

First United Lutheran Church

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LECTIONARY 18, YEAR B

9:30 am Drive-In Service

August 1, 2021

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at First United Lutheran Church today. Please fill out the “Welcome Card” located on the table as you come to communion. The liturgy is online on the church website (www.fulc.org). Please tune your car radio to 98.1 MHz (FULC Radio) to hear the service. When it comes time for communion, please wear your mask and maintain the proper 6 feet or more spacing between persons. Thank you.

PRELUDE “*Blumenstück*” by R. Schumann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Oh God,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the bread from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you have God’s mercy: you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “*What Feast of Love*” (ELW 487)

APOSTOLIC 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING LITURGY

CALL TO WORSHIP (kids come to the front)

ONE: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, pencils, snacks, and school work.

ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.

ONE: After months of learning behind screens or separated by dividers and physical space,

ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

ONE: We may still feel uncertain, seeing so many faces again, but we come together seeking God's peace in this beautiful community.

ALL: Let us worship together, united in Christ.

OPENING PRAYER/BLESSING

Let us pray:

God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us, Thank you for the privilege of education. In a year of turmoil, disruption, and loss, we recognize the gift of learning and the gift of teaching in ways we may not have appreciated before. You have blessed our communities with teachers who take new skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class of young people.

God who came as a child to show us how to be fully human, to show us how to be children of God, You have given our children minds that grow and develop in unique ways, at unique speeds, and we are astounded by that miracle.

You speak to us through the words, actions, play, and feelings of children. You call us to listen to the Spirit speaking through our young siblings in Christ.

We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them.

But in this celebration, we do not forget there are children and families and teachers who do not have the resources they need. When systems are unjust, the outcomes are unacceptable. Today, we remember those who are beginning school this year : those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety, and those who lack supplies, teachers, safe buildings, and accommodations for all needs and abilities.

We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: FLASH YOUR HEADLIGHTS.

P: Let us pray:

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMS Psalm 78:23-29

R: *God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)*

C:²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings. ²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-16

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL TEXT John 6:24-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S LESSON - *Children/youth of all ages are invited to gather with Julie Caslow on right side of the church to head around back for a lesson & activity.*

SERMON

SERMON HYMN “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*” (ELW 779)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

A: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
4 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: HONK YOUR HORN.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you wish please get out of your car and stand next to it so we can all participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS ELW, Pg. 144

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

OUR FATHER

P: And now we are bold to pray.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: Behold the Lamb of God who bears away the sin of the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please sit.)

The Communion follows. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you are visiting us today, please know that as baptized members of the body of Christ, you are welcome at the Eucharistic Feast.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer” (ELW 618)

SENDING

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: HONK YOUR HORN.

POSTLUDE “Courante” by J. S. Bach

Sunday, August 1, 2021
9:30 AM Drive-in Service Sunday Servants
Pastor: Rev. Randy Jones

August 1st

Head Counter: David Werner
Counters: David & Helen Gustafson
Assisting Minister: Linda Hull
Reader: Julie Caslow
Alter Guild: Diane Moulton & Janet Stover
Ushers: Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm,
Frank Hull (as available)

August 8th

Head Counter: David Werner
Counters: David & Helen Gustafson
Assisting Minister: Bev Metcalf
Reader: Linda Hull
Alter Guild: Diane Moulton & Janet Stover
Ushers: Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm,
Frank Hull (as available)



**TO REQUEST PRAYERS OR JOIN THE
PRAYER TEAM CONTACT:
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WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF FIRST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Those in need of healing, comfort and strength:

Pour out your Spirit of comfort, gracious God. Heal your children in need. We pray especially for **Krista, Kevin, Gunhild & Ward; Barry, Pam, Joyce, Brian, Carrie, Debbie; Gene & Carla; Sue; Bonnie & Steve; Mike, Claudette, Kelly; Kevin; Sherry; Lisa N & Amari; Pastor Porter; Brook; Molly, Keesha & Serena; Lisa B; Megan; Sandra; Dean; Harvelyn, Kyle, Marty & Owen, Wanda & Libby; Teri; Mike; Jayne; Mary; Gladys; Vi; Ed; Pete; Carolyn T; Jeya, David;**

Those serving in our military:

Pour out your Spirit of love, glorious God. We pray for your blessings upon the students, staff & faculty of KSU and for those bravely serving our country especially **Brian, Casey, & Marshall.**

Thanksgiving for those who have gone before us:

Pour out your Spirit of peace, resurrecting God. Bring all who grieve into a community rooted in you. We pray especially for: B Newton's dear friend, **Judy** Grinstead; C Hairston's mother, **Mary** Jones; K Werner's daughter, **Debbie** McAtee; **Betty** Emberg; **Ron** Peterson; Einerts' son & brother, **Eddie**; Gustafsons' son & brother, **Joe**. Uphold their families with your grace and keep us all grounded in your promise of life eternal.

Those in Mission for Christ Overseas:

JULIA & VINCENT Leiyoole in Kenya, **ILAG** The Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala.