

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Harvest Home and Stewardship Sunday  
October 18, 2020*

# WELCOME

*It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today. We especially remember those who are not able to be with us this morning and keep them in our prayers.*

*For the safety of all, we ask throughout the worship service that you please wear your face mask. If it becomes troublesome to breathe, please excuse yourself and go to the hallway (if possible) prior to removing your mask. We understand that breathing may be challenging for several of us, feel free to leave if you need to.*

*If you are in need of a mask, please let our ushers know.*

*The Coronavirus spreads easily through singing, so we are not having congregational singing for a while. As you may have anticipated, projecting our voices also extends the distance of the virus spreading, so it is recommended that you use your library voice as you speak responses in our worship service today.*

*Following worship today, please let us know if you have suggestions for future services. We are all learning new ways together.*

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today. Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church.*

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available. Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

*When leaving, please take your bulletin with you so others do not need to touch the same paper.*

*Pastor Nicholson will be available outside following worship to talk with you. You are encouraged to exit the building and talk with persons outdoors as well.*

*If by chance you contract the virus in the next couple of days, please let the church know so we can try to contact those who sat near you.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you.  
Yet we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have given us the gift of time.

You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share.

We spend our time serving self.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways  
using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources  
than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy.

We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries.

While in our sin, God reaches out to forgive and restore us.

In the name of (+) Jesus, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

# God Is Here!

*With your mask on, you are invited to hum along as you reflect upon the words.*

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are able.*

Come cheerfully! Children of God, delight!

**With cheerful hearts, we are delighted to be here together;  
to worship as a family and to be used in a common ministry.**

We gather in worship and celebrate this community.

**We cheerfully celebrate the love that we have for one another,  
the support we give to one another  
and the journey we are on to be united by God's grace.**

We come together this day to cheerfully offer our gifts.

**We delight in the gifts we are giving,  
the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.**

We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

**We are here! We are excited! We are united!**

Let us worship our God, the giver of all good gifts.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

## **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.**

## **HARVEST HOME PRAYER**

Let us give thanks to God for the harvest of the land.

**O Lord, maker of all things. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once again to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase. Bless this food given today, that it will be a blessing to those who receive it. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Judges 4:1-10**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup>So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoiim. <sup>3</sup>Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

<sup>4</sup> At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. <sup>5</sup>She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. <sup>6</sup>She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. <sup>7</sup>I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" '

<sup>8</sup>Barak said to her, ‘If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.’ <sup>9</sup>And she said, ‘I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.’ Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. <sup>10</sup>Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

**SERMON**            “Deborah”            presented by: The Rev. Melissa L. Stoller  
Assistant to the Bishop of the SW PA Synod

*Silence for reflection.*

## **We Plow the Fields and Scatter**

*With your mask on, you are invited to hum along as you reflect upon the words.*

- 1 We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*Refrain*

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

- 2 We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,  
but what you most would treasure— our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt.

# OUR RESPONSE

**OFFERING** *Returning our thanks to God with our offering is a regular part of our worship service. To reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus, we have placed the offering plates at the entrances to our worship service. You are encouraged to present your gifts to God as you leave worship today.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray. **Loving God, everything we are and everything we have are gifts from you. As stewards of these gifts, open our hearts with joy to share them generously. Bless the tithes, offerings, anticipated giving cards and Harvest Home food collection that they may be used to show Christ to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

## BLESSING

May the (+) Lord bless you and keep you as you go from this place  
to share the gifts you have been given with a world in need. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go cheerfully to live generously, sharing the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Remember in your prayers...

Christian Bruce (11/14)	Linus Christman (10/23)	Tom Cover (10/28)
Sandy Curfman	Aloma Dawkins	Ernie Fricke
Rick Gates (11/14)	Bonnie Goshen (11/12)	Eric Hess (10/28)
Nancy Jacobs	Charles Kampmeyer (11/19)	Elva Kroeger
John Newcomer	Dia Schumacher (10/23)	Elaine Singer
Evelyn Scott	James Warne	Grace Williams (11/17)
Jim Woods (10/28)	Private Parker Brown	

**October 11 Attendance:** In person: 48  
On line 46 x 2 = 92 (ELCA formula)

### **STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS**

*“I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.” – Isaiah 45:3*

We share God’s abundance through our hands and work, but is still the abundance of God, who loves us and desires good for all creation. How might your hands sharing God’s abundance help point others to Jesus?

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Ladies’ Breakfast at Capital Restaurant
	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Reformation Sunday/Worship with Holy Communion

### **Worship Assistants**

Prayers	Dot Hammer
Sound Board	Bob Lawyer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASTORAL CARE** Pastor Nicholson is out of the office this week. Thank you to Tim Gotwald for leading our liturgy this morning. If you are in need of pastoral care during the week, Pastor Bill Nienstedt (Solomon Lutheran) is available for emergencies. 717-491-9704.

**ANTICIPATED GIVING CARDS** You are invited to place your anticipated giving card in the offering plate as you leave worship today. Extras are on the table by the elevator on the first floor. We are grateful to those who have already returned theirs.

**HARVEST HOME** is today! We are collecting food and financial contributions for the Meals on Wheels Program. Please place monetary contributions in an envelope marked for Meals on Wheels. The following food items are needed: Medium Noodles, Macaroni, spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce, 5 lb. bag of sugar, brown sugar, canned fruit, cake mixes, cake frosting, ketchup, canned vegetables, instant white rice, low salt chicken broth, cookies, and granenut cereal.

**ALL SAINTS** On November 1 we will be remembering those who have entered the church triumphant between November 1, 2019 and October 31, 2020. If you have a loved one whom you would like to have remembered by name, please contact the church office and include the spelling of the name and the date of death if available. [felccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:felccoffice@gmail.com)

**COUNCIL NOMINEES** First Lutheran is in need of persons who are willing and able to serve on the Congregation Council for the years 2021 through 2023. Please pray about serving in this leadership capacity. If you are feeling called to serve on our governing body, please speak with Gertrude Kampmeyer, Tom Kriner, or Tim Gotwald. Please encourage others who have gifts needed for this to apply as well. The congregation Meeting to elect council members will be held Sunday, November 15 following worship.



**REFORMATION SUNDAY** is October 25. You are invited to wear red, as it is the color of the movement of the Holy Spirit who continues to reform us. Theo Camara will be installed as our Director of Faith Formation and Theology. We will also be receiving Holy Communion.



**NEW MEMBERS** First Lutheran Church will be receiving new members on November 8. If you are considering membership, please contact Pastor Nicholson at flcpastor@outlook.com or 717-264-2015.

**NEIGHBOR TASK TEAM** Thanks for supporting the Neighborhood Task Team (NTT) outreaches. On Saturday, October 10 the team held the first laundry event at Scottee Coin Wash. The neighbors we met were appreciative of the quarters, detergent pods, dryer sheets and giveaways items which included towels, bedding, T-shirts, snacks and water bottles. The team hung jackets, scarves, etc. on the fence at church yesterday during the Apple Festival. Thanks to the event volunteers for being there to share God's love with our neighbors. Come join us. We can always use more help and ideas. What a giving, caring, supportive people of God you are. Quarter collection is resuming. You may drop them off at the church office or place them in the detergent tub or basket at the entrance/exits to the sanctuary.

**BACK PACK PROGRAM** October suggested items are: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Ravioli, Beefaroni and Lasagna.

**THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX** If you are able, please pick up a few items to share. Remember this box supplies personal care items. Needed items include shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste and brushes, hand soap, body soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, band aids, toilet paper. Thank you.

**SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN CHAMBERSBURG AUXILIARY** You may make a contribution to the programs the auxiliary supports at Luther Ridge for 2020. Please send your donation to Marjorie Dale, Auxiliary President, 235 Woodvale Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201 or Mary Jane Lindsey, Auxiliary Treasurer, 273 Cherry Lane Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17202. Any questions please call Marjorie at 717-860-7544.



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**We welcome visitors this morning.**

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

**Our Mission**

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus, burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

**Worship Schedule**

Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

also on facebook at FirstEvangelicalLutheranChurch

and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus, and to worship with us.