

First United Lutheran Church

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I was
hungry
and you
gave me
food

MATTHEW 25:35



CHRIST THE KING, YEAR A
9:30 am Worship Service
November 26, 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 and select the worship button on the homepage.

PRELUDE *“Prelude from Fifth English Suite”* by J.S. Bach

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 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* (ELW 855)

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:

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMS Psalm 95:1-7a

R: *We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)*

C: ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms. ³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. ⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker. ^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25:31-46

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we

saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

SERMON HYMN “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” (ELW 631)

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 “*Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing*” by M. Jothen

(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 “The King of Love My Shepherd is” (ELW 502)

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 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (ELW 547)

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Finale from Symphony No. 1” by L. Vierne

November 19, 2023 Attendance and Giving

Attendance: 50

Offering: \$ 1600

Simply Giving & E giving: 11/13/23–11/17/23 = \$ 2555

<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		

Pastor: Randy Jones & Vicar Kat Sunday Servants Serving Today 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)

Serving Next Service December 3rd

Head Counter: David Gustafson

Counters: Helen Gustafson

Assisting Minister: Bev Metcalf

Reader: TBA

Acolyte: TBA

Musician: Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Rose Werner, David Werner

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

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:

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

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SUNDAY: November 26th

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Worship Service

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kenyan Baraka Church (FH)

MONDAY: November 27th

TUESDAY: November 28th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Levites Group (TC)

WEDNESDAY: November 29th

THURSDAY: November 30th

FRIDAY: December 1st

6:30 PM

FULC First Friday Game Night

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Depot AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY: December 2nd

9:00 AM

FULC Fall Property Clean Up Day #2

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Kelly Studio Piano Recital

Godshalk Christmas Party

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

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**TO REQUEST PRAYERS OR JOIN THE
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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**; **Lisa Bym**; 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 **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 Newton's BFF from 5th grade, **Doreen**; 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. November has brought tropical storms. Tension is rising in Guatemala City where protests turned violent after the national election.