

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

We Are Called

HYMN #720

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

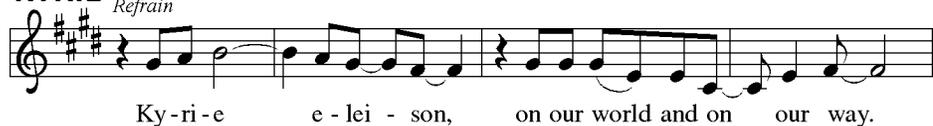
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Refrain

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

PSALM 145:10-18 *sing responsively with Cantor*

¹⁰All your works praise | you, O LORD,* and your faithful | servants bless you.

¹¹**They make known the glory | of your kingdom* and speak | of your power;**

¹²that the peoples may know | of your power* and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;* your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in | all his words* and merciful in | all his deeds.

¹⁵**The LORD upholds all | those who fall;* he lifts up those who | are bowed down.**

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,* and you give them their food | in due season.

¹⁷**You open | wide your hand* and satisfy the needs of every | living creature.**

¹⁸The LORD is righteous in | all his ways* and loving in | all his works.

READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

HYMN #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
 Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Let us pray: **God, you bless us in so many ways – even ways we do not know. Give us glad and generous hearts so that we may praise you and support our church and those around us who are in need. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN*Praise and Thanksgiving***HYMN #689, v.1**

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

COMMUNION

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

COMMUNION HYMN*Now the Silence***HYMN #460**

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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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.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

HYMN #544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing, in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Worship is a Community Event!

It takes more than a pastor and musicians to worship – it takes a community! How will you be part of the First Lutheran worship service? Here are a few simple options that take very little time: greeters, ushers, cantors, lectors, Communion Assistants, acolytes, and serving coffee.

We are thankful for all of our volunteers and are excited to welcome new volunteers! Training is available! Please sign up in the Narthex, call the church office at 739-3348 or reply to the Constant Contact email.

Senior Pastor: Gretchen Enoch

Intern Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Visitation Pastor: Stan Satre

Council President: George Mathison

Organist: Keith Melberg

Bookkeeper: Kattie Meek

Director of Children's Ministries: Kristy Wicklund

Hosanna Handbells Director: Linda Mellon

Worship Team Director: Anne Taylor

Office Assistant: Laurie Whitehead

Administrative Assistant/ Youth Director: Calie Anderson

This Sunday, July 25 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*

Monday, July 26:

- 9 am to 3 pm Love Day Quilters

Tuesday, July 27:

- 9 to 10 am play at NP Park
- 12:00 pm Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, July 28:

- 5:00 pm Simple Meal at Augustana followed by casual worship at 5:30 pm

Thursday, July 29:

- NO Senior Bible Study today

Next Sunday, August 1:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*

The flowers on the altar are given by Helen Watkins in memory of Bill.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Beverly Grimm and Carol, Ron & Jennifer Johnson in memory of Herb & Helen Grimm.

Please keep the family & friends of Anthony Perez in your prayers. Anthony passed away on July 17th. His funeral service was held on July 23 at First Lutheran.

Wednesday Summer Worship continues at Augustana Lutheran with a simple meal at 5:00 pm, followed by casual worship at 5:30 pm. Vicar Lynn is leading a sermon series called “Living our Faith in 2021” and this Wednesday, July 28 the sermon title is “Stop Thief – Take my Checkbook”. The meal and worship at Augustana will continue throughout the summer.

Senior Bible Study for this Thursday, July 29, is cancelled. See you August 5th!

Welcome to Kattie Meek, new part-time bookkeeper at First Lutheran! Learn more about Kattie in the August Messenger.

Valley Fair trip is coming up! This trip is for all kids who finished 6 – 12 grades last year. The date is Wednesday, August 11. The bus will leave at 7:30 am from the lower parking lot, and return around 10:30 pm. \$45/per student (scholarships available). Food and drinks at the park are at your own expense (OK to pack a lunch). Supper at McDonalds on the way home is provided by the church. Sign-up required before August 4th, along with health forms and payment. Contact Calie if any questions. 218 321-0970. Hope you will be able to join us!

Mission Jamaica 2022 trip sign-up deadline is August 1. \$150.00 deposit required at registration. Want more information on this enriching opportunity to serve others? Contact Vicar Lynn at 218-321-0967 or lynn@flcff.org.

Otter Express Public Transit offers free rides to the Fergus Falls Food Shelf. Call to reserve a ride 218 998-3002, preferably 48 hours in advance.

We are collecting pillowcases to be used to make pet beds for the Humane Society. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex.

Lions Green Living Projects – there is a collection box in the Narthex for clean plastic bags and wraps.

Sound/Live Stream Operators Needed! We are looking for people to run the sound board and live stream at 9:30 am worship on Sundays. \$20.00 for running the live stream and \$20.00 for running the sound board (if one person does both, \$40.00). Training available. Please contact the church office if interested. 739-3348 or office@flcff.org.