

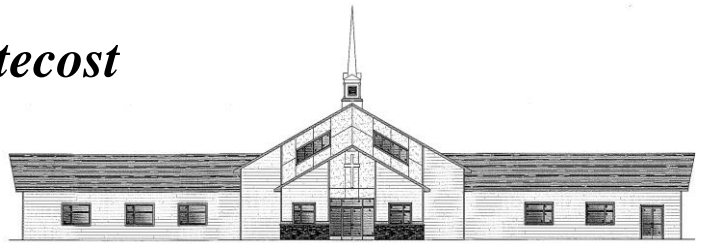
# *Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

**October 13, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. – Worship**

*First Lutheran Church*

Pastor Bryan Anderson



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## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

P I was glad when they said to me,

C **Let us go to the house of the Lord. †**

### \*Opening Hymn #499 (LBW) - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

### \*Prayer of the Day

### \*Confession of Sin

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

*(Self-examination)*

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*Promise of Grace

#### **First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Go to the Lord, and you will live. If you do not go, he will sweep down like fire on the people of Israel. The fire will burn up the people of Bethel, and no one will be able to put it out. **7** You are doomed, you that twist justice and cheat people out of their rights! **10** You people hate anyone who challenges injustice and speaks the whole truth in court. **11** You have oppressed the poor and robbed them of their grain. And so you will not live in the fine stone houses you build or drink wine from the beautiful vineyards you plant. **12** I know how terrible your sins are and how many crimes you have committed. You persecute good people, take bribes, and prevent the poor from getting justice in the courts. **13** And so, keeping quiet in such evil times is the smart thing to do! **14** Make it your aim to do what is right, not what is evil, so that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty really will be with you, as you claim he is. **15** Hate what is evil, love what is right, and see that justice prevails in the courts. Perhaps the Lord will be merciful to the people of this nation who are still left alive.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 3:12-19**

My friends, be careful that none of you have a heart so evil and unbelieving that you will turn away from the living God. **13** Instead, in order that none of you be deceived by sin and become stubborn, you must help one another every day, as long as the word "Today" in the scripture applies to us. **14** For we are all partners with Christ if we hold firmly to the end the confidence we had at the beginning. **15** This is what the scripture says: "If you hear God's voice today, do not be stubborn, as your ancestors were when they rebelled against God." **16** Who were the people who heard God's voice and rebelled against him? All those who were led out of Egypt by Moses. **17** With whom was God angry for forty years? With the people who sinned, who fell down dead in the desert. **18** When God made his solemn promise, "They will never enter the land where I would have given them rest" - of whom was he speaking? Of those who rebelled. **19** We see, then, that they were not able to enter the land, because they did not believe.

## Children's Message

### Hymn of Praise #526 (LBW) – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#### \*Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-22

As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?" **18** "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: "Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.' " **20** "Teacher," the man said, "ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments." **21** Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, "You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me." **22** When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

#### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day #492 (LBW) – O Master, Let Me Walk with You

#### \*Apostles' Creed

#### \*Prayers of the Church

#### \*Lord's Prayer

#### Announcements

#### Blessing

#### Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.  
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist: Brian Wick  
Reader: Chris Petersen  
Ushers: Derry Monson & Terry Monson  
Greeters: Neil & Emily Larson and Tim & Patti Wyss  
Counter: Dan Cain  
Potluck Servers: Deann & Tiffany Wagner  
October 6<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM–30; 10:00 AM–126; Total: 156

## GIVING

Total offering for September \$18,778.65 (*\$20,728.08 needed monthly*)  
September year to date offering \$163,867.93 (*\$186,552.76 YTD Budget*)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

**We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:** Dixie Croes, Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), and Ashley & Hayden (Nancy & Roy McQuinn's granddaughter & husband) deployed to Middle East. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**Quilting Ministry Volunteers Needed:** Join our quilting ministry and help spread warmth and comfort to those in need. We have lost several members. We are seeking volunteers to assist with quilting projects that benefit Lutheran World Relief. Tasks: cutting fabric, piecing quilts, binding and tying. No experience necessary! We will provide guidance and instruction. Quilters meet Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. Contact Dawn Peterson (715-263-2385) if interested.

**Our popular basket raffle** is planned to go along with our church dinner in November. Fill a basket with a gift theme. Empty baskets are available in the entry.

**Fall Dinner Lefes Work Days – Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 AM and Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 AM.** Volunteers are needed to help peel potatoes on Monday and with rolling lefse on Tuesday. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the entry.

**Sign-up sheets** for workers and food donations for the church dinner are in the entry. Take one or more food donation Post-it notes from the board and record your donation on the sheet.

**There is sufficient interest** to receive another group of new members into the congregation. An informational orientation will be held after the 10:00 AM worship service next Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. New members will be officially received into the congregation on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please speak to Pastor Bryan if you should have any questions.

**Shopping cards** for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.



## **Fall Harvest Dessert Bar**

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Serving: 9:00 AM to Noon**

### **MENU:**

Carrot Cake, Apple Bars, Pumpkin Bars, Peach Cobbler,  
Juice, Milk, and Coffee

\*All proceeds will go to our Youth Mission Trip.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Today**

**11:00 AM-Potluck**

11:00 AM-Choir Practice

**Tuesday**

9:00 AM-Quilting

**Wednesday**

**5:45 PM-Confirmation Rehearsal**

5:30 PM-8:30 PM-Youth Supper with Open Youth Room

6:15 PM-7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

7:30 PM-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**Thursday**

**PASTOR'S VACATION (Oct. 17-19)**

**Saturday**

7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study

**6-9:00 PM-Underground Church**

**Next Sunday**

8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion

**9:00 AM-Noon-Fall Harvest Dessert Bar Fundraiser**

9:40 AM-Sunday School

10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion

11:00 AM-Fellowship

11:00 AM-New Member Class

11:00 AM-Choir Practice