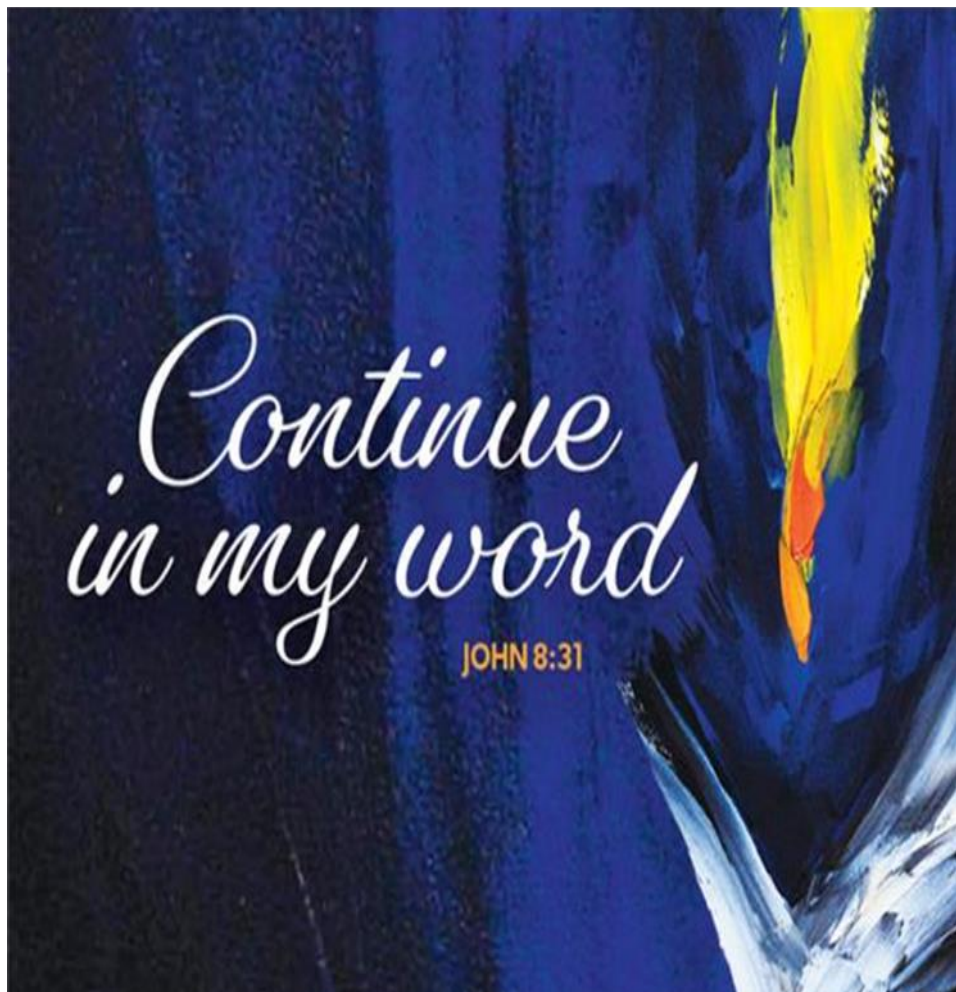


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REFORMATION SUNDAY YEAR B

9:30 am Worship Service
October 27, 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 “*Fantasia on ‘Ein’ feste Burg*” 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 and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”* (ELW 413)

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:

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMS Psalm 46

R: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

C: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day. ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. ⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth; ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be

held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SERMON HYMN “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*” (ELW 504)

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: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING “*God Alone Be Praised*” by Z. Highben

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 “What Feast of Love” (ELW 487)

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 God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* by R.D. Founds Lord, I Lift Your Name on High lyrics © Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publ.

SENDING

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Now Thank We All Our God”* by S. Karg-Elert

October 20, 2024 Attendance and Giving

Attendance: 54

Offering: \$

Simply Giving & E giving: 10/14/24 – 10/18/24 = \$

| <u>Month of August 2024</u> | | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Actual Expenses | \$23,889 | \$188,992 |
| Actual Giving | \$20,043 | \$175,328 |
| Variance | - \$3,846 | - \$13,664 |

Pastor: Randy Jones

Vicar: Kat Folk

Sunday Servants

Serving Today October 27th

Head Counter: Helen Gustafson

Counters: Carolyn McCarthy

Assisting Minister: TBA

Reader: Lucy Denzin

Acolyte: TBA

Musician: Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Brenda Hextell, Pat Warner

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

Serving Next Service November 3rd

Head Counter: TBA

Counters: TBA

Assisting Minister: TBA

Reader: TBA

Acolyte: TBA

Musician: Ben Wadsworth

Altar Guild: Lois Gilbert, Lindsay Harris

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

Birthdays for the Month of October

Karen Werner, Amanda Spitz, Chris Strudthoff, David Werner, Rob George, Yvonne Emberg, Assata Kendrick, Bonnie Woods, Lou Boyer, Pat Warner, Linda George

Weekly Calendar Office is Open:

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

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SUNDAY: October 27th

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Worship Service

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Kenyan Baraka Church (FH)

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Alpha Tau Omega

MONDAY: October 28th

TUESDAY: October 29th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Levites Group (TC)

WEDNESDAY: October 30th

THURSDAY: October 31st

FRIDAY: November 1st

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Depot AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY: November 2nd

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bell Choir Practice

SUNDAY: November 3rd

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Worship Service

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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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 **Julie** Angelopoulos; **Frank** Hull; **Vicar Kat's** friends, **Jim & Joselyn**; **Ginny** Frederick; **Anthony** Ward & his twin brother, **Timothy**; N Boccadoro's friends, **Clay & Brian**; **Lisa** Byrn; **Pam** Merriman & her brother, **Barry**; **Sharon** Moe & **Sherry** Quitter; **Nuru** Emmanuel Ronnenberg & family; **Elsie** Howard 99; B Woods' friend **Marsha** & her son, **David**; **Ron** Emberg; **Kay & Harry** Grubb; **Pat** Warner; **Joanne** Einert; **Janet** Stover & neighbor, **Chris**; D Ellsworth & D Moulton's parents, **Roy & Ruth** & friends **Ken & Cindy**; **Hunter** Smith; K. Moran's friend, **Jamie**; **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 Kaiserslautern, Germany.

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**. 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. Pray for the October rains to come to Samburu. Pray for cowboys as they travel greater distances for water. **ILAG** The Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala & for their pastor, **Karen** Castillo, & her son, **Diego** Gil.