

First  
Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church of  
Redlands



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*Pastor:*  
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*Ministers:*  
Each Member

Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost



The Entrusted Talents -- Paulamaria Walter, Paths to Art Sculpture Trail, Strassdorf, Germany

November 15, 2020  
online

## Welcome to Worship

We worship as we were baptized; in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Confession

Holy One,

**We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**Amen**

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Gathering Hymn      “For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW 679 Vs. 1, 3

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;  
    for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
    silent growth while we are sleeping,  
    future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
    thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
    for the wonders that astound us,  
    for the truths that still confound us,  
    most of all that love has found us,  
    thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

**Amen.**

Children's Sermon

*Staff of LRCC*

Halle, Halle

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

“Risky Business”

*Pastor Kim Krogstad*

P: May the words of my mouth

**C: And the meditations of each of our hearts**

**ALL: Be acceptable in your sight, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Special Music

“So Will I”

- Joel Houston,

Michael Fatkin & Benjamin Hastings,

Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Prayers of God's People

Lord in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

Benediction

Sending Hymn “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674, vs. 1, 3

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Allegro” from Concerto No. 1” -G.F. Handel

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# Life in Christ

## WORSHIP

**Sundays at 9 am—In person on upper parking lot or in car on the lower parking lot**

**At Home - Online Worship—[www.firstlutheranredlands.org](http://www.firstlutheranredlands.org)**

You are encouraged to participate only as you feel comfortable. God is present and promises to bless us no matter what we do or do not do during worship. Our hope is that each person will be able to worship and rest in God's love and presence in a way that feels safe.

**\*\*In person worship is subject to change or cancellation at any time.\*\***

## PLAY

**Book Club** is back and we are reading "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. It's a story about family and faith and hope as four children brought together by horrible circumstances set out together to find home. We plan on meeting on Monday, November 30 at 6:30pm. Get the book - you will be glad you did!

## LEARN

**Bible Study** Thursday Morning, November 12, at 11 am.

Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82820578301>

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## SERVE

Thanksgiving and Advent are just 2 weeks away. Every week we will add a new way YOU can "Share Christ" this holiday season.



**CCLM KinderTree** Our Kinder Tree program has always been a great example of this loving kindness. This year, in keeping with high safety standards, it will look a little different. Claire, at CCLM, Lutheran Social Services, has 16 children for us to provide Christmas gifts for. We are asking our congregation to donate a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift card for each child. We can make this happen in a few ways...

- 1) You can go (safely) to a Wal-Mart store to pick one up & drop it off at the church office.
- 2) You can order, on-line, & deliver the cards to church.
- 3) You can donate \$25.00 to First Lutheran Church, "KINDER TREE GIFT" and we will get the card(s) in your name.

Please use the \$25.00 denomination. You may provide as many cards as you like. All cards will be given directly to the children participating in the KINDER TREE program. Donation letters will be provided for all gifts. Sue & Jim Lehner will deliver the cards to CCLM on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**, so please have them ready by then.

If you have any questions, give Sue a call at (909)798-7925. Thank you all so very much for your consideration in providing a little "normalcy" for a child during these unusual times. Thanks be to GOD for YOU!

**Redlands Family Service Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets** Donate through the church office or directly to Family Service during their drop-off hours Wednesday - Friday 9am-4pm.

Follow this link for more info and the food basket list

<https://www.redlandsfamilyservice.org/needs/>

## Remember in prayer...

*“Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs:”*

**Those who mourn:** Kathy Swenson and family at the death of her brother, Dan.

*+Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. +*

**Healing and strength:** Hazel Williamson in hospice and her son, Robert; cousin of Ray Wade, Bob; brother-in-law of Julie Garcia, Jack; friend of Karen Fredricksen, Spenser; great-niece of the Griesemers, Julya; mother of BB Quinones hospitalized with pneumonia; friend of Tom Olsen, Gary; friend of Mitch Heitritter, Jim.

**Continuing prayers for:** Nancy Sturlaugson; Phil Schmidt; John McMunn; Saba Andom; Dona Searles.

**Our homebound:** Lois Nabors, Loretta Sanders, Carlton Peterson; Arlene Coleman; Betty Frannea.

- ✧ Veterans and their families with gratitude for their service
- ✧ Our nation during this transition time
- ✧ Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, and Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Andy Taylor
- ✧ Those affected and fighting COVID-19
- ✧ Those affected by wildfires in the West and hurricanes in the East
- ✧ Peace

*Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

*Kimberly Amin, Keyboardist ~ ~ Tamara Craver, Music Director*

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