". So instead of whenever there is room in the bulletin to put the bulletin to put them in, we will now include them at the beginning of each reading. They will be italicized and in parentheses and not read with the readings. They are there for you to read on your own.

Bible Studies – Please note changes

- Bible Study *led by Cathy Sheldon will meet at 8:30 am only in the Fellowship Hall starting today.* November 22nd will be the last Sunday meeting for this year.
- 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.
- *Men's Bible Study will meet at 8:00 am Tuesday's* in the fellowship hall. Please note change in time

Newsletter Deadline

Please have all articles for the November newsletter to the church office no later than this Tuesday, October 20th.

Quilting

Women, please join us for quilting and fellowship this Thursday, October 22nd, beginning at 9:00 am.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoobox gift suggestion lists are on the table in the narthex. Shoeboxes and How to Pack a Shoobox pamphlets with the boy or girl tag with age will be in the narthex sometime this week. All boxes need to be returned to the church no later than November 14th as they will be dedicated at the church service on the 15th and taken to Bismarck that week.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Prayer Chain

Just a reminder that First Lutheran has a prayer chain. If you would like to be included on the chain to receive prayer requests, please either call the church office – 462-3775, email the church office at flc@westriv.com, or talk to Jeannette or Pastor Chuck. We will need your cell phone number and carrier to be able to text you the prayer. Likewise, if you have a prayer request or know someone that does, please contact Jeannette or Pastor Chuck to get the prayer request started.

Phone Number Changes

Pastor Chuck & Steph have changed their cell phone numbers. New numbers are: Pastor Chuck – 701-891-9443, Steph – 701-891-6413. Please make these changes. The parsonage number remains as 701-462-3774.

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.

Mutual Ministry Committee Volunteers Needed

Church council is looking for volunteers to serve on the Mutual Ministry Committee. This is a seven member committee that is chaired by the Church Council Vice President. The purpose of the Mutual Ministry Committee is to provide support for the staff of the church and serve as a conduit between the congregation and the church staff. The Call Committee nominated two members, so we are looking for four additional members. Members of the committee are appointed by the Church Council President and Pastor. The term of duty is two years with three members being replaced each successive year. If you are interested in serving please reach out to Matt Gardner, 701-315-0326.

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.

Harvest For the Camp

There is a tub with a list of items needed for Camp of the Cross in the narthex. There are extra lists you can take with you on the bulletin board in the entry. There is a variety of food, housekeeping, office and site items needed. Collection of items will continue until Friday, October 30th. Any and all contributions help to keep expenses down!

First Lutheran Church Updates as of October 16, 2020

UPDATE regarding Governor Burgum's continuing COVID-19 guideline changes over the upcoming weeks/months. Pastor Chuck, the FLC council members, and staff are making efforts to address these changes as they happen. In these trying times, we can hold fast that we serve a God that is in control despite a world that seems out of control.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7

As such, with prayerful consideration we are moving forward with church services being offered both in person and online. A few recommendations moving forward:

- Every family is encouraged to attend church, Sunday school, or other activities in the manner that they feel most comfortable (whether on-line or in person)
- Social distancing will be observed, by family unit (maintaining six feet apart).
- Hand sanitizer is available at multiple locations within the church.
- Face masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Please bring your own mask if able, if you do not have one available a mask will be made available for your use.
- No food is to be prepared in the kitchen at this time, and there will be no coffee hour.
- Due to recent changes, if you are signed up as a worship volunteer moving forward and decide to join online instead, please contact Jeannette with your replacement.
- If you are joining online and would like the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Chuck.
- 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.
- After the service has finished, please fellowship outside for adequate space for social distancing.

- The FLC website (www.flcwashburn.com) and Facebook will be updated as we continue to monitor the situation and any new developments. Please check these sites for updates or concerns. If you do not see an answer to your concern, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chuck or Jeannette.
- 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.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

In Christ,
First Lutheran Church

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

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| TODAY | 8:30 AM | Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon Fellowship Hall |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship w/Holy Communion |
| | 10:45 AM | Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson Fireside Room |
| | 7:00 PM | AA Meeting |
| | TUES. | |
| | 8:00 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 |
| | 7:15 PM | FLY |
| | 7:30 PM | Choir |
| THURS. | 9:00 AM | Quilting |
| SUNDAY | 8:30 AM | Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon Fellowship Hall |
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Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost 20 – October 18, 2020

“For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.”

– 1 Thessalonians 1:8 –

When I was a young person I never would have thought of myself as being a missionary. As I’ve gotten older and more mature in the faith, I have come to recognize that all of us are missionaries for Christ, even if we don’t leave our own home town. Wherever we go, we carry with us the message of the Good News of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. It is so much a part of us that we cannot help but proclaim the goodness of the Lord and the promises that have been fulfilled in his son, Jesus.

As missionaries, each of us has a circle of influence – those people that we interact with regularly, who look with favor on us, and who listen when we speak. It is to those people that we share the news of Christ most often and most easily. These are the ones who are most receptive to the message.

As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica, he commended them for their “missionary” work. He described the word being spoken as a trumpet sounding a clarion call. Their faith was strong and steady and they did the work of sharing it with those in their circle of influence. That circle was Macedonia and Achaia, and beyond.

I don’t know about your town, but where I live it’s a pretty small community when compared to the big, bustling cities that many are used to. Word spreads quickly here. Sometimes I learn about something I did before I even know I did it! (Just kidding!) But, seriously, news does travel fast around my town. It isn’t always accurate, but it does move swiftly. Oh that the Gospel message would travel so fast and be so interesting to talk about on the front porch of all who live around me. Oh that the best news of all, Jesus’ love for us, would spread like wildfire in the way that some rumors and gossip do. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to hear through the grapevine that people were receiving the news about Christ and responding to his love and mercy by the droves? That would make my day! Or my year! But sadly we tend to chat about others sorts of news when we could be spreading the gospel. Jesus helps us sound forth his saving word! May we be missionaries in our own neighborhoods! Amen.