

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Drive-In Worship: Sunday at 10:00 am (Tune Car Radio to 87.9FM)

Broadcast Sunday mornings, 8:00-8:30, on KAPS Radio (660 am)

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Questions· Race· Sexual Orientation· are welcome here

November 8– Service of Word and Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude:.....*Send Us Your Spirit*, David Haas, arranged by Jeanne Cotter

Greeting:

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

All: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness:

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.** *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Holy One,

**All: 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.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn:.....*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*, ELW 777 (Bulletin, Pg. 5, 3 verses)

Prayer of the Day:

Leader: Let us pray: O God of justice and love, ...

**All: you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need,
and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day:.....*O God of Mercy, God of Light*, ELW 714 (Bulletin Pg. 6, 4 verses)

Creed:

Leader: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

All: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

(Ephesians 1:13-14)

Leader: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: 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

Leader: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

All: pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

Leader: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

All: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

All: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

HOLY MEAL

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; 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession:

Each petition will end with, "Lord in your Mercy", and the response will be: "**Hear our Prayer.**"

Blessing:

Leader: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing and fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** (*Romans 15*)

SENDING

Hymn:.....*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*, ELW 773 (Bulletin Pg. 8, 3 verses)

Dismissal: Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:.....*Find Us Faithful*, Jon Mohr, arranged by Carol Tornquist

Announcement -November 15 Drive-Up FELC Semi-Annual Meeting

We will be holding a Drive-Up Semi-Annual Congregational Mtg. on November 15th at 10:45 am (in the parking lot, following the drive up service.)

Come for worship at 10 am and stay for the meeting, or simply come at 10:45 for the mtg.

We will vote on the 2021 church budget and elect our 2021 slate of lay leadership.

Please review the budget email sent Nov. 6 for more information.

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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O God of Mercy, God of Light

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.