

Sunday October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

2 MINUTES OF SILENCE to prepare us for worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken” #556 ELW
Please rise on the last verse



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, admin. David Higham Associates

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God,
tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the

man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 121 *(Read Responsively)*

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping

them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "This is My Father's World" #824 ELW



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by

the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work (*local ministries may be named*), that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace (*especially*), that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

#773 ELW

1. Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home
2. When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home
3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Digital Hymnal

Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester

Greeters: Carolyn Morris

Hospitality: Jeannine Bruesewitz & Dick & Sandy Pullen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 9, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 47 Online: NA

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Father of Gary Sjerven.

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES are on Tuesdays at 3:30pm and will last about 1 hour. All welcome.

BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. You can return your raffle tickets and money to the tub on the secretary's desk.

RAFFLE ITEMS FOR THE BAZAAR if you have items for the Bazaar Raffle, or items for the sale, please bring them to church as soon as possible. Also, if you get your medications shipped to you in Styrofoam coolers, the crafters can use those coolers. Just drop them off in the office. Thank You!

TRUNK OR TREAT Get your 'Boo' on! Join us for the 5th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 30th, from 2-4 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot. So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING October 20th, 12:30pm at Wahkon Inn, for women of any age, as well as Men this month. Speaker, Scott Gottschak; "Wrestling with God" & "A Veteran's Tribute". \$12 includes lunch and the speaker. See bulletin board in Narthex for more information. Call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320 684-2000. Bring a friend.

ATTN: COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS Budget Request Forms are in your "In Boxes" (or emailed if requested). These forms need to be filled out and returned to the Treasurer's In-Box by October 30th, 2022, so Stewardship committee can review them and present to the Council meeting in November.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due by November 6th for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 4th following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk jimjudiebirk@gmail.com with your committee reports.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda **October 17, 2022 – October 23, 2022**

Monday	10/17	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/18	3:30 pm	Grief Share
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice

		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	10/19	9-4:00 pm	WIC
		9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10/20	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	10/23	9:00 am	Worship in person & live stream



First Lutheran Church in Aitkin will be presenting an “Active Shooting” Training Event on Wednesday, November 16th, from 10:00am – Noon. They will be presenting this training along with Aitkin Police and Sheriff’s departments. They will be utilizing the ALICE Training Program.

ALICE: What Does it Mean?

Alert – Alert is your first notification of danger. Maintain good situational awareness to overcome normalcy bias and ensure the best response to a critical incident or violent intruder.

Lockdown – Barricade the room.

Inform – Communicate the violent intruder’s location and direction in real-time. To do this, pass on real-time information using any means necessary. Examples are video surveillance, 911 calls and PA announcements.

Counter – Not to be confused with fighting, this step involves creating noise, movement, distance and distraction. Its intent is to reduce the shooter’s ability to shoot accurately.

Evacuate – Safe and strategic evacuation techniques get people out of harm’s way. Understand how your current environment impacts your ability to evacuate and discover the safest ways to do so.

The Mission of ALICE training: To Improve Chances of Survival

The threat of an active shooter attack is rare but very real. We aim to eradicate the “It can’t happen to me” mentality and change the way people everywhere respond to armed intruders. At the ALICE Training, we believe that individuals should be prepared for active shooter events and empowered to make their own life-saving decisions. Once empowered to make their own life-saving decisions, individuals must be trained in proactive active shooter response options, rather than a passive, mandated, one-size-fits-all response. We want all Americans to have the knowledge and skills to survive when shots are fired. We can achieve

this by training as many people as possible and implementing training in drill form across all organizations. We have seen the successful results of fire drills. It's time to start anticipating man-made disasters.

There is no charge for this program, but First Lutheran would like to know approximately how many people would be interested in attending the program on November 16th. There is a signup in the office if you would be interested in attending that day.