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**WELCOME to First Lutheran Church!** We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our church community. If you are interested in joining with the First Family, call the church office...and please worship with us again.

**ALL BAPTIZED** worshipers who confess the presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion are invited to commune. Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Communicants please complete a communion card.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** providing activities based on today's scripture readings are available in the narthex.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS** containing soft Biblical figures and coloring books are available for young children to use during worship. Speak to an usher if your child is interested.

**A STAFFED NURSERY (available at 10:45 worship)** is located on the second floor of the education building.

# YOUTH SUNDAY

November 15, 2009

## A Service Based on the Gospel Matthew

### GATHERING

Prelude                    *"The Lord of the Dance"*                    Julia Gogol

**Confession & Forgiveness**                    Chelsey Hargis

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' (Matt 11:28-30) Take heart, your sins are forgiven. (Matt. 9:2)

Opening Hymn    *"Open Your Ears O Faithful People"*                    # 519

Litany (Matthew 5:3-12)                    Ian Darragh

L: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

L: Blessed are those who mourn,

**C: for they will be comforted.**

L: Blessed are the meek,

**C: for they will inherit the earth.**

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**C: for they will be filled.**

L: Blessed are the merciful,

**C: for they will receive mercy.**

L: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**C: for they will see God.**

L: Blessed are the peacemakers,

**C: for they will be called children of God.**

L: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

L: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**C: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you bring salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the difficulties of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

First Lesson

2 Kings 4:42-44

Jonny Heagy

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Jonny Heagy

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured

their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Children's Sermon

Hannah Heagy & Cassie Fait

Hymn of Day

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

# 439

Dramatic Presentations from the Gospel of Matthew

FLY

Jesus Walks on Water (Based on Matt. 14:22-33)

*Jesus, Savior Pilot Me* #755 v. 1

The Rich Young Man (Based on Matt. 19:16-30)

*Jesus, Savior Pilot Me* #755 v. 2

Cleansing of the Temple (Based on Matt. 21: 12-17)

*Jesus, Savior Pilot Me* #755 v. 3

The Judgment of the Nations (Based on Matt 25:31-46)

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray...

You call us, Lord God, to walk in the presence of our faith. Help us to remember the love that you have for us, and the sacrifice that you made for us. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, to be faithful stewards of your creation. Lend us your strength to redeem us from our sins. Help those who are sick or dying (especially). God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You call us, Lord God, to help troubled people in their time of need. Help us to work for peace and hope in our world full of sin. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your mercy, help us not to sin, prevent us from doing wrong and empower us to do anything we can to spread your word. Help non-believers to see the light, and realize that the only way to Heaven is through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

### MEAL

Offering

Anthem

*Morning Prayer* by Tchaikovsky

Hannah Heagy & Shelby Erdman

Doxology

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

#### **Words of Institution**

A reading from Matthew 26:26-30

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## **Communion**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks  
that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need  
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Benediction

L: Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Sending Hymn

*"When We are Living"*

# 639

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**IN THE TIME BEFORE WORSHIP TODAY**, the congregation is encouraged to read each introduction to the scripture readings in preparation for the hearing of God's word.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Stephenson and Elizabeth J. Stephenson by Nancy O'Hare. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of mother, Glenna Moyer, by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moyer.

**ACOLYTES** are Dianna and Rocco Marusko.

**THE NURSERY** is in the care of Tracey Julian and Kiley Julian. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

**TAPE MINISTRY** is provided by Dave Delisi. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Betty Mehan.

**THE LECTOR** is Jonny Heagy.

**WE THANK THE YOUTH** for their ministry today. They will serve as greeters at the doors following worship.

**THE CONGREGATION** is reminded to respect the concerns of members who cannot shake hands during the flu season when we share the peace in worship. A verbal greeting of peace can serve as a substitute.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** rehearses at 9:00 this morning in the Junior Choir Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the education building. Welcome!

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** is available this morning and every Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us.

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES** provide two opportunities for discussion for adults. "Living the Faith" is facilitated by Daisy Shields. A discipline on making Christ central in your life, "In Pursuit of Jesus" is facilitated by Dianna Marusko.

**MISSION VOLUNTEERS** will meet briefly at 10:00 a.m. this morning in the fellowship hall.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for December is tomorrow. Due to the approaching holidays, please be prompt with your articles.

**RUTH BIBLE STUDY** continues Monday evening, 7:00 p.m.

**REBEKAH CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. in the conference room.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** this week include Budget and Finance, Tues., 6:30 p.m., Christian Ed., and Stewardship, Tues., 7:00 p.m.

**FOOD FROM THE HEART**, our weekday luncheon ministry continues this Wednesday at noon.

**PRESCHOOL BOARD** meets Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**FOOD PANTRY** distribution is this Thursday. Volunteers are needed by 8:00 a.m. to unload the truck, sort groceries, and carry groceries to cars. Lend a hand if you are able.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** continues this Thursday, 10:30 - 11:30 in the conference room.

**CHOIRS** rehearse Thursday evening. Bell Choir meets at 6:15 p.m.; adult choir meets at 7:00 p.m.

**BALLOON MAKING FOR THE HOLIDAY PARADE** will take place on Friday evening, 7:00 p.m.

**GREENSBURG'S HOLIDAY PARADE** is this Saturday. Youth who plan to march in the parade should dress like an animal and try to have a friend be the same animal. We hope to have a whole group of Two-by-Two animals marching down Main Street. Please meet at the church between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. and enjoy some games and fellowship, and share in a light lunch. We will then walk up to the beginning of the parade closer to the start of the parade.

**A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will follow both worship services next Sunday for the purpose of electing council members to serve for the 2010 through 2012.

**THE INTERN COMMITTEE** will meet next Sunday following 10:45 a.m. worship.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:00 a.m. First Year Confirmands are expected to participate in this training session. All other acolytes are invited to attend for reviewing procedures.

**OUR MISSION VOLUNTEERS** thank all of those who made contributions last Sunday for building supplies in Mississippi. Anyone who would like to make a contribution, please use a gold pew envelope and mark it as such. Your gifts are greatly appreciated by our team and those people in Gulfport, Mississippi whom we are serving.

**OPERATION REINDEER** will be collecting gifts for patients at Torrance State Hospital again this year. A list of suggested items is in the November newsletter. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church office by November 29.

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** is planning to assemble small stockings for our shut-ins at the Intergenerational Program on Nov. 29. They are asking for donations of Kleenex (small, single size), trial size hand sanitizer, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, mints, life savers, sugar free candy, etc. Place your donations in the marked box in the education building foyer.

**THRIVENT IS HELPING** homeless families and children this holiday season. The following items will fill one bag per homeless family... 1 bottle of shampoo, 1 bar of soap, 1 deodorant (non gender please), dental floss, a tube of toothpaste, a tube of lotion, 4 toothbrushes, liquid hand sanitizer. If you are able to assist with this project, place your items in the box provided in the education building foyer.

**BARNHART FUNERAL HOME** is collecting new or gently used sweaters and gloves to donate to veterans in VA hospitals or veterans who live in veterans homes. As we commemorate Veteran's Day this week, consider "Operation Sweaters for Veterans" as a way to honor our heroes. Please drop the sweaters and gloves at Barnhart Funeral Home, 505 E. Pittsburgh St. Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED** please notify the pastors or call the church office. Due to the new HIPA rules, the hospital does not always notify us of members' admissions.

**PLEASE KEEP** John Zuzarate, serving in Iraq, in your prayers. Matt Lenart is back in the United States.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** last Sunday was 210.

## JOY TO THE WORLD

The Social Ministry Committee invites you to

**"DISCOVER A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!"**

AT THE SECOND ANNUAL FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday Nov. 21, 11-2pm

Sunday Nov. 22 9 -1 pm

In Fellowship Hall

High quality handcrafts, made by artisans from 35  
countries

will be featured. These include

BASKETS  
JEWELRY  
WOODEN GIFTS  
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS  
NATIVITY SETS  
CERAMICS  
DIVINE CHOCOLATE  
FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND TEA  
AND MORE



Every purchase directly helps to improve working conditions, and provide healthcare and education for the artisans and their families.