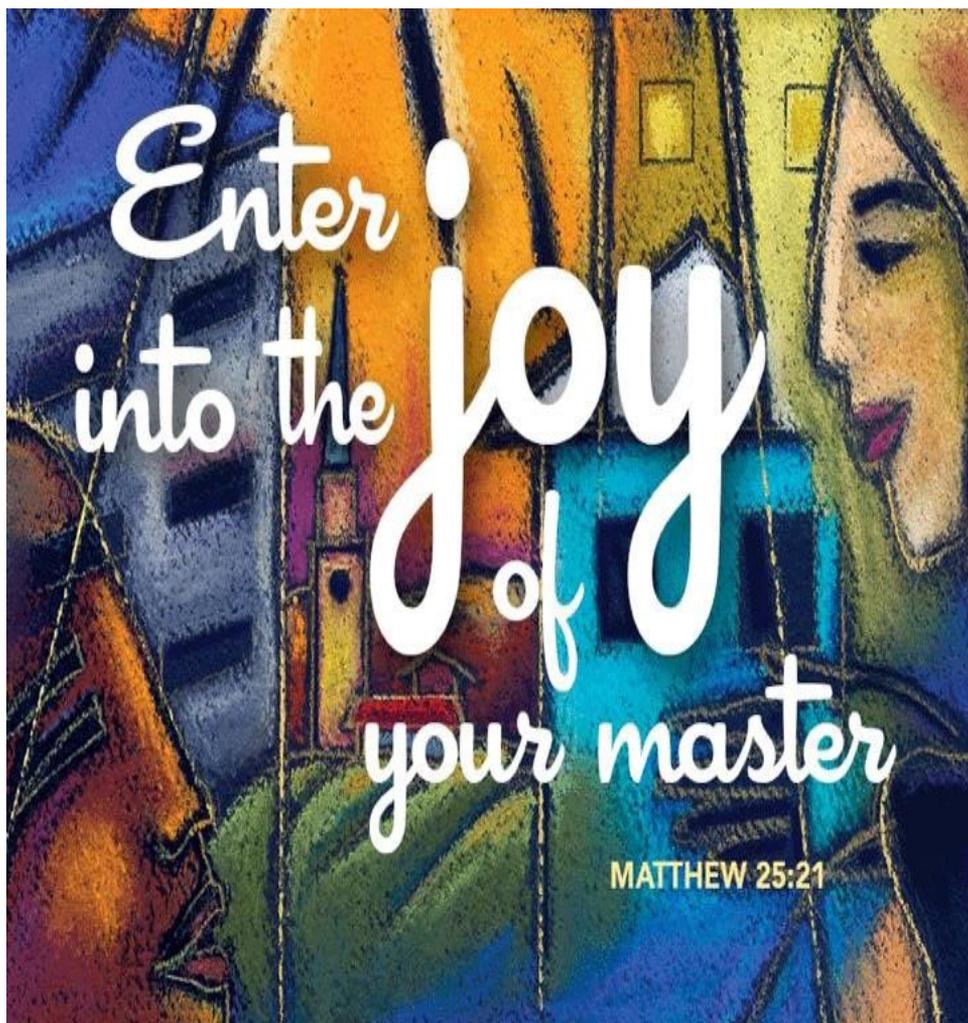


# *First United Lutheran Church*

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**LECTIONARY 33, YEAR A**  
9:30 am Drive-In Service  
Sunday, November 15, 2020

## 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](http://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** “Nocturne in G” by F. Chopin

### 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.**

*The minister continues, using the section below.*

**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:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: FLASH YOUR HEADLIGHTS.**

P: Let us pray:

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMS** Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

R: *So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.* (Ps. 90:12)

**C: : <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say, “Turn back, O children of earth.” <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night; <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass: <sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath. <sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. <sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. <sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation? <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**ALLELUIA** ELW page 142

**GOSPEL TEXT** Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty fifth 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.**

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN** *"When Peace Like a River"* ELW 785

**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: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**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: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**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

## **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.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN** “Come To The Table”

by Ben Glover | Ben McDonald | Dave Frey

## **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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**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** “Go My Children with My Blessing” **ELW 543**

## **SENDING**

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: HONK YOUR HORN.**

## **POSTLUDE** “When Peace like a River” by M. Larkin



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**Sunday, November 15th**  
**9:30 AM Drive-in Service Sunday Servants**  
**Pastor: Rev. Randy Jones**

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**November 15th**

**Head Counter:** Sonja Link  
**Counters:** Krista Moran  
**Assisting Minister:** Martha Willis  
**Reader:** Duane Thewlis  
**Alter Guild:** Nancy Fryman, Bonnie Hoge  
**Ushers:** Dave Holle, Dave Gustafson,  
Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull (as available)

**November 22nd**

**Head Counter:** Sonja Link  
**Counters:** Carla & Gene Douglass  
**Assisting Minister:** Norm Kendrick  
**Reader:** Sonja Link  
**Alter Guild:** Nancy Fryman, Bonnie Hoge  
**Ushers:** Dave Holle, Dave Gustafson,  
Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull (as available)

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**TO REQUEST PRAYERS  
OR JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM  
CONTACT: LINDA GEORGE AT  
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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 **Carmen, Elsie, Kelly, Claudette & Randy, Jean, Trey, Jeanne, Chuck, Keesha, Myrna, Serena, Jack, Brian, baby HLAD, Carrie, Barry, Sharon, Jim, Jeya, Carolyn T, Kay & Harry, Lisa, Beth, Christopher, Megan, Peach, Glenn, Brooke, Ron & Betty, Ed, Lou & Ardy, Jack, Kyle, Wanda, Irene, Kathy, Carla, Beverly, Jodi, Jacob, Tina, Bill, Molly, Jeff, Sandra, Rusty, Gunhild & Ward, Teri, Gladys, Thomas, Natalie, Dean, Debbie & Jack, William, Krista M, Sherry, Jayne, Mary, Vi, Pete & Mary.**

**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, Stephen & 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 **Don** Hanson, B Hextell's brother; **Betty** Lepley, L Denzin's mother; **Sally** McKay Hairston 92-Charlie's mother; **Victorine** Jensen, C Strudthoff's mother; **Rob** Tallis, Brandau-Shirley nephew. 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; **ANNA & KEVIN** Kornelis in Cairo, Egypt.