

**First Lutheran Church**  
**300 West Third Street**  
**Prophetstown, IL**



**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 13, 2022**

**Order of Worship**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Ten**

*Introduction to the Day: The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Gathering**

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

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **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.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song:**

**"Gather Us In" vs. 1 - 3**

**# 532**

**\*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: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Affirmation of Faith

The Holy Spirit calls us together as a community of faith.

**Hymn: “Lead Me, Guide Me” vs. 1 # 768**

## Presentation of Candidate for Membership

P: I present Dale Etheridge who desires to make public affirmation of his faith and join in Christian fellowship with First Lutheran Church.

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?

**New Member Respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Addressing the congregation.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support our new member and pray for him in his life in Christ?

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

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.

Stir up in Dale the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with this new member 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**

*Welcome new member into our Fellowship of the Church.*

P: Please join with me in welcoming new member Dale into our church family.

**C: We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.**

P: It is my privilege and honor to introduce to you our new member, Dale Ethridge.

## \*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.*

## Word

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

## First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 98 *Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers lap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

## Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** pg. 205 *Please rise.*

**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: Luke 21:5-19**

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

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.” The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**

Pastor Chelsey Weech

**\*Hymn of the Day:**

**“Soon and Very Soon”**

**# 439**

**\*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: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Safeguard first responders and active-duty military personnel. Especially those 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick, especially ... Tara Johnson, Sandy Plautz, Stan Urban, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman.

Prayers to Lynda & Larry VanDyke, Eric & Chelsie VanDyke, Angie & Donnie Appleman and families on the passing of Lynda’s mother Emilie Ricknell on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. May the promise of the resurrection give them peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; 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:**

**“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

**# 182**

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

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.**

**\*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.**

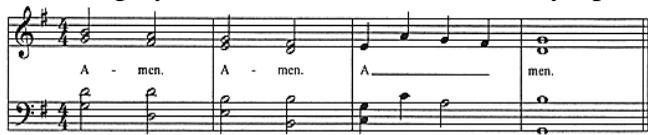
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Sending**

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

**\*Blessing**

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



**\*Sending Hymn:**

**“Lead Me, Guide Me”**

**# 768**

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Assisting In Our Worship**

Organist - Jeanne Frank      Cantor - Cathy Hinrichs

Reader - Donna Roland      Acolyte - Gavin VanDyke

**Stewardship Record**

Sunday Attendance - 79      Offering General Fund: \$ 4,131.00

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**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, New Member

**Monday:** 1:00 p.m. WELCA at FLC

**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 & Communion, Bishop Stacie Fidler

10:15 a.m. Fellowship – Served by FLAG

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

**Today we welcome new member Dale Etheridge.** He lives in Prophetstown and is a part time car salesman in Clinton, IA. Welcome!

**Veteran’s Photos:** In observance of Veteran’s Day please look at the veteran’s photos that are on display today. Thank you everyone for your service!

**Mitten Tree:** FLC is collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, sweatpants and socks donations for the children within our community. We are accepting donations today. This collection will be given to the schools tomorrow. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please speak with a FLAG member. Thank you!

**Thank You Heather!** Farmer’s National Bank held a pumpkin decorating contest for the month of October. Heather Strike made hers into Mr. Peanut with a top hat and cane and won at the Prophetstown location. She donated her winnings of \$120 to our FLC Mitten Tree for hats, mittens, scarves and coats for the district’s grade school students.

**Bishop Fidler to Preach at FLC.** On Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Bishop Stacie Fidler will be here to preach, worship and serve communion. She is the new bishop that was elected at the Synod Assembly in June. Fellowship will be served by FLAG following worship. A food sign-up sheet is available on the sanctuary back table. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Lighted Christmas Parade “Rocking Around the Christmas Tree”** will be held on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. FLC will have an entry. We are asking for candy donations to hand out to kids.

**Community Thanksgiving Worship** will be held at FLC on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Methodist and Leon Methodist Churches will be participating with FLC. May it fill you with peace, joy and love.

**Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> following worship in the sanctuary. Please mark this date on your calendar to be present to hear all the good works of FLC!