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

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**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 24th, 2021
9:00am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Acolyte:** Sophie Rye and Lauren Heiken

**Organist/Pianist:** Leila Gangstad

**Lay reader:** Doug Krull

**Special Music:** Senior Choir

**Sound/Video:** Andrew Breitsprecher, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Lee & Becky Okerlund, Steph Perkins

**Altar Guild:** JULIACircle

### Prelude -Leila Gangstad

### 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** *“O God of Light”* ELW 507

### Greeting p. 184

### Kyrie p. 184

### Prayer of the Day

**Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** **Amen.**

**Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders**

**Special Music : *“Praise the Lord”*  -Senior Choir**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

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

**Psalm 126**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.** **Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,** **like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,** **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

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### Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

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

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

### Children’s Sermon

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day “*My Life Flows On in Endless Song”* ELW 763

**Apostles’ Creed p. 105**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

**Temple Talk:** Rose Fredricks

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

**Offering Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer p. 145**

**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 “***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* ELW 674

**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 - Leila Gangstad

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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 24 | 166 | $2,252.00 |
| October 17 | 67 | $603.00 |
| October 3 | 70 | $2,148.00 |
| September 26 | 95 | $2,325.00 |

Announcements

**Congratulations to our third graders** on receiving their Bibles today.

**Next Sunday is Reformation Day… Affirmation of Baptism…Costumes?**

**Our condolence to the Paulsen family….**

**Thank you** for your gift of 6 quilts to LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services. We are grateful for friends such as you.

**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.

**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.

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| **Weekly Calendar** |
| Sunday, October 24 | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O.\* |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 6:30 pm | JH. Youth |
| Monday, October 25 | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
|  Tuesday, October 26 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
|  |  7:30 pm | AA –Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, October 27 | 5:45 pm | Confirmation |
|  | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
|  | 7:00 pm | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, October 28 | 8:30 am | Quilting |
|  | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  | 6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
|  | 7:00 pm | Pub Theology |
| Sunday, October 31 | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O.\* |
|  |  | With Affirmation of Baptism |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 5:00 pm | JH. Youth |

**H.C. is Holy Communion and N.O. is Noisy Offering**