

October 2, 2016

20th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING. Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

SECOND READING. 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL. Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



October 2, 2016

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2016
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

First Lutheran Church
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
(218) 739-3348

www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

firstlc@live.com

Online
Giving
(QR Code)



Jesus said some things about the power of faith. We need to realize that faith is a gift. For some reason we seem to find that hard to believe. Faith does not come because we are smart or just plain determined. It's God's special way of giving us power for the here and now.

Prelude

Announcements

***Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: God and Father of all,

C: **we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***Processional Hymn**

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 812

***Apostolic Greeting**

ELW Page 147

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: **8:30 & 11 a.m.**
9:45 a.m.
9:45 a.m.

Worship/Holy Communion/6th Grade Milestone Blessing

Sunday School
Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Stan Satre

Monday: 9-3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

WELCA Love Days
Al-Anon
Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.
11:30-12:30 p.m.

Staff meeting
Office Closed for Staff Lunch

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
3:45-4:30 p.m.
4:30-5:15
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Al-Anon
AA
Children's Choir rehearsal
FLY 57
Hosanna Handbell rehearsal
8th Grade Confirmation – PARENTS NIGHT
9th Grade Confirmation – PARENTS NIGHT
Adult Choir rehearsal
Senior FLY

Thursday: 8:45 am
9:30 a.m.

Morning Watch –KBRF AM 1250
Sr Bible Study & Coffee

Friday & Sat.: Church Office Closed

Next Sunday, October 9 *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*

8:30 & 11 am
9:45 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11-1p.m.
3:00 p.m.

Worship/Holy Communion
Butterflies (0-4 yr olds)
Sunday School
Adult Bible Study led by Curt Rotto
2nd Grade Milestone Class
God's Work, Our Hands Sunday @ Augustana
Girl Scouts

Associate Pastor:

Jennifer Rose

Visitation Pastor:

Stan Satre

Council President:

Elizabeth Abrahams

Organist:

Keith Melberg

Communion Assistants:

8:30- Dolores Simdorn, Jody Thom 11-Jane Willett, Ashley Shuck

Cantor:

8:30- Myron Brusven 11-Svea Smestad

Greeters:

8:30-Carolyn Ellingson, Brenda Swedberg 11-Dalyce & Orrie Leabo

Acolytes:

8:30- Sydney Batzlaff, Olivia Becker 11-Isaac Pederson, Hope Fletchall

Lector:

8:30- Missy Mattson 11- Dalyce Leabo

P.A.

8:30- Paul Dimke 11- Ashley Shuck

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. there will be a free seminar called “Peace of Mind” regarding updated information on Estate and Funeral Planning at Olson Funeral Home, 711 Pebble Lake Road, Fergus Falls. Elder law attorney, Lisa Pluto, will be speaking on “The 9 Important Things You Should Know About Estate Planning”. Crystal Herman from the Otter Tail County Attorney’s Office will also speak as will Al Kremeier, Funeral Director, from Olson Funeral Home. There will also be a question and answer session and light refreshments served. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated by calling (218) 736-7586 or by e-mailing info@OlsonFuneralHome.com.

COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE: WOW (women of the word) invites you to a delicious event on **Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 pm.** Our speakers will be Jenny Stumbo of Stumbeano’s coffee and Kristin Mohagen of Terroir Chocolates. These local entrepreneurs will share their stories of “two of our favorite things”!! Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of delightful decadence!

FALL 2016 GATHERING: Conference 7 Women of the ELCA Presents “My Journey Home” Guest speaker: Valerie Sohl. Breckenridge Lutheran Church, 301 6th St. N., Breckenridge, MN. Saturday, October 15th, 2016. Registration & Coffee: 9am Meeting & Program: 9:30am Noon Meal & Fellowship following. Sign up in the First Lutheran Church office by THIS SUNDAY. Write your check for \$10.00 to First Lutheran WELCA. On Saturday, Oct. 15, we will meet in the west church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to share rides to Breckenridge Lutheran Church in Breckenridge.

ATTENTION OWLS: Wednesday, October 19, we will travel by coach to see “Camelot” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. Coach loads at 8:45 a.m. (lower level First Lutheran parking lot)and *departs at 9:00 a.m.* Cost per person, is \$60.00—that includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. Coach paid by OWLS account. Plan to *return to Fergus around 7 p.m.* No stops on trip home. **Sign up and pay \$60 by check** (payable to First Lutheran OWLS) **before October 10.** Friends welcome!! Questions?? Call Margaret Kratzke @ 218-736-3697

You are invited to an Emmy Nominated Film Screening & Panel Discussion on Monday, October 10 at 9-11am, or 7-9 pm at the Broen Light & Life Auditorium, 824 Sheridan St., Fergus Falls. The Emmy nominated documentary “Being Mortal”, as featured on PBS Frontline, will be shown in a session to address end of life conversations and planning. See the Upcoming Events kiosk for more information about this event.

PioneerCare seeks qualified students for Nursing Assistant training at M State beginning Tuesday, October 18. The class meets mostly late afternoon/evenings. PioneerCare sponsors training and exam costs for those who join the direct care staff at PioneerCare as a nursing assistant. Candidates must be 16 or older. Details are available by calling 218-998-1500 or online at pioneercare.org.

OFFERING UPDATE				
	Budgeted (9-1 to 9-30)	Actual(9-1 to 9-29)	Difference	
Monthly	\$ 39,918.00	\$ 26,750.38	-\$13,167.62	
	Budgeted (1-1 to 9-30)	Actual(1-1 to 9-29)		
Year to date	\$ 359,348.00	\$ 316,829.37	-\$42,518.63	

***Kyrie**

***The Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast

ELW Page 149

***Prayer of the Day**

ELW Page 150

6th Grade Milestone Blessing

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith. (Congregation says after reading: **Thanks be to God**)*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

*This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit. (Congregation says after reading: **Thanks be to God**)*

***Gospel Acclamation**

***Gospel**

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward. (Congregational response after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Faith for the Future

Pastor Stan Satre

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

***The Apostles’ Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

*** Prayers of the Church**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, or ... Let us pray to the Lord.
C: hear our prayer. Lord, have mercy.

***The PEACE is shared**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with- in me. Cast me not a- way from your pres- ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re- store to me the
 joy of your sal- va - tion, and up- hold me with your free Spir - it.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

ELW Page 152

*** Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns during Communion:

ELW 818, 742

*** Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Hymn**

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

*** Prayer & Benediction**

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

***Postlude**

* Indicates when congregation stands

Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments in the narthex following worship. Serving this week is the family of Tucker Henkes and Madisen & Olivia Becker.

Altar Flowers are given by Pat & Selmer Trosvig in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to the family of Robert Hemmingson whose funeral was held here on Friday.

Sympathy to the family of Geneal Luebke, mother of Karma Wagner, who passed away this week.

Large Print Bulletins are available. If you would like a copy, please ask an usher.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

Check Out the New Books! The Library Committee put new books on the book cart in the narthex for easy checkout. Happy reading!

First Lutheran Church is celebrating the Milestone of our 6th Graders becoming Guardian Angels! Below is a list of students that have reached this milestone and will be receiving their gift during worship this morning.

- Katie Anderson, Reagan Cheshire, Nicholas Flugstad, Charlie Fuder,
- Kaden Haarstad, Ava Hastings, Hunter Haugen, Kallie Karsten, Shianne Karsten, Cyntreya Lockett,
- Maria Myhre, William Ness-Ludwig, Trent Pitts,
- Yana Prischmann, Miah Schmidt, Solvie Smestad, Caroline Stumbo,
- Annie Trosvig, Randi Walls and Ava Werner.

**"God's work. Our hands."
Sunday October 9th, 2016**

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Join the wider church (ELCA) Members from Fergus Falls in a joint, large scale service project, the afternoon of October 9th! Everyone should meet for a free hot-dog lunch from 11-1 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church, 308 E Douglas, Fergus Falls and be given a worksite.

Please bring work clothes, gardening items (pruning shears, gloves, rakes, etc.), and painting gear (brushes, drop cloths, etc.) There are 6 different worksites ranging from outdoor landscaping/garden work to painting and fixing a handicap ramp. We look forward to doing God's work with our hands next Sunday!