



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

October 6, 2024

Welcome and Announcements *(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (ELW 879)

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

***Confession & Forgiveness**

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

***Prayer of the Day:**

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man^[a] there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your
foes,**

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God^[b]
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works
of your hands;**

you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,^[a] whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains^[b] all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for^[c] sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are humans that you are mindful of them
or mortals that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

*Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:13-16

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Pastor Hans Anderson

Sermon- “Receiving Children”

Pastor Hans Anderson



Song of the Day: "When Love is Found" (WOV 749)

1 When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be
 2 When love has flow'ered in trust and care, build both each
 3 When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to
 4 When love is torn and trust be-trayed, pray strength to
 5 Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or

glad that two are one. When love ex-plodes and fills the
 day that love may dare to reach be-yond home's warmth and
 hope though all seems strange, till ease re- turns and love grows
 love till tor- ments fade, till lov- ers keep no score of
 youth, in hus- band, wife. Lift up your hearts. Let love be

sky, praise God and share our mak- er's joy.
 light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
 wise through list- 'ning ears and o- pened eyes.
 wrong but hear through pain love's Eas- ter song.
 fed through death and life in bro- ken bread.

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*Statement of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

*Prayers of Intercession:

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.



Offering

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Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the

4 C Am F G

prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.

*Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

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;
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.



† Communion †

All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.

Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the communion server upon request.

You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion Distribution

Babies N Bibles & Club 45 go to Fellowship Hall

***Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Blessing:**

God all mighty,
God most merciful
† bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn: "If you But Trust in God to Guide You" (ELW 769)**

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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***Dismissal:**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Reader:
Communion Assistants:
Zoom: Bill Schroeder
Sound: Chuck Brasel
Ushers: Paul Pearson & Erik Lindquist
Altar Guild: Annette Newton & Gloria Johnson
Counter: Joan Anderson
Coffee & Fellowship: Rhonda Wippler, Chair

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost/Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*) Communion at the Rail 9:00 AM

Babies n Bibles, Club 45 **immediately following communion**

Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 AM

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Bible Study 10:00 AM

WOW 3:30 PM

Meal 5:00 PM

Chosen Video 6:00 PM

Confirmation 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Walking Together Workshop 9:00 AM

We will be carpooling from the church @ 8:15

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Twenty First Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Babies n Bibles, Club 45 **immediately following communion**

Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 AM



*Pastor Appreciation Sunday is
TODAY.*

*Please stay for fellowship time to
honor*

Pastor Hans

*The decorated cake says it all,
"you are loved"*

Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. Type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 852-6256-7424 Passcode 680145.

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

Pastor Hans has have a new cell phone number 218-820-9166

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt

Roz Diogivanni

Bill Schroeder

Those in the service...

Senior Master Sargeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Major A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau

E-6 Nathaniel & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau



ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024

Attendance: 95

Offering:

Sept. 29, 2024 \$2,144.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,301.40

Direct Deposit: \$ 75.00

Total Offerings: \$2,219.00

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

2024-2025 Giving: \$14,190.41 Expenses: \$11,432.85

Income less Expenses for September:

\$14,190.41 - \$11,228.07 = \$2,962.34

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

On October 15, the “Out to Lunch Bunch” outing will be to the Snarky Loon in Jenkins. They will have their fall menu with soup, and/or sandwiches. We will carpool from the church at noon.

