



Worship Notes

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Dear Friends and Family,

A reminder as we delve deeper into the season of autumn, that the coronavirus is still impacting our community. If you have attended worship and hear that you may have been exposed, please call the church office and speak to Pastor Jamie so we can take necessary precautions here at church. We want to keep our in-person worship going, and our measures to minimize the risks have been very effective so far, and we would like to keep it that way. Your cooperation is so highly appreciated.

Thank you for all you do in keeping our community safe.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry

This November, we will be talking stewardship and while our lives are impacted by the coronavirus, the ministry of the church continues to move forward. Take time to pray about the ways you support the ministry of First Lutheran, through regular and special offerings as well as volunteering opportunities.

God loves a cheerful giver. We are cheerful givers when we are fully passionate about something. May First Lutheran Church be something you are passionate about.



Please keep in prayer the following:



Bradley Anderson, Josie Blake, Bev Coulter, Nancy Dowell, John Ellison, Linda Ellison, Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson, Brad and Jodie Haist, Cassie Jern & Family, Delores Johnson, Graham Johnson, Bob Kerschke, Ila Roseberry, Norman Worthington, Evelyn Volz, Darrell Thirtyacre, Donna Larson, Beckie Bean, Joy Johnson, Pat Root, Eloise Swisher, Jim and Kim Johnson, Pastor Katie Gallagher, and Sgt. Lacey Elliott, who continues to serve our country

Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.

In-Person Worship Habits

Thank you. We are doing a great job reducing the risks of the pandemic as we continue following these habits:

- * If you are sick, please stay home.
- * Face masks are required for attending in-person worship. The church has extra masks if you forget yours at home.
- * Social distancing in the pews means we sit at least 6-feet apart from other family units.
- * Offering plates are at each entrance for you to place your giving as you enter or depart.
- * Communion practices include social distancing as well, follow the signs on the floor for where to receive and where to consume.

This week in worship



The Israelites grow weary of waiting for Moses to return from the top of Mt. Sinai. So, they decide for themselves what their God looks like ... a golden bull, or calf, that resembles gods they saw in Egypt. God is not too pleased with this development, and Moses reminds God that these are his people, people of a covenant, and they will grow into a better faith with time. Join us this Sunday, in-person or through our online video released on Monday, to hear what happens to the Israelites and how God deals with us when we turn to false idols today.

WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities



This Week

Worship Assistant: Chip Algren

Usher: Doug Cruce

Thank you to all who volunteer to assist in leading worship.

We have openings for altar flowers



**Altar
Flowers**

October 11

Linda McGuire

October 18

October 25

November 1

Living the Creed

This is your Sunday School—At Home Version

This week, you will talk about the Golden Calf statue, what it meant for the Israelites and how we have our own metaphorical golden calf idols today.

You will get to discuss many ways to imagine God, and why all those ways are incomplete.

Growing in faith as a family is a lot of fun when you follow along our Living the Creed PDF's

Blessings

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

St. Paul's letter to the Philippians is like a little advice column for people of faith. You are filled with worry, Paul writes, as if answering a Dear Paul letter column in the newspaper, Don't worry, he says, pray about it. We are living in a time of great worry. It seems like just as we get used to one 2020 worry, two more hit us. Prayer is one of those great ways to alleviate worry. But, do not be confused. Prayer isn't going to make all the problems of 2020 disappear. That isn't how prayer works.

Instead, prayer teaches us to be safe in the arms of our loving God. Things causing worry will always be happening around us. But if we are daily placing ourselves in God's care, then our hearts will change, and we will discover a peace that we did not have before. Yes, we still need to take appropriate health precautions, like wearing masks and social distancing. Yes, we still need to drive safely, and not jump off tall buildings. But as our heart is changed by prayer, we will have a peace as we endure the ongoing pandemic, a peace that we can offer someone else who is maybe over worried.

This is the gift of faith. And it is one of the most difficult things to explain. It has to be experienced. You can't just read about it, not even in the best advice column from Paul. You have to experience it. So, open your hearts to prayer, sit in the presence of God, give over to God all the things you are worried about. Let God provide you peace, even in the midst of all these worries.

In Peace,

Pastor Jamie