

First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday
October 10, 2021

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Introduction to the Day: The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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: Who made you smile today and why?

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** **"Bind Us Together"** **With One Voice # 748**

Refrain: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

1. There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one Body; that is why we sing. *Refrain.*

2. You are the family of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain.*

***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.*

Kyrie:

“Kyrie Eleison”

Dakota Road Music

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And Also with you.**

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)* Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Word

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

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17 *Read Responsively*

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has

passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Dakota Road Music

Alleluia. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Gospel: Mark 10:17-31**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.” The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn:

“Jesus Loves Me!” vs. 1

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Congregation sing vs. 1 as the children come forward and again as the children return to their seat.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

***Hymn of the Day: "I Say "Yes", Lord" vs. 1 & 2 by Donna Pena**

1. To the God who cannot die. I say "Yes", my Lord. To the one who hears me cry. I say "Yes", my Lord. To the God of the oppressed. I say "Yes", my Lord. To the God of all justice. I say "Yes", my Lord.

Refrain: I say "Yes", my Lord, in all the good times, through all the bad times. I say "Yes", my Lord, to every word you speak.

2. I'm a servant of the Lord. I say "Yes", my Lord. I'm a worker in the fields. I say "Yes", my Lord. I'm a prisoner of their wars. I say "Yes", my Lord. Like a politician inevitably. I say "Yes", my Lord. *Refrain.*

Please be seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

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Confirmands: Kennedy Buck, Owen Farral

Presentation

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these confirmands, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Mentors: We present Kennedy and Owen who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **C: Amen.**

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Please join with me in the Apostle's Creed. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Affirmation of Baptism

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these individuals and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation kneel at the altar.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing is repeated for each confirmand with laying of hands on their head:

Mentor: Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Our newly confirmed stand, step forward and face the congregation.

P: Let us rejoice with these newly confirmed in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.

Hymn: "I Say "Yes", Lord" vs. 3 & 4 by Donna Pena

3. For the dream I have today. I say "Yes", my Lord. To be a healer of all pain. I say "Yes", my Lord. And to come to love my enemies. I say "Yes", my Lord. For your peace in all the world. I say "Yes", my Lord. *Refrain.*

Refrain: I say "Yes", my Lord, in all the good times, through all the bad times. I say "Yes", my Lord, to every word you speak.

4. Like that of Job, unceasingly. I say "Yes", my Lord. Like that of Maria whole heartedly. I say "Yes", my Lord. Like that of David in a song. I say "Yes", my Lord. Like Israel for you I long. I say "Yes", my Lord. *Refrain.*

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: FLC Band

Hymn: "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" Dakota Road Music



Prayers of Intercession

Please sing "Spirit of God ..." after each petition.

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.

C: Sing: Spirit of God move me from death into life.

A: Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country.

C: Sing: Spirit of God move me from death into life.

A: God of comfort, we pray for all who suffer. Help them find appropriate care, especially ... Stan Urban, Betty Lou Olsen, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, 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.

C: Sing: Spirit of God move me from death into life.

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

Offering: 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. *Please pass Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.*

While the offering is being collected please enjoy the video of our newly confirmed members.

***Offertory: "Everybody's Got Something to Offer" Dakota Road Music**

Everybody's got something to offer; young and old the prince and the pauper. Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the lost and the lowly ones the message it is clear; we have all got a gift to give our hands, our hearts, our tears.

Everybody's got something to offer; young and old the prince and the pauper. Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

To the believers gathered here the message it is true; we have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

Everybody's got something to offer; young and old the prince and the pauper. Everybody's got something to offer in the name of the Lord.

***Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***African Lord's Prayer**

John Ylvisaker

P: Please join me in singing the Lord's Prayer

1. Lord, God of Pow'r and fame, hallowed be your name. Humbly your will be done, until the kingdom come. The living depend on you, forgiven and forgiving, too. Lord, God of pow'r and fame, hallowed be your name.

2. Glory to you, O Lord, holy forevermore. Stay in temptation's hour, breaking the tempter's pow'r. The living depend on you, forgiven and forgiving, too. Glory to you, O Lord, holy forevermore.

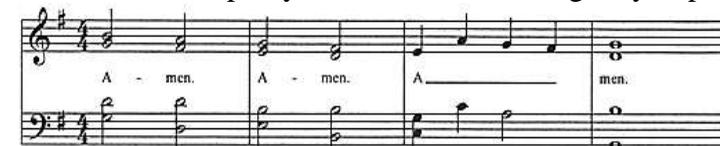
Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

***Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.



***Sending Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

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***Dismissal**

Youth: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please join us in greeting the newly confirmed in our receiving line. Congratulations! Everyone is welcome to attend the reception following worship in their honor in our fellowship hall.

Postlude

First Lutheran Announcements

Good morning and welcome everyone!

Today is Confirmation Sunday. Our tenth graders, parents, baptismal sponsors and mentors will receive blessings at the altar. Everyone is invited to the reception after worship to honor the confirmands, served by the Evangelism & Christian Education Committee. Our confirmands are:

Kennedy Buck, daughter of Trent & Karyn Buck – Mentor Karen Buck

Isaiah 41:10 “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

Owen Farral, son of Paul & Jodi Farral – Mentor Michelle Wetzell

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Basement New Flooring: Today is the last day, following worship, to please vote for the new basement flooring. There is a table at the back of the sanctuary with samples of the two flooring selections that can be compared to a kitchen cabinet. The Property Committee is available to answer any of your questions.

Trunk or Treat: First Lutheran Church will be hosting Trunk or Treat. This is our 16th year! We will be hosting this fun community event on Friday, October 29th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with a lot of games and treats. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for you to reserve your parking lot space for your trunk or table. We are also accepting candy donations for this event, “witch” the participants will hand out. Thank you!

National Youth Gathering is held every three years for high school youth and their adult leaders to gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The National Youth Gathering will take place in Minneapolis, MN July 24-28, 2022. If you are interested in going, you must let the church office know by November 1st! Registration begins very early for this trip. We hope you can make it!!

Monday 11th: 1:30 p.m. WELCA Bible Study

Tuesday 12th: 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings, 8:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Next Sunday 17th: 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Assisting In Our Worship

Pianist – Jeanne Frank

Keyboard – Luanne Urban

Guitar – Cathy Hinrichs

Bass – Aaron Johnson

Oboe – Randy Roland

Reader – Connie Johnson

Acolyte – Cameron Linden

Last Week’s Stewardship Record

Attendance – 64

Offering - \$ 3,362.00

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Extras for Power Point:

“Kyrie Eleison”



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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