

October 22, 2023—21st Sunday after Pentecost

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purpose. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tell them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Liturgy and hymns are in the Blue Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering *Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 10** *(blue hymnal)*

* "Now the Feast and Celebration" **#789**

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn of Praise **pg. 29**

Word

Isaiah 45:1-7 *(page 634 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalm 96:1-6 *(on screen)*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *(page 179 NT in pew Bible)*

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

* Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 *(page 21 NT in pew Bible)*

*(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)*

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

Message

"Be Thou my Vision" **#776**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 33**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offering/Offertory "The Great Thanksgiving" **pg. 144**

* "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" **pg. 35**

Sending

Blessing **pg. 41**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" **#721**

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

- **THANK YOU** to the Odello family for leading us in worship this morning.
- **DEADLINE IS TODAY for Lefse orders!** Grab an order form in the Narthex, fill it out and turn it in to the church office. 4 rounds for \$14! Stock up for Christmas and Thanksgiving!
- **FALL DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need your help to make this year's fall dinner a success! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.
- **SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN!** Check out the items up for bid (hosted by Zielsdorf Auction). Bidding runs through Monday, November 6. Don't miss it!
- **HELP NEEDED!** First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!
- **ELEMENT** meets on Wednesday, October 25th from 6:00-7:30pm at First Lutheran and **SR. FUSION** meets from 7:00-8:30pm.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** upcoming classes will be held on Sundays, November 5th and November 19th from 8:30--9:30am. Students are encouraged to attend worship on the Sundays that classes do not meet.
- **REMINDER!** If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, October 22

Ushers: Bob Heck, Jon Ulrich, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Allyn Platter

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Acolyte: Ian Grove & Connor Siegel

Video: Kyle Dougherty

TV slides: Micah Ulrich

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, Oct 29

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Judy & Chance Buro

Lector: Vicki Dalager

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Acolyte: Wes & Jennie Odello

Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtgenberger (bread)

Communion Servers: Bob Dalager, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Giana F.

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Oct 22

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

2:00-4:00pm: Girl Scouts at First

Lefse Orders Due

Monday, Oct 23

no events scheduled

Tuesday, Oct 24

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm: Newsletter Articles Due

7:00pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 25

6:00-7:30pm: Element (confirmation)

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion

Thursday, Oct 26

8:30am: Share & Care (quilting)

Friday, Oct 27

7:15am: Sr. Fusion Breakfast

Silent Auction bidding opens

Saturday, Oct 21

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Lefse making day at First

Sunday, Oct 29 Reformation/Affirmation of Baptism

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship