

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, November 15th ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Tuesday, November 17th

1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 18th

7:00 a.m. Worship on Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m.. Confirmation Class (last class until January 6th)

Thursday, November 19th

9:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 22nd ~ Christ the King Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 22nd:
Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24
Ps. 95:1-7a
Eph. 1:15-23
Matt. 25:31-46

**Attendance last Sunday was 23
zoom log-ins and 29 in person**

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Diane Sabol, Mary Sue Johnson (lymphoma Lygre's sister in law), Don Loetterle, Angie Perkins Downs, Charlene Watterson, Alice Wanless at the death of her husband Don, Suzanne Ponchene, Wanless' great granddaughter Rae Lynn Martinez (preemie), Estelle Johnson at the death of her husband Al Johnson, Geraldine Children, Fred Watterson, Katie & Kalan Hope Klosterman (Debbie Butler niece & baby), Jan Riggs, Lani Maier, Ken Hunter, Erleen Beckley, Brooklyn Dawson, Samuel Herron, Yang-ae-Kim (Min's mother, dementia), Shane Williams, the people in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Jake Ferris, Micah Barnhart, Erik Hurson, leaders of all nations, Immigrant families, and for peace in our world and in our families.

We pray also for our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bread for the World, and FISH Food Bank.

~Please update Pastor Dennis about people on the prayer list~

If you have a prayer request, fill out the blue prayer request sheet located in the pew in-between the pencils and hand it to an usher.

(Please remember that our Service is broadcast live on KXLE radio.)

FLC Announcements

Special Offering for FISH Food Bank for the month of October was \$96.00, 144 pounds of food and 8 pounds of hygiene products.

We also sent in \$838.17 for the Cold Weather Shelter program for meals.

FISH will be coordinating efforts again this year to provide gifts for local families and seniors through our Community Christmas program. Last year, with the help of donors we were able to make Christmas a reality for 150 families and an additional 160 children and teens were provided Christmas presents during a secondary program for those who missed the deadline for adoption.

If you'd like to adopt a family or senior this year please email us at communitychristmas@kvfish.org.

Offering Envelopes: The 2021 offering envelopes are available in the fellowship hall. Stop by and pick yours up Sunday mornings if you attend service, or if you stop by the church to drop off your offering or for some other reason during the week. These are getting out earlier than normal to allow people more time to pick them up as you may not get to the church as often. Christine can help find yours when she is working during the

† GATHERING †

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy one,

C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.

GREETING:

A 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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:**

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

***DISMISSAL:**

- A** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare in B flat Major" ~ Ore

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

*Assisting Minister: David Lygre
Reader: Michael Goerger
Sound Operator: Bruce Palmquist
Altar Guild: Bea Fairburn*

PARISH STAFF

*Pastor - Dennis Hickman
Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant
Office Administrator - Christine Rice*

Budget amounts:

October only: -\$4,134.22
January-October: +\$24,857.86

We have a contingency reserve, due to 2 unpaid office positions, these positions will come back after COVID.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For in person worship: The bread and wine are in individual serving cups on tables up front. The wafer is on top and juice beneath, simply peel back the foil to consume.

For those who are taking part in the Lord's Supper at home; Please give the bread to one another or yourself with the words "The body of Christ given for you." Then give the wine or grape juice to one another or yourself with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." If you have children please lay your hands on their heads and bless them with words such as "The risen Jesus loves and saves you." (Or similar words)

After worship please consume any remaining bread and wine/grape juice or return it to the ground from which it came. (Don't throw it in the garbage.)

OTHER HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

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*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

A Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you in the way.

C Amen.

† SENDING †

*BLESSING:

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

~ Jess Holcomb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SENDING SONG:

"Thine the Amen"

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C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

A Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Special Music (if available)

“The First Day”
Laurae Lygre on Harp

~ William Lovelace

†WORD†

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

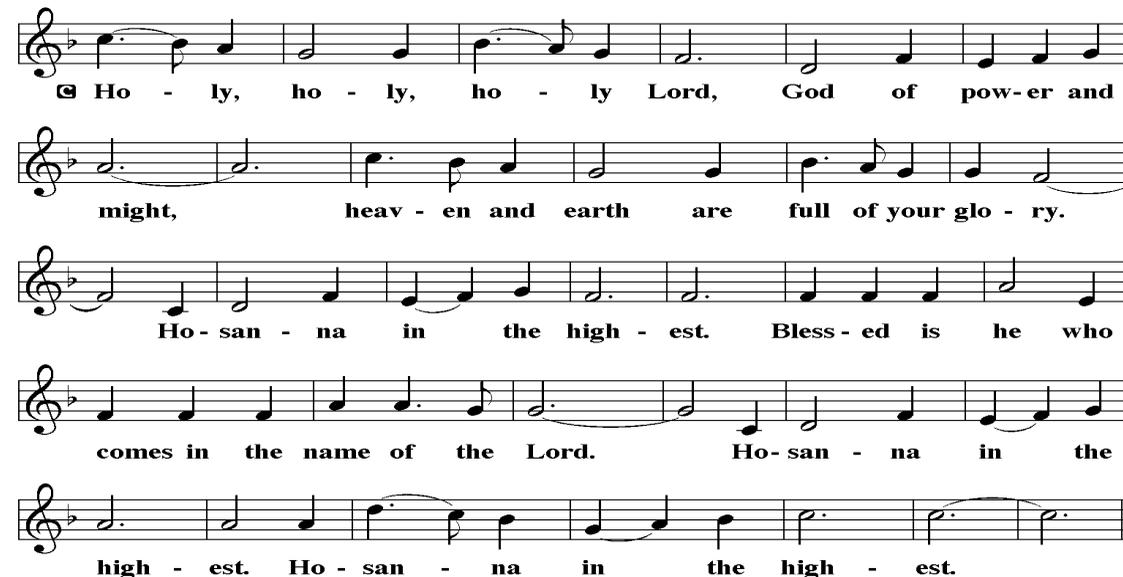
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P The Words of Institution

C Amen

*THE 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; 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

OFFERING: *“Be Thou My Vision”* ~ John Turner
(Download Vanco Give Plus app to give via your phone.)

***OFFERTORY:** *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* ELW #674 v 1

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C Amen.

† PRAYERS †

A Gathered with the saints by the river of life and surrounded by the great cloud of their witness, let us pray for the well-being of the church of God, the peace of the whole world, and the welfare of all people.

P All blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be yours, O God, through Christ the crucified and risen one.

C Amen

† THE LORD’S SUPPER †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PSALM: **Sing** **Psalm 90**
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

2Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.

3You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

4For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;

5you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

6in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

7For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

8Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

[**9**When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

10The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.

11Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?]

12So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. **2**For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3**When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5**for you

are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***HOLY GOSPEL:**

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

¹⁶"The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹"After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His

master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

²⁴"Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

²⁹"For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

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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

** catholic means universal*

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.")