

MARK 9:33-37, 10:13-16

OCTOBER 25

SANCTUARY

*Let your
light
shine*

(MATT. 5:14)

LIVE • LOVE • LEAD

like Jesus

ON BROADWAY



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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October 25, 2020: Live, Love, Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Marty Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Laurie Neill
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Marlowe Kulish

PRELUDE

Great Hymns — arr. James Curnow
Marlowe Kulish, clarinet; Michael Olson, organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 46

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

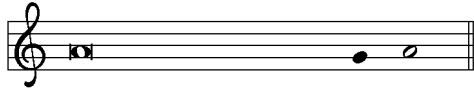
he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



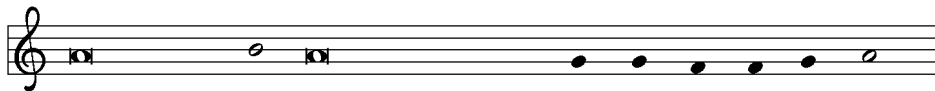
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



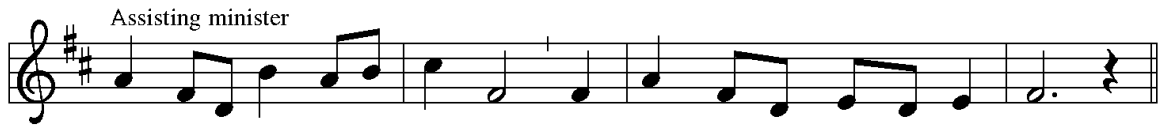
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-ight-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Oh God,

C: Our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

In Christ Alone – arr. David Angerman
Bonnie Yoney, Kate Moe, Dorian Olson, Terry Yoney
Michael Olson, accompanist

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16

VIDEO *I'll Need You*

MESSAGE Pastor Marty Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation



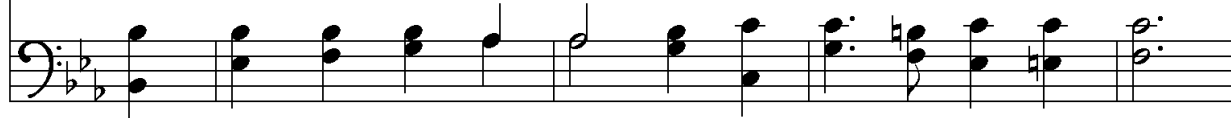
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



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 FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken by the congregation)*

**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.**

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: *Third grade Bibles and new online resources for Christian education*

MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING

Song Without Words, Op. 30, No. 1 – Felix Mendelssohn
Marlowe Kulish, clarinet; Michael Olson, accompanist

OFFERING OPTIONS

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. While we worship online, our stewardship continues. Offerings can be mailed to the church office and we also encourage you to use our online giving and texting options.

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BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

SENDING HYMN *How Firm a Foundation*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God — Johann Gottfried Walther
Michael Olson, organist

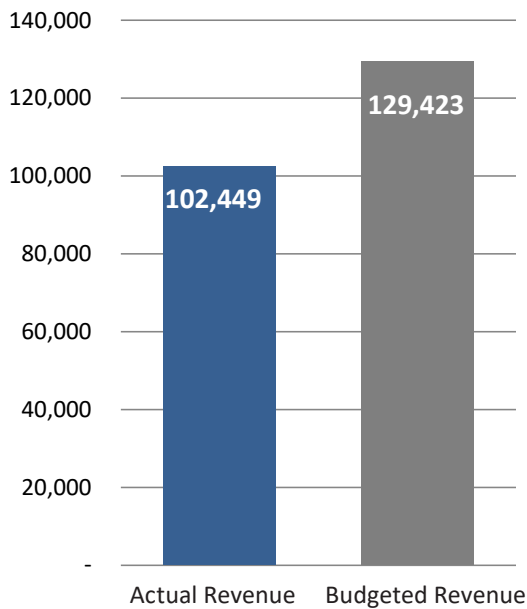
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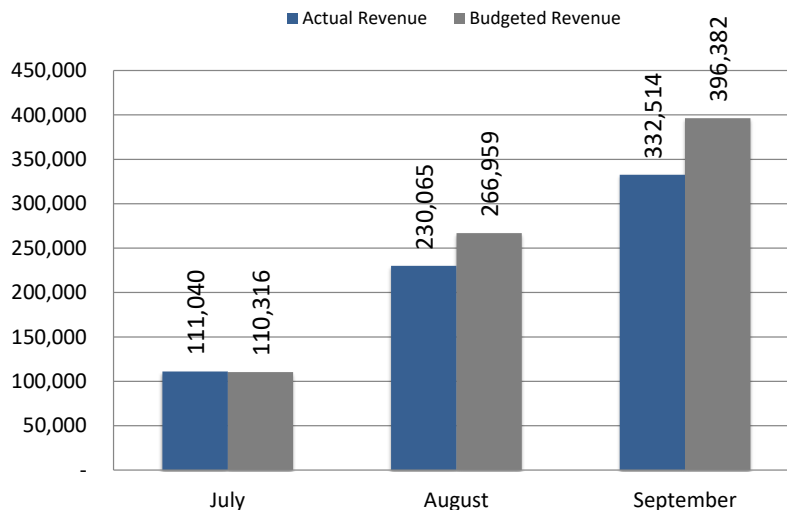
FLC SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP



SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

- In Memory of Marjorie Torkelson**
for Music from Richard & Gail Grabow
- In Memory of Don Nettum**
for Helping Hands from Bernice Wadeson
for Helping Hands from Dave & Becky Anderson
for Helping Hands from Jeffrey & Christina Athy
for Helping Hands from Larry & Connie Swanson
for Foundation from Myron & Juliet Thoreson
for Helping Hands from Vern Almlie & Glenda Sanford
- In Memory of Evelyn Finsness**
for Cathedral Choir from Betty Onstad
for Music from Richard & Gail Grabow
- In Memory of Karen Kerns (Mother of Kim Forness)**
for Samaritan from Rob & Karla Lyngstad
- In Memory of Louis Larson**
for Radio from Vern Almlie & Glenda Sanford
- In Memory of Odin Dahl**
for Cathedral Choir from Vern Almlie & Glenda Sanford
- In Memory of Shirley Tietz**
for Quilters from Dave & Becky Anderson

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS FY 2020-21 GENERAL FUND





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October 21, 2020

Dear First Lutheran,

We are reminded of these words from the Apostle Paul,

“What are we to say about these things?”



Last week, on October 14, we learned that Cass County, along with fifteen other counties, were moved into the high-risk category for the first time during this pandemic. This move came with the “strongest possible recommendation” that venues limit their occupancy to 25% and large gatherings with no more than 50 people. The significant rise in cases along with the 50-person capacity makes it difficult to sustain in-person worship for the foreseeable future. Therefore, in consultation with leadership, we have decided to move solely to our online platform for Worship and Christian Education.

We will, for the foreseeable future, also suspend in-person gatherings and meetings at the church except for funerals and scheduled weddings. Both must stay below the 50-person capacity and follow our COVID-19 guidelines. We will continue to prayerfully monitor the COVID-19 situation with our council and staff and adhere to the guidelines of the CDC along with our elected officials. We invite you to check our website for the latest ministry opportunities.

We borrow once again Paul’s question, “What are we to say about these things?” A good answer today might not be the best answer tomorrow. So much uncertainty, and yet, Paul was convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Nothing! Paul was no stranger to uncertainty, disruption, and suffering. Through it all...he was a follower of Jesus *in* this world. He forged ahead not because he knew the future, but because, Jesus promised that he would always be there. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

We are in this together and we will get through this together....

Blessings,

Pastors Steph and Marty



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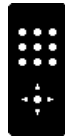
During the COVID-19/Coronavirus response, in-person worship at First Lutheran Church is suspended. However, we will broadcast worship on radio, television and online as noted below. Please join us for worship to praise Jesus and to stay connected as a faith community.



ONLINE STREAMING

(flcfargo.org & Facebook):

- Traditional Worship, Sundays, 9 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Face-to-Face Worship, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.



TELEVISION:

- Fargo channels, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; and Sundays 1:30 p.m. (Midco 68, Sparklight 1068)
- Moorhead channels, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; and Sundays 5 p.m. (Midco 99, Sparklight 69)



RADIO:

- Sundays, 9 a.m., WDAY 970 AM and 93.1 FM

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RADIO BROADCAST MEMORIAL:

Today's radio broadcast is given in loving memory of **Jeff Rye**, from Shannon.

CELEBRATE PRAYER:

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly: *Winnie Brostrom, Michelle Reitan, Rick Fuller, Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Betty Mausbach-Jevne, Wes Briggs, Lisa Kunkel, Lona Binder-Hermanson, Gail Zimprich, Kathy Otheim, Jim Frisk, Ann Brown, and Steve Brown.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Marjorie Johnston**, mother of Lisa Soggie; **Ronald Bucholz**, father of Charles Bucholz, and father-in-law of Maureen Bucholz; and **Leatrice Eik**, wife of Robert Eik.

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