**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*

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**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 17th, 2021  
9:00am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Acolyte:**

**Organist/Pianist:** Delores Knudson

**Lay reader:** Carolyn Reeder

**Special Music:** Children’s Choir

**Sound/Video:** Logan Mayberry, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Mike & Judy Stevens, Steph Perkins

**Altar Guild:** JULIACircle

### Prelude - Delores Knudson

### Welcome – Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.** **We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.** **We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.** **We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.** **Free us from our sin, gracious God.** **Listen when we call out to you for help.** **Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.** **Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen**

**Opening Hymn** *“All Are Welcome”* ELW 641

### Greeting p. 203

### Prayer of the Day

**Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** **Amen.**

**Special Music :  -Children’s Choir**

### Children’s Sermon

**First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

**no evil will befall you,** **nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will bear you up,** **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who cling to me;** **I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

**With long life will I satisfy them,** **and show them my salvation.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation…. Alleluia p. 142

### Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

(Before) The holy gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”* ELW 708

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Temple Talk:** Jessica Perkins

### *Offering is received in the plates at the entrance of the sanctuary or electronically through Vanco*

**Offering Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer p. 145**

**Invitation to Communion**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

**Communion Blessing and Prayer**

**Blessing**

People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn “***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* ELW 543

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ.   
Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude -Delores Knudson

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**Mission Project for October**

**The Caring Tree / Operation Christmas Child**

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| **Weekly Attendance and Giving** | | |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Giving** |
| October 17 | 67 | $603.00 |
| October 3 | 70 | $2,148.00 |
| September 26 | 95 | $2,325.00 |
| September 19 | 85 | $731.00 |

Announcements

**Special Meeting,** today at 10am to vote on the Rodgers Organ Proposal.

**Pancakes and Pumpkins**, today from 11am-1pm at the Bolan Schoolhouse. Free will donation.

**Thank you,** for your donation of $501.58 to Northern Lights Homeless shelter. Your commitment to helping the homeless is appreciated.

**Thank you,** for you recent gift of $88.80 to Lutheran World Relief. When you love your neighbors, you change lives in amazing ways.

**Dear Quilters,** thank you so very much for the quilt you donated to Riverside Bible Camp. The Queen size “Scrappy 9 Patch” tie quilt brought in $900 at the auction!

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| **Weekly Calendar** | | | |
| Sunday, October 17 | | 9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C.\* |
|  | 10:00 am | | Special Meeting |
|  | 10:10 am | | Sunday School |
|  | | 6:30 pm | JH. Youth |
| Monday, October 18 | | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
| Tuesday, October 19 | 11:00 am | | Staff Meeting |
|  | 7:30 pm | | AA –Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, October 20 | | 5:45 pm | Confirmation |
|  | | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
|  | | 7:00 pm | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, October 21 | | 8:30 am | Quilting |
|  | | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  | | 6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
| Sunday, October 24 | | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O.\* |
|  |  | | With Affirmation of Baptism |
|  | 10:10 am | | Sunday School |
|  | | 5:00 pm | JH. Youth |

**Congregation of First Lutheran,**

You are invited to help with one month per year of **altar duties**. Currently the church circles are covering the duties, but church circle members are getting older and many are not physically able to continue. These women have served faithfully for many, many years! An additional new group of people (men or women) are needed to help with duties. Younger ages can join in too, with supervision. 😊

**Duties that urgently need volunteers:**

* Fill (with oil) and light **Eternal Lights** (one in sanctuary, one in chapel) twice a week for a month.
* Fill (with oil) **Candelabra Candles** once every two Sundays unless there is a wedding/funeral, etc.
* Change alter/lectern/pulpit **paraments** if needed over the course of a month.
* **Water flowers** in the cooler once a week for a month.
* **Set flowers out** for church services and put them back in the cooler after the service, for one month**. Dispose** of wilted flowers. If no fresh flowers are in the cooler, put artificial ferns out.
* **Prepare communion cups** twice a month. Record usage. Clean communion ware after the service. Ask in the office what type of communion will take place. Take count of the number who communed by recording in a notebook in the Alter Guild Room.
* **Prepare for a baptism**: Put glass pitcher on the stand placed near the baptismal font. (Pastor will put the water in the pitcher. Troy will place baptismal font and the baptismal candle.)

**Volunteers please sign-up** to do one duty listed above during the month of choice, or several duties during a month, or all duties during a month.