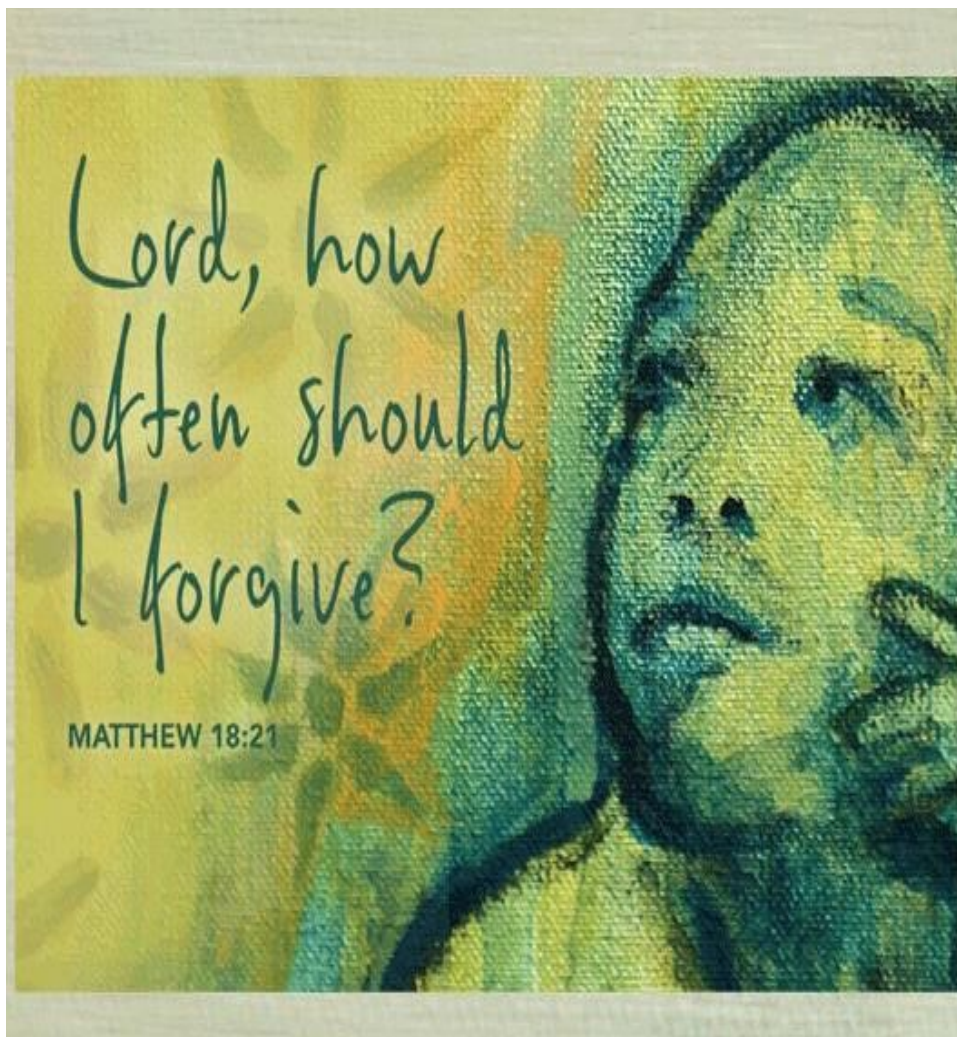


# *First United Lutheran Church*

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**LECTIONARY 24, YEAR A**  
9:30 am Drive-In Service  
Sunday, September 13, 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** “*The Blessing*” by Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Steven Furtick, and Chris Brown

### 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**

**GATHERING HYMN** *“We Are Called”* ELW 720

**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:

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

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

**FIRST READING** Genesis 50:15-21

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMS** Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Read in Unison

R: *Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)*

**C:** [1Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits—<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s. <sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.] <sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

**SECOND READING** Romans 14:1-12

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

**ALLELUIA** ELW page 142

**GOSPEL TEXT** Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth 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** “*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*” ELW 659

**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: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**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: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.*

## **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:** We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**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** *“God’s Work Our Hands”*

## **SENDING**

**A:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: HONK YOUR HORN.**

## **POSTLUDE** *“Rameau”* by S. Karg-Elert

## September 6, 2020 Attendance and Giving

**Attendance:** Drive-in Service 69      **Offering:** \$3981.00  
**Simply Giving:** 8/31/20 – 9/04/20 = \$3285.00

<u>Month of July 2020</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>75K Capital Campaign</u>		
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	\$35,128	\$148,704	<b>Pledged</b>	\$48,875
<b>Actual Giving</b>	\$28,957	\$195,249	<b>Received</b>	\$35,800

You may send offerings in the mail during this time to:  
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### Weekly Calendar Office is Open: Mon.-Thur., 8:30am-1:30pm

#### SUNDAY: September 13th

9:30 AM Drive-in Worship "God's work. Our hands."

#### MONDAY: September 14th

9:00 AM Morning Prayers on Facebook Live  
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters for Christ (FH)  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (FO)

#### TUESDAY: September 15th

9:00 AM Morning Prayers on Facebook Live  
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Levites Group (TC)  
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ewe Are Loved (116)  
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Dulcimer Group (FH)  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM FULC Council Meeting (118)

#### WEDNESDAY: September 16th

9:00 AM Morning Prayers on Facebook Live  
 7:00 PM Dialogues on Race Zoom Conversations

#### THURSDAY: September 17th

9:00 AM Morning Prayers on Facebook Live  
 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Life South Blood Drive  
 6:00 PM Celebration Praise Band Practice (SA)

#### FRIDAY: September 18th

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM The Depot AA Meeting (FH)

#### SATURDAY: September 19th

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Lectionary Zoom Bible Study (Online)

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.

**Sunday, September 13**

**9:30 AM Drive-in Service Sunday Servants**

**Pastor: Rev. Randy Jones**

**September 13**

**Counters:** Chris Schwanebeck

**Head Counter:** Barbara Schwanebeck

**Assisting Minister:** Lucy Denzin

**Reader:** Lucy Denzin

**Alter Guild:** Cindy Condra & Beth Baker

**Ushers:** Dave Holle, Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull

(as available)

**September 20**

**Counters:** David & Helen Gustafson

**Head Counter:** Betty Emberg

**Assisting Minister:** Kara-Sha Scrudato

**Reader:** Janet Stover

**Alter Guild:** Kathy Dittrich

**Ushers:** Dave Holle, Dave Gustafson, Peder Fagerholm, Frank Hull

(as available)



**TO REQUEST PRAYERS  
OR JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM  
CONTACT: LINDA GEORGE  
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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 **Christopher, Megan, Peach, Trish K, Glenn, Rob, Brooke, Ron & Betty, Ed, Harry, Knox, Lou & Ardy, Angela, Norm, Erica, & Blake, Jack, Kyle, baby Hlad, Brian, Carrie, Barry, Carla, Beverly, Claudette & Randy, Kelly, Lisa, Jodi, Jacob, Tina, Bill, Janet D, Molly, Niguel, Serena, Jeff, Cathy, Pete, Sally, Sandra, Rusty, Gunhild & Ward, Rusty, Trey, Megan, Teri, Gladys, Thomas, Natalie, Don, Dean, Debbie & Jack, William, Sherry, Jayne, Mary, Vi.**

**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 **George Austin-Stahlman's** daughter's father-in-law; **Julia**, a friend of B Metcalf. Uphold her family with your grace and keep us all grounded in your promise of life eternal.

**Those in Mission for Christ Overseas:**

**JULIA & VINCENT** Leiyoole visiting US from Kenya; **ILAG** The Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala; **ANNA & KEVIN** Kornelis in Cairo, Egypt.