

First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



Nineteenth Day after Pentecost
October 16, 2022

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting 10

Introduction to the Day: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Prelude

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

Gathering

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

Call to Worship

P: Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

C: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

P: We gather today to worship the One who created us.

C: The One who calls us,

P: The One who equips us,

C: The One who loves us without end.

P: God invites all of us to share in the Good News.

C: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

P: We are welcome, just as we are.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** "O Word of God Incarnate" # 514

***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 pg. 203

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

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

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Canticle of Praise: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” # 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Word

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

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17, 4:1-2

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

*Gospel Acclamation pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message: “Children of the Heavenly Father” #781

Congregation sings verse 1 as children come forward and return to their seats.

**1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather.
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.**

Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

*Hymn of the Day: “Day by Day” # 790

*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.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

A: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For those within our church family and communities that need you most. We pray especially for... Charlene McCracken, Sandy Plautz, Stan Urban, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Emilie Ricknell mother of Lynda VanDyke, Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman.

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, 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.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Please enter your family and friends' names on the Welcome Pad sheet on the table.

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 rise.

***Offering: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" # 186**
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***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, heaven 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.

C: Amen.

***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.

Ushers will guide you up the center aisle. Receive a wafer, continue to the prefilled communion cups at the corner of the pews. Grape juice is clear. Please turn away from the trays when taking your communion and throw away your used cup.

Please be seated.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God" pg. 208

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" # 461

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

*Blessing

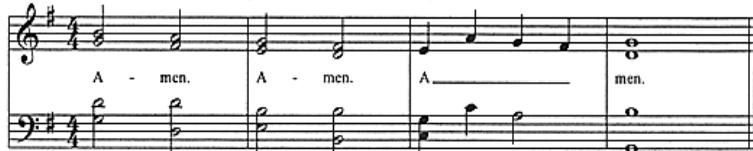
P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

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.



*Sending Hymn: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" vs. 1 - 3 # 669

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning, especially our guests. We invite everyone to sign the Welcome Pad sheet on your table during the offering. All are welcome to receive the sacrament of communion! Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Ushers will guide you up the center aisle. For those who do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate you would like a blessing. Welcome to the table.

This Week at First Lutheran

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Friday:	Pastor Chelsey's Day Off	
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	FLAG

Third quarter financial statements are completed and available in your mailbox. Thank you for your support of FLC ministries.

FLAG will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring your own pumpkin to carve and/or decorate. Feel free to bring your own carving tools as well. Some knives, paint, and other decorating materials will be provided, as well as a few extra pumpkins. Prizes will be awarded. Pumpkin desserts and ice cream will be served. RSVP to Stan & Luanne Urban or Katia & Cameron Butler. All adults are welcome to attend!

Reformation Sunday is October 30th. We celebrate the good news of God's grace and that Jesus sets us free to do life transforming work. We will have special music as our choir will sing. Everyone, please wear red on this day.

Third graders to receive Bibles, at worship on Sunday, October 30th. They will learn these bible stories as they continue to grow in faith.

Trunk or Treat: FLC will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event on Friday October 28th from 5-7 pm. Last year we had almost 300 people come through and we're hoping to make this event even better this year! We are in need of candy donations, volunteers to help run the event, and trunks for the kids to trick or treat at. Sign up sheets for trunks and volunteer spots are on the table in the narthex. Candy donations can be placed in the baskets in the narthex as well. We will also be collecting paper products for the Food Pantry (toilet paper, paper towels, etc) again this year.

Youth Day Trip: Yesterday our middle and high school students and chaperones went to Six Flags Great America which included the annual Fright Fest. They all enjoyed the fun filled day.

Blood Drive: On Monday, December 12th FLC will be the host for the community blood drive at the Unit #3 office building. If you can volunteer some time during this day, please let us know.

Assisting In Our Worship: Pianist: Susan Gillespie
Cantor: Randy Roland Reader: Marilyn Melton Acolyte: Taylor Robshaw
Last Week's Stewardship Record: Community Offering for Eclipse Square: \$ 562.00

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