



## October 20, 2024 ✚ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

An asterisk \* invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read aloud responses found in **bold**.

**We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!**

*“God’s Work. Our Hands. To serve ALL people.”*

*P: Indicates the presider throughout the service. AM: Indicates the Assisting Minister throughout the service.*

### we gather

**Prelude -** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Todd Kendall

#### Words of Welcome

\***Hymn** — no. 789

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

#### \***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

#### \***Apostolic Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\***Kyrie** – page 203, from *ELW, Setting 10*

\***Hymn of Praise** — page 204, from *ELW, Setting 10*

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

P: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Temple Talk-** Barb Wilkinson, Cemetery Committee

## **we LISTEN and RESPOND**

### **A Reading from the book of Isaiah — Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

- 4 Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.
- 8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.
- 9 They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
- 11 Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 91:9-16** -the psalm will be read responsively today by whole verse.

*You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)*

9Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,  
10**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
11For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.  
12**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
13You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.  
14**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
15They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
16**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

### **A Reading from Hebrews — Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

1Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; 3and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. 4And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

6as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** — page 205, from *ELW, Setting 10*

**\*Gospel —Mark 10:35-45**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

The Gospel of Mark, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” 37And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” 38But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” 39They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Time -**

Rachel Szybnski

**Sermon —** “Holy Role Model!”

Pastor Ted Kunze

**\*Hymn —** no. 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

**\*The Apostles’ Creed**

P: Together let us profess our faith:

**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 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**

AM: Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Sign of Peace-** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** Please offer one another some sign of Christ's peace.

**Offering -**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

David E. Tryggstad



**\*Offering Prayer**

AM: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**we SHARE the meal**

**\*Great Thanksgiving & Preface** — page 206, from *ELW, Setting 10*

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..... (*Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** — page 207, *from ELW, Setting 10*

**\*Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As God's beloved children, we pray as Jesus taught us saying: **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.**

**\*Invitation to the Table**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**Distribution of Communion** - *we will be serving Holy Communion continuously today.*

**"Lamb of God"** — page 208, *from ELW, Setting 10*

**Hymn** — no 708 -

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

**Hymn** — no 787

"On Eagle's Wings"

**Prayer After Communion**

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**we go in peace**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending Hymn** — no. 551

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

**\*Blessing & Dismissal**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

AM: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Worship Assistants**

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Communion Servers: Sharon Domeier

## **Announcements**

- Carol Solberg is taking another trip around the sun. In honor of that, she will have coffee and treats after service today. Come wish her a happy trip.
- Betsy Bolint is a Nurse Practitioner who works with hospice patients and families. She will lead a First Forum following worship today discussing end of life plans.
- Recently the southeastern part of the United States has been devastated by two hurricanes. If you would like to go online and donate to Lutheran Disaster Response please use this link:  
<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>
- Wednesdays at First: 5:30pm Dinner Starts, 6:00 Children’s Music in the Chapel, 6:30 Worship in the Sanctuary, 7:00 Education in the Classrooms, 7:00 Bell Choir, 7:30 Youth Group (1st Wednesdays). Please spread the word and invite a friend to come! Sloppy Joe sandwiches will be served on Wednesday, Oct. 23.
- The FLC Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in serving the congregation in various elected positions. We are looking for: 3 members for Council (three-year term), 2 youth members for Council (one-year term), 3 members for Synod Assembly (June), and 6 members for Conference meeting (February). If you are interested, please let Amy Pehrson ([amyrpehrson@gmail.com](mailto:amyrpehrson@gmail.com)) or the church office know. Elections will take place at the congregational meeting in December.
- “Gather Us In” 2024 Equipping Congregations Day. Saturday Nov. 2nd at Peace Lutheran Church, New London from 8:30 - 3 p.m. Registration is \$30 and lunch will be provided. Check out [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org).
- Scandian Grove Lutheran Church will have their Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Serving from 11 - 3 p.m.
- “Is the Bible True?” Even if you have not attended before, please join Pastor Steve Kidder in wrestling with that question Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Last week we talked about the differing theological perspectives including the debate about whether the world was created in 6 Days. This week: “Homosexuality: What does the Bible really say? or One person’s search for the truth.”

## **Prayers**

We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Elgene Lund, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Betty Gustafson, Karen Wendroth, Paul Aasen, Shirley Storkson, Ella Twaddle, Tim Schwartz, Gretchen Bray, Jim Wendroth, Dale Rettke, Dorothy Lutz, Jan Holte, Byron Larson, Lenore Schnobrich, Judy Fienen, David Ribar, Harvey Kane, Erika Schuldt and Laurie Dietrich.

- Please pray for the families and friends of: Terri Bartlett, Steve Mikelson, Emil Trnka & Patricia McLain who have died recently.

