

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, October 25th ~ Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

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

Tuesday, October 27th

11:45 a.m. Men's Lunch @ FLC
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28th

7:00 a.m. Worship on Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Thursday, October 29th

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

Saturday, October 31st

8:00 a.m. Fall Yard Clean Up

Sunday, November 1st ~ All Saints Day

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 1st:

Rev. 7:9-17
Ps. 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matt. 5:1-12

**Attendance last Sunday was 11
zoom log-ins and 31 in person**

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Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

First Lutheran Church ~ October 25, 2020

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

Welcome to All Our Guests and Visitors: The people of First Lutheran Church extend a very sincere welcome to you. For this morning's worship we will be using the Red Book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)). Ushers are available anytime for your assistance.

P: Pastor **A:** Assisting Minister **C:** Congregation * Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE: *"A Mighty Fortress"* ~ *Cherwien*

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* **ELW # 504**

† GATHERING †

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

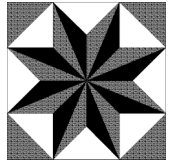
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free**



Quilt Sale November 6-8



**Friday and Saturday
10a-noon and 2-4p
Sunday Before and After Worship**

\$25 Baby Quilts
\$45 Quilts
\$55 Jean/Corduroy Quilts

The sanctuary looks incredibly homey during November. The quilters are having their annual Quilt Sale November 6-8. We will open the church to 10 people at a time. Masks and social distancing will be required. Help us celebrate the hard work of the quilters.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Quilt Sale and it's never too soon to start thinking about Christmas gifts.

Budget amounts:

September only: - \$1,361.14

January-September: + \$28,992.08

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

FLC Announcements

Flowers for today are provided by Brain & Jan McElroy in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 1st
Don't forget to change your clocks back an hour!



Audio Visual Update: Thank you, to everyone for all their help in reaching this goal. We currently are at \$11,242.13. If you redirected your offering to AV, please direct it back to the general fund. We hope to get the installation going in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to Doug Fessler for heading up our project!

Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at FLC. If you have any questions please contact Renee Merten.

Fall Yard Cleanup Saturday, Oct. 31 ~ 8:00 am to Noon

As the gardening season comes to an end, we say a special "Thank You" to our wonderful gardeners who have kept the flowers and grounds in the front of the church so beautiful all summer: Ida Malde, Bea Fairburn, and Doreen Day.

Special thanks also to Isak Bergman for all the lawn mowing this year: you are appreciated!

Please come help on October 31st if you can. Bring your gloves, rakes, clippers and other useful tools. Pick-up trucks are always useful for hauling the leaves and branches away. Please, no leaf blowers. Thank You!



ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C Amen.

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.

A You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

A Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

A One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE:



Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All
 na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,
 for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.
 III Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- A** Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Special Music (if available)

†**WORD**†

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**
The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be

PARISH STAFF

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister: Laurae Lygre
 Reader: Ida Malde
 Sound Operator: Bruce Palmquist
 Altar Guild: Estelle Johnson



Diane Sabol, Dick Borrud (knee replacement 10-2), Mary Sue Johnson (lymphoma Lygre's sister in law), Don Loetterle, Cheryl Comsia, Angie Perkins Downs, Charlene Watterson (broken shoulder), 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 Childress, 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.)*

✠ SENDING ✠

***BLESSING:**

P Mothering God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation" ELW #796

DISMISSAL:

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We all Our God" ~ Lani Smith

✠ ~Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church~ ✠

*God's love inspires us to unite in worship, grow in Word and Sacrament,
and serve the need of others as the Holy Spirit empowers us.
To this end, as members of First Lutheran Church,
we believe we are each called to proclaim, share,
and daily live Christ's Gospel of Love.*

their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM: **Read Responsively** **Psalm 46**
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰**Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: **Romans 3:19–28**
Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested

by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

C Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***HOLY GOSPEL:**

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen

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:

ELW# 644

***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 We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C Amen.

† THE LORD'S SUPPER †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

P The Words of Institution

C Amen

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Built on a Rock"

ELW #652 vs 1-4

† CONFIRMATION (Affirmation of Baptism) †

FAITH STATEMENT

Aubrey Wells

1 Peter 3:21

Sarah Merten

Matthew 6:34

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

I present _____, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

You have made 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?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Family Members are invited forward to stand behind their daughters.

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 _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

(name) you are called to daily take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

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.

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.")

OFFERING:

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

(Download Vanco Give Plus app to give via your phone)

***OFFERTORY:**

"We Are an Offering"

ELW # 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C **Amen**

✠ PRAYERS ✠

A Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the world, the body of Christ, and all who yearn for wholeness of life.

P Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**