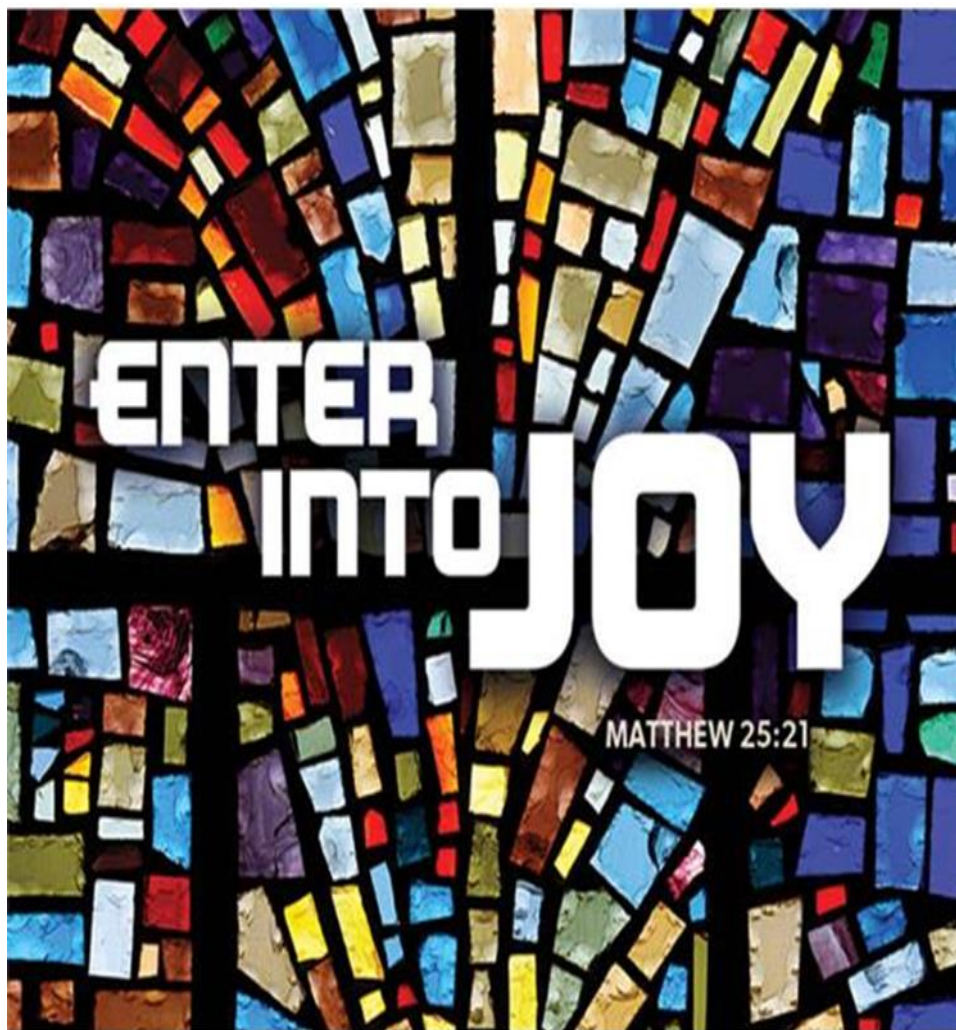


# *First United Lutheran Church*

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**LECTIONARY 33, YEAR A**  
9:30 am Worship Service  
November 19, 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.

**Online worship:** To view the service online visit [fulc.org](http://fulc.org) and select the worship button on the homepage.

**PRELUDE** “*Intermezzo*” by H. Schroeder

## 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, one another, and all the hosts of heaven.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are not open to you. We are not faithful in using the gifts you have given us. We forget or ignore the least of those who you love. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We have sinned by our own fault and our sins divide us from our community. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, and open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, God’s Beloved, has opened the way to God’s mercy for us. By Jesus’ wounds we are healed. Therefore, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and † of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “*Come We that Love the Lord*” (ELW 625)

## 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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ have mercy

**C: Christ have mercy.**

P: You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord have mercy

**C: Lord have mercy.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *"You Servants of God"* (ELW 825)

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you

have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*After the reading of the Gospel:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN** “*On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand*” (ELW 437)

### **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: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through 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** “Go Not Far From Me” by N. Zingarelli

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

## 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 Lord.

**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.

**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 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 “Christ Be Our Light” (ELW 715)**

### **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 fed us with your precious body and blood. 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 “I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light” (ELW 815)**

### **SENDING**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE “Sonata in F Minor” by F. Mendelssohn**

## November 12, 2023 Attendance and Giving

Attendance: 68

Offering: \$ 896

Simply Giving & E giving: 11/06/23–11/10/23 = \$ 691

<u>Month of October 2023</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>75K Capital Campaign</u>	
Actual Expenses	\$25,997	Pledged	\$81,457
Actual Giving	\$23,598	Received	\$86,883
Variance	- \$2,399		

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### Pastor: Randy Jones & Vicar Kat Sunday Servants Serving Today November 19th

**Head Counter:** David Werner

**Counters:** Lucy Denzin

**Assisting Minister:** David Werner

**Reader:** Barbara Kennell

**Acolyte:** TBA

**Musician:** Ben Wadsworth

**Altar Guild:** Lois Gilbert, Lindsay Harris

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

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### Serving Next Service November 26th

**Head Counter:** David Werner

**Counters:** Lucy Denzin

**Assisting Minister:** David Werner

**Reader:** Karen Pinner

**Acolyte:** TBA

**Musician:** Ben Wadsworth

**Altar Guild:** Lois Gilbert, Lindsay Harris

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

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### Birthdays for the Month of November

Colton Enos, Marti Johnson, Nuru Emmanuel, Sonja Link, Molly Werner,  
Dave Merriman, Ashley Mize, Jerry Arends, Pam Merriman, Kendall  
Reeves, Peter Wadsworth, Beverly Metcalf

## Weekly Calendar Office is Open:

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### **SUNDAY: November 19th**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Worship Service

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Adult Sunday School - Civic Life & Faith

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kenyan Baraka Church (FH)

### **MONDAY: November 20th**

10:00 AM

Dorcas Circle Quilting Club

### **TUESDAY: November 21st**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Levites Group (TC)

9:00 AM

Quilters for Christ

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ewe Are Loved (116)

### **WEDNESDAY: November 22nd**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

McCarthy Bible Study

### **THURSDAY: November 23rd**

### **FRIDAY: November 24th**

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Depot AA Meeting (FH)

### **SATURDAY: November 25th**

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

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 **Sharon Moe & Sherry Quitter**; **Anthony Ward**; **Finn Schönberg**; **Gene Douglass**; **Ginnie Frederick**; A Angelopoulos' grandfather, **Phil**; **Lou & Ardy Boyer** & friend **Alan**, Ardy's sister, **Eleanor & her children**; Stahlman family, **Mary**, & friend **Nancy**; **Lisa Byrn**; B Kennell's family **Mark & Alan**; K Moran's friend-**Jamie & Jamie's father, Ed**; D Ellsworth & D Moulton's parents, **Roy & Ruth** & friends **Ken & Cindy**; B Newton's family & friends **Doreen, Terry & Lee, Betty, Brian, Charleen, Tom & Billie**; **Roger Weinhold**; **Steve Hoge**; **Vi Tatz**; **Barbara Schwanebeck**; D Fischer's mother, **Anne**; P Merriman's brother, **Barry**. Emberg family friend, **Shelly**; **Jessica Larson**; **Mike & Anna Seden**; **Rob & Linda George**; B Davidson's friend, **Tom**; **Pastor Randy**; **Pastor Daryl Porter**; **Molly Werner**; N Boccadoro's friend, **Marti**; **Jim & Janet Rooks**; S Links's son, **Chris**, & her bro-in-law, **Paul**; Cathy Hairston's father, **Pete**; **Megan Mosholder**; **Joanne Einert**; **Elsie Howard**; E Tennis' daughter, **Diane**. D Gustafson's brother, **Tom**.

**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 B Schwanebeck's sister, **Carol**; Krista's mom, **Gunhild** & her dad, **Ward Olson**; Strudthoff's daughter, Teri & family; C Schwanebeck's brother, **Bill**; Norm's dad, **Norman Kendrick II**; 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 & for their pastor, **Karen Castillo**, & her son, **Diego Gil**. Guatemala farmers are enduring a drought. Pray for gentle rains to nourish the land & provide enough to feed their families. Tension is rising in Guatemala City where protests have run into a second week and turned violent after the national election in August.