

*Reformation Sunday*  
*October 25, 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

A Mighty Fortress

Connie Wilkins - Piano  
Freda Dorand - Organ

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.  
**And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith.**  
**Amen. Alleluia!**

## 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

Let us pray. **Almighty God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL READING

**John 8:31-36**

*Please stand as you are able.*

The Gospel according to St. John 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON** *Silence for reflection.*

## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Director of Faith Formation and Technology

Theo Camara

President: After prayerful deliberation, the council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church has appointed Theo Camara to serve in the position of Director of Faith Formation and Technology.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service.  
Theo, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

Theo: *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Pastor: Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Theo: *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Pastor: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Theo: *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Pastor: Trusting in God's care,  
will you seek to grow in love for those you serve,  
strive for excellence in your skills,  
and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Theo: *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Pastor: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,  
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**Assembly: Amen.**

Pastor: People of God, will you receive Theo into this ministry  
as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

**Assembly: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake?

**Assembly: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: Theo, I now declare you installed as Director of Faith Formation and  
Technology. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and  
your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

**Assembly: Amen.**

Let us pray. Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied  
tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called Theo to  
this ministry. Grant him joy and a spirit of bold trust, that his work  
may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Assembly: Amen.**

Pastor: People of God, I present to you Theo Camara, your Director of Faith  
Formation and Technology. Let us welcome him in the name of  
Christ.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

## MEAL

**OFFERING** *Returning our thanks to God with our offering is a regular part of our worship service. To reduce the odds 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: **Gracious God, water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

We praise you, all-holy God,  
for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in our rose garden.

We praise you for centuries of faithful Christians,  
for Peter and Paul,  
for Luther, Melanchthon, and Bach,  
for all servants of Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,  
who saves us from all sin and evil.

In the night before he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we remember your Son, Jesus,  
his life, death, and glorious resurrection.

Bless this meal and all who share it;  
Inspiring your people to continually reform.

We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen!**

## **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.**

## **INVITATION**

Come to the table. The feast of our Lord is prepared for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*You may be seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD** (*Hum along and meditate on the words.*)

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

**Communion:** *All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's table.*

## **UPSTAIRS**

*To receive Holy Communion, with the usher's direction,*

- *with your mask on, please come down the center aisle, keeping 6 foot distance between you and the household in front of you.*
- *When you reach the pastor, please leave on your face mask.*
- *The pastor will gently drop a wafer of bread in your hand and say the words "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you."*
- *Then proceed to the altar rail where the communion assistant has placed a prefilled wine cup on the rail. These cups will be 6 ft apart.*
- *If you are needing to receive grape juice rather than wine go to the far end of the communion rail by the piano.*
- *When you arrive at the rail you may take off your mask and consume both the bread and the wine.*
- *Please put your mask back on before leaving the communion rail.*
- *You may dispose of your cup in the trash can on the way back to your seat.*

*If you would like the Pastor to bring communion to you in your seat, please indicate that to the usher.*

*We ask that children or adults who would prefer to receive a spoken blessing rather than communion come down the center aisle and make the sign of the cross on your own or on your child's forehead. The pastor will speak a word of blessing.*

*If you prefer to stay in your seat and not receive a blessing or communion yet, you are welcome to do so. God understands.*

## **DOWNSTAIRS**

*Small individual tables have been placed at each of the far ends of the communion rail on both sides (so the TV can still be seen in the middle). On the table is a plate with a prefilled cup and a wafer. This is covered with a piece of plastic. The communion server will come down and speak the words "The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you." The person receiving communion will then remove the plastic, consume the elements and throw away the cup, plate, and piece of plastic in the trash can provided.*

## **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

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

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

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

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.
  
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
  
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
  
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
  
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

## **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep us in his grace! **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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**Remember in your prayers...**

Christian Bruce (11/14)	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 (11/23)	Elaine Singer	Evelyn Scott
James Warne	Grace Williams (11/17)	Jim Woods (10/28)
Private Parker Brown		



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Daurie Lynn Hammer whose birthday was Oct. 25th by her parents, Dot and Bob Hammer.

Prayers: Gerry Wilson  
 Soundboard: Justin Holoiviak  
 Holy Communion Servers: Tim Gotwald – sanctuary Karen Sloan - chapel

**October 18 Attendance:** In person: 46  
 On line 59 views x 2 = 118 (ELCA formula)

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Reformation Sunday/Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Social Missions Meeting – Via Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilters
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Fall Back-Time Change</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	All Saints Sunday/Worship with Holy Communion

## **STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS**

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. – Psalm 46:1*

When we are used to an abundant harvest, it can be shocking to experience scarcity. It is wise to remember that God is the source of all things. We all have something to share from God's abundance—perhaps a smile or kind word is the blessing someone needs. If you are not in a position to give resources, then by all means give love and compassion.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Time Change** Please remember to set your clocks and FALL BACK next Sunday.

**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.

**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)

**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](mailto:flcpastor@outlook.com) or 717-264-2015.

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** First Lutheran will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 15 following the 10:45 worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2021.

**Virtual Attendance for Congregational Meeting** The congregational meeting to be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> **WILL HAVE a virtual option** for those uncomfortable attending in-person who would like to have an input in this meeting. There will be a way for you to speak and listen to the meeting (through a secure & private Zoom meeting), and there will also be a secure way for you to place your vote remotely.

**You must pre-register to attend the meeting virtually.** Please contact Theo through email if you would like to register to attend this meeting virtually. Make your subject line: “*Congregational Meeting*” when you email Theo. The deadline to register for this meeting is **November 9<sup>th</sup> at Midnight**. Theo’s email is:

[Theo.FELCC@gmail.com](mailto:Theo.FELCC@gmail.com)

**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.  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.  
also on facebook at FirstEvangelicalLutheranChurch  
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

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