Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise



Welcome!

Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.

Today's Service

Ordinary Time

The times between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent are known as "Ordinary Time," time outside the two great seasons of the liturgical calendar. The truth is there is nothing ordinary — if by ordinary we mean less important — about this time. During this time we are invited into faithful attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton Dr. Robert McConnell Dr. Jack Reeder Sanctuary Choir Rick Day Ryder Gamrath Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

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Give online or fulfill your pledge: scan the QR code or go to FirstChurchLF.org/give.

Nursery children up to 3 years Opens at 9:00 AM, Room 212

Sunday School ages 3 through 3rd Grade During worship, Playground On Communion Sundays, children will go to the Chapel and return for Communion.

Fellowship

10:30 AM, Great Room

Visiting First Pres?

If you would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the visitors card in your pews. An usher will collect them later in the service.

Joys & Concerns

We are a community that prays for and with one another. We invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card to share your prayer request.

Flowers in the niches are given in loving memory of David Linville from his family.

Prelude

Allegro from Sonata No. 6 in G major, BWV 531

Johann Sebastian Bach



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.



The Welcome

Introit Psalm 150

Charles Villiers Stanford

O praise God in his holiness, praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet, praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances, praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

—Psalm 150 (Book of Common Prayer)

*Call to Worship

Leader: We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and

ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

People: For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of

God.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

*Hymn of Praise No. 301

Let Us Build a House

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) God who formed our inward parts and knows our hearts, forgive us. Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols. Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves. Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we attempt to attain your way in our own understanding. Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives. Amen.

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

^{*} PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Following Passing the Peace, children in preschool through 3rd grade may leave for the playground. Children will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response and join their families for Confirmation and Communion.

Invitation to the Offering



You may give online or fulfill your pledge by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, or go to firstchurchlf.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Spiritual, arr. John Work

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine, Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine, Everywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm going to let it shine, All through the night, I'm going to let it shine, All through the night, I'm going to let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 13:1-7 New Testament, page 174 in pew Bible

Sermon Allen Hilton

"What's Love Got to Do with It"

*Hymn of Response No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Communion is served intinction style. Ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

Communion Music

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

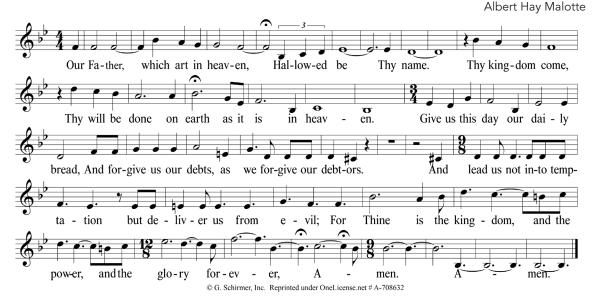
—Psalm 34

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*Hymn of Sending

The Lord's Prayer



*Commissioning of Work Trip 2024

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

-Numbers 6:24-26

*Postlude

Celebration
John Rutter

Joys & Concerns

Joys

Jack Reeder defended is dissertation on Friday to complete his Doctor of Musical Arts from Northwestern University.

In preparing for our 50th Work Trip, this Sunday we are commissioning 45 students and advisors before they leave next week for Roscommon County, Michigan for a week of service and fellowship.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton to the pulpit this morning.

Concerns

For Ken and Lynn Baehr and their fellow sailors, as they sail across the Atlantic from Bermuda to the Azores.

For Barbara Linville and her family on the death of her husband, David Linville, on May 22. A memorial service was held on May 30.

Dick Holmes is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for safety and comfort for the areas of the country that are experiencing the ongoing destructive forces of the weather.

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. You may email your prayer requests to pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org or call 224.544.1967.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks. Please let us know if prayer continues to be requested.

Prayer Chain For confidential prayers, you may email prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org. Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

Serve, Learn, & Connect

Engagement & Membership Diane Quinn engagement@firstchurchlf.org

Arrange a Wedding or Baptism Sarah Seccombe sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org

Join our Music Ministry
Robert McConnell
rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org

Mission & Outreach Stewart Kerr skerr@firstchurchlf.org

Weekly Ministries

During the summer, many of our weekly groups do not meet. Listed below are those that continue through the summer months. For quesions or details contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

TUESDAYS

Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 PM, South Parlor Adult Bible Study 1:00 PM, Zoom

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

THURSDAYS

Daybreakers Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

FRIDAYS

Men of Corinth Bible Study 7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

Announcements

Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship in memory or honor of a loved one, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org or sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board.

Summer Choir July 14, 2024

Interested in singing with the Sanctuary Choir? Join us this summer for two special Summer Choir Sundays! We will meet at 8:30 AM to rehearse before the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, August 11. For more information, contact Jack Reeder at ireeder@firstchurchlf.org

Summer Hand Bells July 21, 2024

Interested in ringing bells? Join Summer Bells! We will have one rehearsal in the week preceding the service on Sunday, July 21. For more information, please contact Jack Reeder at ireeder@firstchurchlf.org

Allen Hilton

Sunday, June 2

After worship join us in the Parlor for a conversation between Jon and Allen to discuss Allen's work on polarization and how the church might lead during a time of deep division and broken trust.

Work Trip Blessing

Sunday, June 2

Join us as we bless the 45 Work Trip students and advisors before they leave on June 9 for a week of replacing roofs and windows, deck building, trim and siding repair, fence installing, painting, and landscaping all while making connections with the people of Rosscomong County, Michigan and growing closer to each other and to God.

Vacation Bible School

June 12 - 14 and 16

Open to children age 4 by December 31 through entering 4th grade. This year's VBS theme is Scuba: Diving Into Friendship with God.

VBS is volunteer-based, so we also need your help to make this a success! Register by Monday, June 3. Details and registration: firstchurchlf.org/vbs

Family Cornhole Tournament Sunday, June 23, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Bring your family to the manse for a backyard cornhole and bounce house party. Left Bank food truck will be there. Stop by for a few minutes or stay the entire time! The whole family is welcome. Sign up: firstchurchlf.org/cornhole

Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need, please email us at pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org or call the church to speak with Sarah Seccombe.

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