



Sunday, November 14, 2021

Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

*An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit.*

You are welcome to sing during worship if you are vaccinated!

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude — “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Harvey Kane, voice; Sharon Malm, piano

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn** — no. 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of
one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

***Greeting & Kyrie** — *Setting Four, front of hymnal, page 147*

*Canticle of Praise —

“All Glory Be to God on High”



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hearing & Responding to Scripture

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures — Daniel 12:1-3

1“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** — *Setting Four, front of hymnal, page 151*

***Gospel** — Mark 13:1-8

The Gospel of Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — “Our Time and God’s Time”

Pastor Bill Nelsen

***Hymn** — no. 438

“My Lord, What a Morning”

***Affirmation of Faith** — Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, call on us to protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. Be with our congregation today as we come together and make the important decision regarding a new, settled pastor of First Lutheran Church. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Through our hands and feet, come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these and all our prayers, Gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus the prayer that he taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Offering

Music at the Offering

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”

Samuel Liddle

Elizabeth Feltes, voice; Karen Wojahn, piano

Please leave an offering in the basket outside the sanctuary, mail a check to the office, or give online: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=283920>.

Reception of New Members

Departing to Serve God’s World

Announcements

*Sending Hymn — no. 439

“Soon and Very Soon”

***Blessing**

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.
Amen.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Make the most of our time and God's time. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude** — "Praeludium in E minor (abbreviated)"

Setting by J. S. Bach
Chad Winterfeldt, organ

We encourage everyone to stay for the congregational meeting immediately following the service.

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Worship Assistants

Interim Pastor: Bill Nelsen
Director of Music: Emily Bruflat
Musicians: Chad Winterfeldt, Elizabeth Feltes,
Karen Wojahn, Harvey Kane

Greeter/Reader: Paul Aasen
Ushers: Sherb & John Sylvester
Audio/Video: Shanon Nowell

Announcements

- We welcome Elizabeth Feltes, granddaughter of Ellis Jones, who sang this morning accompanied by her mother, Karen Wojahn. They are gathered today and offering this special music to celebrate Ellis's 90th birthday!
- Altar flowers are given today by the Roemhildt Family in honor of Veteran's Day.
- We pray for the family of Dave Ribar and all those who are mourning the passing of his grandmother Marcella Dose.

Prayers

We pray for Mary Pieklo, mother of Bob & Rhoda Stenson's daughter-in law.

We pray for Betty Thompson's sister Nancy Maag who is recovering from surgery.

We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Gwen Weldon, Tom and Deb Johnson, Tom Michels, Abigail Christenson, Betty Gustafson, Elgene Lund, Chuck Petry, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Myrene Bunge, Glen Stryker, Erika Schuldt and Urusla McRostie; and we pray for for all those families continuing to adjust to the loss of loved ones, including the families of Beverly Wetherill, Tom Stenson, Mary Lee Denley, Marion Peterson, and Bob Isenberg.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday November 14, 2021 – 11:00 am

- I. Call to Order
- II. Prayer Pastor Bill
- III. Council Recommendation to Call a New Pastor
 - A. Video
 - B. Call Committee Report
 - C. Questions and Discussion
- IV. Announcements
- V. Lord's Prayer
- VI. Adjournment