

First Lutheran Church
300 West Third Street
Prophetstown, IL



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022

Order of Worship
Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Six

Introduction to the Day: Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Prelude

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

Gathering

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

***Gathering Song:** "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness" vs. 1 - 3 # 657

***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.

Canticle of Praise pg. 167 - 168

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest. Amen, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Word

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-7 *Read responsively.*

How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** pg. 171 *Please rise.*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

Hymn of the Day: "Christ, Be Our Light" vs. 1 - 4

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***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: God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of peace, you are an ever-present help in times of trouble. We especially pray for... Tara Johnson, 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. Community member Pat Crump.

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: God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of kindness and care, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. 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.**

Please pass the Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.

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.

Ushers will pass offering plates to you in each pew and then bring forward to the altar.

Please rise.

***Offertory: "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 mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

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.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

"Change My Heart, O God"

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***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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 during the offering.

This Week at First Lutheran

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. FLAG
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
No Confirmation Class
Friday: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion, Reformation Sunday,
Third Graders Receive Bibles, Please Wear Red

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

FLAG will be held tonight 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.

All Saints Sunday is November 6th. We will be remembering those that have been called to eternal rest during the past year.

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4th following worship in the sanctuary. The booklet will be changing this year as it will not have the committee reports, this information is available every month in the council minutes. Financial reports are still needed. If your committee or group has an account please get your info to the office by Monday, November 14th to prepare the booklets and be available the week before the meeting.

Assisting In Our Worship

Organist Jeanne Frank
Cantor Randy Roland
Reader Aaron Johnson
Acolyte Alex Ottens

Stewardship Record

Sunday Attendance: 69
Offering General Fund: \$ 2,765.00

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