

First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



Worship at Eclipse Square

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting 10

Introduction to the Day: Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

*** Congregation rises in body and/or spirit**

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Question of the Day

P: What is your favorite memory of FLC?

***Gathering Song: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" vs. 1-3**

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**1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**2. When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare with
"Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**3. No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known than
"Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard:
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!**

***Greeting**

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.

Please be seated.

Hymn of Praise pg. 204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn:

"Jesus Loves Me!"

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Presenting Bibles to Third and Fourth Graders

P: It is a tradition that all third graders in our church family receive a Bible as a gift from their family of faith. This year, due to the pandemic, our third and fourth graders will receive their Bibles. Please keep our youth and their families in your prayers as together they continue to grow in faith.

P: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Youth respond: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.

P: Accept the gift of this Bible so that the story of God and God's people may be with you at wherever you shall choose to carry it. Enjoy reading how God is at work in your life and the life of others. Learn about the life and teachings of Jesus. Be open to how God may continue to speak to you through your reading of the scriptures.

C: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's people and God's Word.

Bibles are now presented to the third and fourth graders.

P: Receive the Good News. May you continue to grow in faith and the love of Christ.

Youth respond: Thanks be to God.

P: A Prayer, please respond after me.

Hymn:

"Jesus Loves Me!"

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, and devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Bishop Jeff Clements

***Hymn of the Day: "This Little Light of Mine"**

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- 1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

*** The Apostles' Creed**

P: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C: 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.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need. God of community, we pray for the church around the world.

Unite us in our love for you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict.
Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home
or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness.
Help them find appropriate care, especially ... Stan Urban, Betty Lou Olsen, Marsha
Rogiewicz-she has improved, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen,

Amanda Sandrock niece of Cathy Hinrichs, Meghan Vogel granddaughter of Rosemary Sibley,
Vivian Johnson grandmother of Jason Schanze, Kathy Rae Deason and Lee Ann Trexler
sisters of Kerry Meyer, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Caleb Cleaver great nephew
of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman, Scott Lyman son-in-law of
Ken & Ellen Pannier. Community Member: Mark Sandrock.

Serving in the Military: Charlie Davis grandson of Ken & Ellen Pannier, Brett Emery and
Sean Pratt sons of Drew & Becky Emery, Donnie Appleman son-in-law of Larry & Lynda
VanDyke, Lindsey Gardner niece of Gwen Gardner, Patrick Kelly grandson of Kathy Kelly,
Anna Olsen wife of Kent Olsen, Madison Scace great granddaughter of Burdette & Dea
Sandrock, Kyle Ullmark grandson-in-law of Glenda Sampson.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Wave or saying hi, to share the peace with your neighbors.

Special Music: Cathy Hinrichs, Donna Roland

Temple Talk: Randy Roland

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Ushers will pass baskets around to everyone and then bring forward to the stage.

Please rise.

***Offering: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

***Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving.
The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity.*

***Dialogue**

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 God thanks and praise.

***Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy** pg. 207

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

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.

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God.

Communion kits will be given to everyone. These words are shared with each other ...

Wafer Host - The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

Juice - The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Please be seated.

Communion Hymn:

"O Lamb of God"

pg. 208

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
you suffered death our lives save; have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace, we pray.**

Communion Hymn:

"In the Singing"

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**1. In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant,
open, in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table.**

**Refrain: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

**2. In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people. Refrain**

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Blessing

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

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1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, harken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. Refrain

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

First Lutheran Announcements

Welcome everyone!

Today we welcome Bishop Jeff Clements. He will give the sermon and serve Holy Communion.

Communion: Today communion kits will be given to everyone. You may share the words listed in the bulletin with each other as you take your communion.

3rd and 4th graders receive their bibles this day. They will learn these stories as they continue to grow in faith.

Third Graders: Wyatt Hinrichsen, Reeselynn Linden, Carter Malone.

Fourth Graders: Leena Hanrahan, Turner Melton, Drew Robshaw, Brevin VanDyke

Stewardship: September is Stewardship month.

During worship we will hear from some members on what FLC means to them.

We will have the Time & Talent sheets next Sunday.

We are focusing more on time and talent, versus financial giving.

This will be a month filled with fun stories and joy shared with our church community.

Please pray over the new ways you can help and be part of your FLC family.

Spiritual Formation: The first meeting is on Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to be involved and grow your spirituality.

Special Community Offerings: For the summer we have been collecting for different agencies in town and FLC will match up to \$1,000 for each. Our last month of September FLC is collecting for Winning Wheels, Activities Department. Please make your check out to First Lutheran Church and we will send one check at the end of the month to Winning Wheels.

Assisting In Our Worship

Pianist – Luanne Urban
Guitar – Cathy Hinrichs
Cantor – Paul McCracken
Reader – Drew Emery
Acolyte – Alex Ottens

Last Week's Stewardship Record

Attendance – 82
Offering - \$ 1,965.00
Youth – Chairs - \$25.00
Winning Wheels-Activities Dept. - \$ 25.00

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Grace and peace be with you!