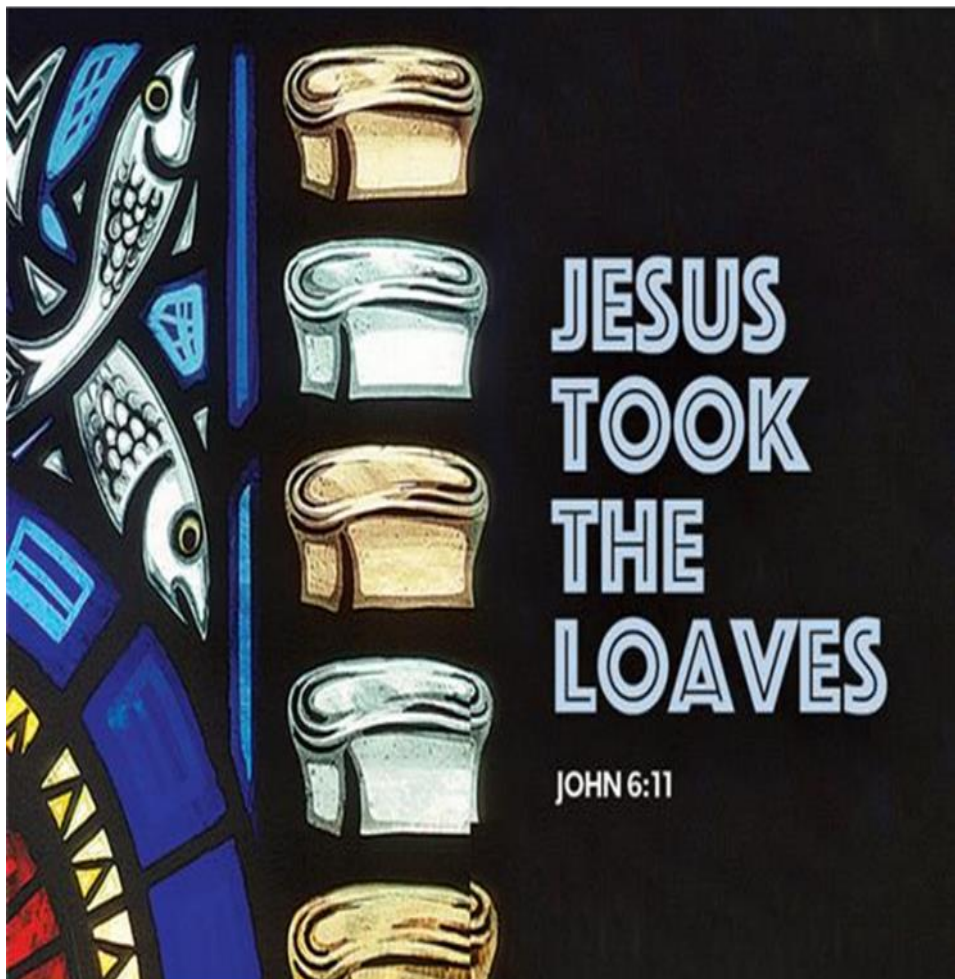


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LECTIONARY 17, YEAR B

9:30 am Worship Service

July 28, 2024

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.

Online worship: To view the service online visit fulc.org and select the worship button on the homepage.

PRELUDE “*Lied*” L. Vierne

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: God, our provider,

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. Where else can we turn? 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 manna 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 are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“The Church of Christ, In Every Age”* (ELW 729)

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 are mighty God and Prince of peace: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

C: Christ have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father: Lord have mercy.

C: Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, “They shall eat and have some left.” ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMS Psalm 145:10-18

R: *You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

C:¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you. ¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power, ¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works. ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. ¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works. ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ

that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (page 142)

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

GOSPEL TEXT Mark 6:1-21

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a

boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

SERMON HYMN *“Break Now the Bread of Life”* (ELW 515)

CREED *Apostles Creed*

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

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

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.

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 OF THE COMMUNITY

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

A: In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING *“Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death”* by J.S. Bach

(in commemoration of Bach’s death on July 28, 1750)

(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you enter the nave)

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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the true 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.

C: 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.

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 be seated.

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 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (ELW 484)

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 “Praise and Thanksgiving” (ELW 689)

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Prelude and Fugue in F” by C. Petzold

July 21, 2024 Attendance and Giving

Attendance:

Offering: \$900

Simply Giving & E giving: 07/15/24 – 07/19/24 = \$2318

<u>Month of June 2024</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>		<u>75K Capital Campaign</u>
Actual Expenses	\$23,307	\$143,439		Pledged \$81,457
Actual Giving	\$18,860	\$128,317		Received \$93,214
Variance	- \$4,447	- \$15,122		

Pastor: Randy Jones
Vicar: Kat Folk
Sunday Servants
Serving Today July 28th

Head Counter: Chris Schwanebeck

Counters: Barbara Schwanebeck

Assisting Minister: David Werner

Reader: Duane Thewlis

Acolyte: TBA

Musician: Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Diane Moulton, Lindsay Harris

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

Serving Next Service August 4th

Head Counter: Harry Grubb

Counters: Kay Grubb

Assisting Minister: Ben Harris

Reader: Debbie Maclin Schmeckpeper

Acolyte: TBA

Musician: Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Tracey Boyer, Kelly Francis-Wadsworth

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

Birthdays for the Month of July

Krista Moran, Alec Caslow, Nancy Mosholder, Larry Meyer, Martha Willis, Anna Seden, Eleanor Harris, Kim Obenshain, Ed Mahan, Mike Samples, Janet Stover, Kathy Dittrich, Carla Douglass

Weekly Calendar Office is Open:

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

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SUNDAY: July 28th

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Worship Service

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kenyan Baraka Church (FH)

MONDAY: July 29th

TUESDAY: July 30th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Levites Group (TC)

WEDNESDAY: July 31st

11:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY: August 1st

FRIDAY: August 2nd

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Depot AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY: August 3rd

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Acton Academy Family Day

SUNDAY: August 4th

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Worship Service

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kenyan Baraka Church (FH)

Visit <https://www.fulc.org/> and select the worship button on the home page for our online service.



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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 **Pastor Randy; Ron Emberg; Bev Thewlis; Kay & Harry Grubb; Jim Angelopoulos; Lisa Byrn; Pat Warner;** Vicar Kat's mom, **Carolyn,** & her friends, **Jim & Joselyn, Annie; Joanne Einert;** K Werner's sister, **Judy;** B Kennell's extended family, **Alan; Anthony & his twin brother, Timothy; Janet Stover & neighbor, Chris;** D Ellsworth & D Moulton's parents, **Roy & Ruth & friends Ken & Cindy; John Beyer; Hunter Smith; Elsie Howard, 99;** B Woods grandson, **Arthit Grodek 9, & friends Marsha & her son, David; Sharon Moe & Sherry Quitter;** N Boccadoro's friend, **Brian;** K Moran's friend, **Jamie; Gene Douglass; Steve Hoge; Mark Brandau-Shirley; Lou & Ardy Boyer;** B Newton's family & friends **Terry & Lee, Betty, Brian, Tom & Billie; Molly Werner; Megan Mosholder; Jim & Janet Rooks;** E Tennis' daughter, **Diane.**

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 Bock Lyke 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** currently stationed with his family in South Korea.

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 Joy Knauff's brother, **Charles;** Vicar Kat's Aunt, **Iva Lee;** P Merriman's brother, **Maynard; VI Tatz .** 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 & their Church in Kenya. "We praise God, & look forward to a month-long Baptism event planned for July throughout Samburu. Our goal is to Baptize 1,000 new believers. We praise Him for answered prayers that make the MDT ministry possible,"; **ILAG** The Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala & for their pastor, **Karen Castillo** & her son, **Diego Gil.**