

# First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 11, 2020: Bread for the World Sunday

## Gathering

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” —Matthew 18:20*

### Welcoming and Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

*In the name of the Father, and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

*God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### Hymn: “Will You Come and Follow Me” #798

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| 1. “Will you come and follow me<br>if I but call your name?<br>Will you go where you don’t know<br>and never be the same?<br>Will you let my love be shown,<br>will you let my name be known,<br>will you let my life be grown<br>in you and you in me?” | 2. “Will you leave yourself behind<br>if I but call your name?<br>Will you care for cruel and kind<br>and never be the same?<br>Will you risk the hostile stare,<br>should your life attract or scare?<br>Will you let me answer pray’r<br>in you and you in me?” |
| 3. “Will you let the blinded see<br>if I but call your name?<br>Will you set the pris’ners free<br>and never be the same?<br>Will you kiss the leper clean,<br>and do such as this unseen,<br>and admit to what I mean<br>in you and you in me?”         | 4. Lord, your summons echoes true<br>when you but call my name.<br>Let me turn and follow you<br>and never be the same.<br>In your company I’ll go<br>where your love and footsteps show.<br>Thus I’ll move and live and grow<br>in you and you in me.            |

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### Greeting:

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.***

## Prayer of the Day

*Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

# Word

## Reading: Proverbs 31:8-9

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

## Reading: Psalm 146:1-10

Praise the LORD! **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; **I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, **in mortals, in whom there is no help.**

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; **on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, **whose hope is in the LORD their God,**

who made heaven and earth, **the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed; **who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the strangers; **he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The LORD will reign forever, **your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.**

## Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (*response after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord***)

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

(*response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ***)

## Message

### Hymn: "This is My Song" #887

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts, in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and mine.
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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## Litany

*Lord Jesus, you became human to inspire us to walk in your light. Lead us on the path to your justice and righteousness, as we advocate for better nutrition for a better tomorrow. **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.***

*Christ Jesus, you remained divine to save the world from sin and liberated the oppressed. Forgive us for the unjust policies that prevent all people from living into your calling on their lives. **Christ, in your mercy, receive our prayer.***

*Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life. Empower us, by your grace, to be bread for the world as we participate in the urgency of your mission to end hunger and malnutrition. **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.***

*Christ Jesus, you call us beyond ourselves to love others as our neighbor. Unite people of faith, people of good will, and all elected officials as one body committed to the common cause of global nutrition so that all your beloved children have the chance to not only survive, but also thrive. **Christ, in your mercy, receive our prayer.***

*Lord Jesus, you sustain our advocacy with the power of the Holy Spirit. Inspire and equip Congress through our Offering of Letters with the political will to increase our nation's commitment and funding for global nutrition. **Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.***

## Prayer

O God, may these letters be a voice of justice, which repairs the devastations of poverty; for liberty, which extends to those who suffer malnutrition; for healing, which binds up the broken-bodied and the broken-hearted; for the bread that nourishes for all who experience hunger; for the good news of love, which is stronger than death, and for the peace that strengthens communities and families. Together, may we speak out as a collective voice for justice. Amen.

## Letter Writing

## Prayer Over Letters

Gracious God, you have called us, through your prophets and your Son, Jesus Christ, to live out your vision of a world without hunger. Trusting in your love and mercy, we lift our voices and pray alongside all those who suffer from malnutrition and its devastating impacts.

We share your deep love and concern for all who experience hunger and poverty, and we desire that all may prosper and be in good health.

Bless these letters that our words may touch the hearts and minds of our members of Congress and embolden our elected officials to increase our nation's commitment and investment in national and global nutrition programs.

With gratitude for our nation's leadership and the world's progress in ending hunger, we present these letters in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of all our hope.

## 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 again 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.**

## Offering/Offertory *"Create In Me a Clean Heart" #185*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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## Prayers

### Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace *Please share a sign of peace with one another*

# Sending

Hymn: "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land" #333

**Refrain:**

**Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in the time of storm.**

2. When Jesus was on earth,  
the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself  
and he washed his disciples feet. **Refrain**

1. No one can do like Jesus,  
not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,  
and he raised him from the dead. **Refrain**

3. Yonder comes my Savior,  
him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory  
and the keys of death and hell. **Refrain**

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**Benediction**

*Go in peace, serve the Lord!*

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## Remember in your prayers

Justin Anderson and family on the death of his mother Carol, Ted Watkins, Randee Hokanson, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, terrorism and violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support. Pastor Alex LaChappelle serving as a pastor of Nairobi International Lutheran in Kenya, Africa. Note: you may honor a loved one and support Pastor LaChappelle in Kenya.