

First United Lutheran Church

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I will make you
fish for people

MATTHEW 4:19



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30 am Worship Service

January 22, 2023

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at First United Lutheran Church today. On your way in you may have received a “Welcome Card” to place in the offering plate. If not, you can find those, along with our guest book, on the left in the hallway exiting the sanctuary.

REMINDERS

Your children are welcome in our worship! At the entrance to the sanctuary, we have tool kits with age-appropriate items to help children participate in worship. Please help your child take a drawer, with supplies and instructions, to your pew and return it to the drawer unit after the service. At the front of the sanctuary there is a quiet play space for younger children. If needed, we also have an unstaffed nursery room located in the hallway to the sanctuary.

As we prepare for worship: Please respect those who are in the sanctuary for meditation and the prelude with silence.

Alternate worship options: The worship service is available to listen to in our parking lot by tuning your car radio to FM 98.1. To view the service online visit ful.org and select the worship button on the homepage

PRELUDE “*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*” by Reawaken Hymns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

A brief silence is observed as we reflect upon our sins and need for forgiveness.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of your beloved Son, forgive us that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. Therefore, you are forgiven in the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“I Love to Tell the Story”* (ELW 661)

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.

KYRIE

P: Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ have mercy.

C: Christ have mercy.

P: You bring light to those in darkness: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Gloria”* page 148

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMS Psalm 27:1, 4-9

R: *The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)*

C:¹**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.** ⁵**For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.** ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.** ⁷**Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.** ⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.** ⁹**Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none

of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (page 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL TEXT Matthew 4:12-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SERMON HYMN *"He's Everything to Me"*

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, 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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING “*Good Good Father*”

(Place your offering in the offering plate as you enter the nave)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

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.

CANTICLE “Lamb of God” (ELW page 135)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN “Here I Am Lord” (ELW 574)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

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 *“We Are Marching in the Light”* (ELW 866) (verse 1)

SENDING

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Prelude in D”* by J.S. Bach

January 15, 2023 Attendance and Giving

Attendance: 63

Offering: \$3345

Simply Giving & E giving: 01/09/23–01/13/23 = \$666

<u>Month of December 2022</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>75K Capital Campaign</u>	
Actual Expenses \$24,461	\$328,144	Pledged	\$81,457
Actual Giving \$32,810	\$309,980	Received	\$75,368
Variance for Dec + \$8,349	-\$18,296		

Pastor: Rev. Randy Jones Sunday Servants Serving Today January 22nd

Head Counter: David Werner

Counters: Lucy Denzin

Assisting Minister: Martha Willis

Reader: Nancy Mosholder

Musicians: Charlie Hairston, Ben Wadsworth,

Altar Guild: Lois Gilbert, Lindsay Harris

Ushers: Ed Einert, Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull (as available)

Serving Next Service January 29th

Head Counter: David Werner

Counters: Lucy Denzin

Assisting Minister: Martha Willis

Reader: Molly Werner

Musicians: Charlie Hairston, Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Lois Gilbert, Lindsay Harris

Ushers: Ed Einert, Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull (as available)

Weekly Calendar Office is Open:

Mon.-Thur., 8:30am - 1:30pm

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SUNDAY: January 22nd

9:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

No Sunday School - MLK project and
Strategic Planning Forum after Service

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kenyan Baraka Church (FH)

MONDAY: January 23rd

TUESDAY: January 24th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Levites Group (TC)

WEDNESDAY: January 25th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

McCarthy Bible Study

THURSDAY: January 26th

FRIDAY: January 27th

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Depot AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY: January 28st

See the Weekly Uniter for the drive-in worship instructions.

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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 T Boyer's aunt, **Sheila**; **Anthony Ward**; **Debbie Devos**; **Gail Whiten**; B Newton's friends, **RuthAnn & Charlene**, & family, **Betty**; J Caslow's parents, **Peggy & Bo**; M Stahlman's brother, **John**; **Ginny Frederick**; Douglass' friend, **Debbie** & her family; Cathy Hairston's father, **Pete**; D Fischer's mother, **Anne**; **Lisa Byrn**; **Molly Werner**. Kennell's nephew, **Mark**, & neighbors-**Ralph, Katherine & Kaitlin**; **Sharon Moe & Sherry Quitter**; Emberg family friend, **Shelly**; B Davidson's friend, **Tom**; **Lou & Ardy Boyer** & a friend **Alan**; N Boccardo's friends **Tammy, Marti & Owen, Brian, Jenise**; **Elsie Howard**; **Joanne Einert**; K Moran's parents **Ward & Gunhild** & her friend, **Jamie** & Jamie's father, **Ed**; **Mike Seden** & Anna's mom, **Nkuku**; S Link's son, **Chris**; **Vi Tatz**; **Megan Mosholder**; **Mary Chegwiddden**; **Pastor Porter** of Mt Zion AME Church; Strudthoff's daughter, **Teri**; P Fagerholm's friend, **Kent**; E Tennis' daughter, **Diane**; Merriman's friends & family-**Carrie, Joyce, Brian, & Jane**; **KSU student** asks for wisdom, peace & success in finances & career choices. **Another KSU request** "*I ask for prayers of physical healing and protection*".

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 at home and around the world especially: BockLyke son-in-law in Washington D.C., **Officer Huck Sarin**; Hextell nephew, Illinois **K9 Officer Tyler Post**, **Brian Uncapher, Navy**; Great grandson of Evelyn Tennis, **Casey Peterson, Army**; & Brandau Shirley family, **Marshall Wish & Stephan Kotowski**, a civilian, but suffering from PTSD.

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 N Kendrick's sister, **Steveanna**; H Gustafson's sister, **Terisa**; **Paul Henry**, Cynthia's husband; B Newton's relative, **Rink**; L Denzin's sister, **Lynn**; Douglass' friend, **Tom**; **Cathy Hairston**. 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 Leiyooole in Kenya, **ILAG** The Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala & their pastor, Karen Castillo & her son, Diego Gill.