



## First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ***PUTTING CHRIST FIRST!***

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August 1, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost

## Welcome to Worship at First Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)  
Northern Illinois Synod

*If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and to know that we are delighted to have you here. We are blessed with your presence. We would appreciate it if you would complete a visitor information card, located in the pew rack, and place it in the regular offering plate or the special offering plate by the doors.*

*We practice open Communion — you don't have to be a member to participate. **All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.** In Holy Communion, we come trusting that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, that he is truly present in this meal and that we who receive his Body and Blood also receive his forgiveness and grace. All baptized persons who share this trust and hope are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. Children who do not yet receive Communion are invited to come forward and receive a special blessing.*

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Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Welcome & Announcements

## WE GATHER AS CHRIST'S PEOPLE

## Confessions and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**C: We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

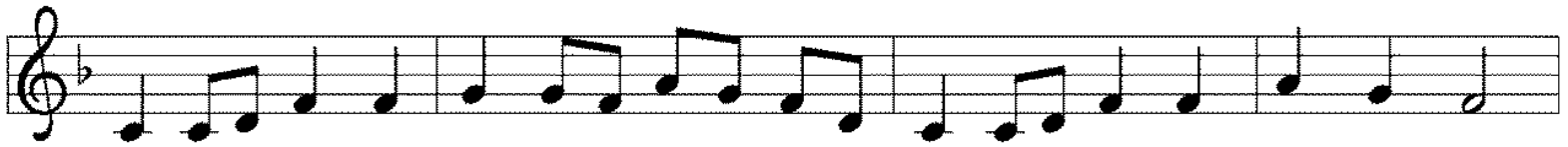
Gathering Song

*"All who Hunger Gather Gladly"*

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*Verses: 1-3*

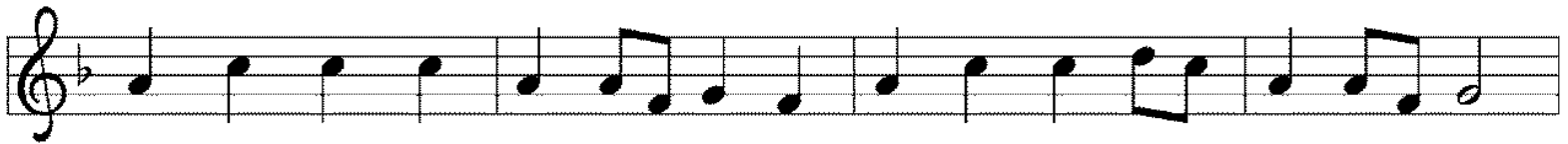
# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Now the Feast and Celebration

Hymn 167

# Now the Feast and Celebration

## Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

## Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God. **D.C.**

## Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. **D.C.**

## Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new. **D.C.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading - Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' "<sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.<sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said,<sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.<sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.<sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord given you to eat."

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,<sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,<sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism,<sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.<sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?<sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)<sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,<sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.<sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.<sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia . Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading

**John 6:24-35**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John — the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.”<sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”<sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”<sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.”<sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

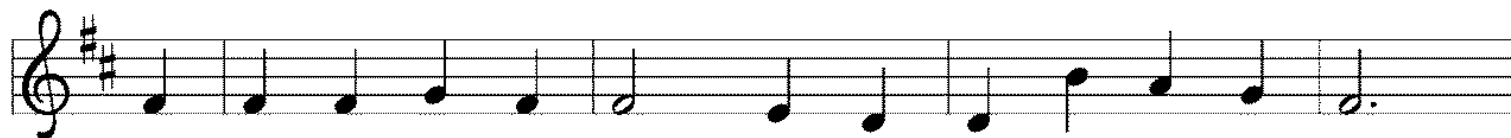
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

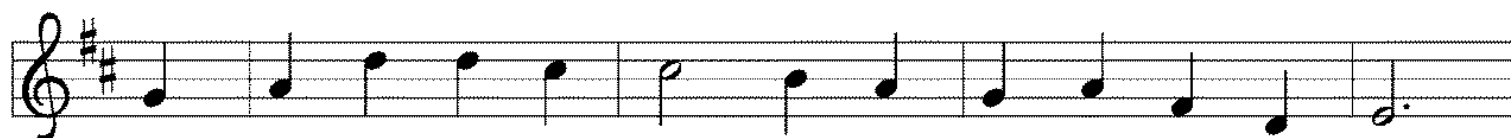
Pastor Nord

Hymn of the Day     “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” See next page

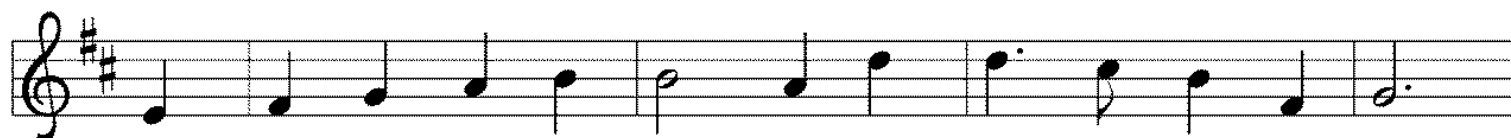
## O Living Bread from Heaven



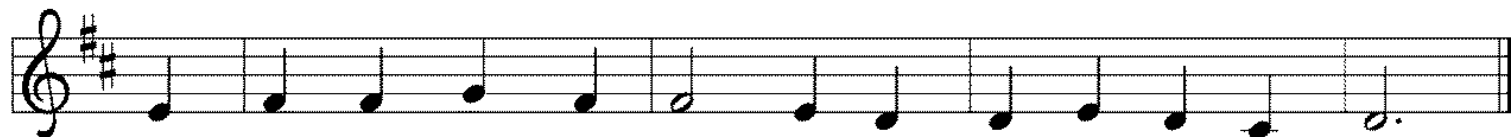
- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

## The Apostles' Creed

P: Together we confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: 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

R: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*after each petition:*

R: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*after prayers:*

R: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Sharing of the Peace

**Keep your neighbor safe—share the peace with a friendly wave.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn 191

*Congregation:*

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff has a 3/8 time signature. The third staff has a 6/8 time signature. The fourth and fifth staves have a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

#### **Carefully remove the covering from your wafer, and raise the wafer.**

In the night in which 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.

#### **Carefully remove the cover from your cup, and raise the cup**

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### Communion Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Thanks Be to You

*"Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

Hymn #208

# THANKS BE TO YOU

Marty Haugen



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,  
2. From of old you loved and sought us,



Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

### Post Communion Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. + In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **In Our Prayers**

- + Carrie Brockway ( Pec Elementary Principal)
- + Morgan DeWall (Jim and Janis DeWall's Daughter)
- + Aiden Doner (Pec Middle School Student)
- + Bryan Durand (member)
- + Dee Hickman (Pec Elementary Librarian)
- + Eugene Laube (Judy Johnson's brother)
- + Michael Love (member)
- + Richard Meyer (Judy Clark's Brother)
- + Jack Person (Kathy's Cousin)
- + Estelle Smith and Family (members)
- + Betty Wacker (member)



## **We continue to pray for those in care facilities or homebound**

Margaret Stahl

## **Serving away from home**

Addison Haas, Jake Jenkins, Jason Hoover & Jacob McGrew

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Beth Martin (1), Lori Heffelfinger & Nancy Osowski (7)

Celebrating Anniversaries: Heath and Andrea McGrew (5)

Altar Flowers are given by Jen and Zach Camplain in honor of Iris' 7th birthday

## **Important Announcements:**

***Food Pantry***—For the Month of July we will be collecting 200 bottles of juice for the Food Pantry. All donated items can be placed in the donation basket by the door.

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits-** “Back to School” sales are on! That means it’s time to buy items for the school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Every year we assemble school supplies into backpacks for the Lutheran World Relief Fall ingathering at the end of September.

Shopping lists are located in the back of the sanctuary by the display. Please take one and keep it handy. This way you will be ready when you see the signs for “Back to School” sales! Contact Susan Zumdahl for more information!

**Corn Boil and Ice Cream Social**—August 5, 2021 at 4:30 pm will be our Corn Boil and Ice Cream Social. We need help with pies, making ice cream and serving during the event. Please see the sign up sheets in the back of the sanctuary. More information see Mern and Janet .

**Weekly offering needed: \$2,400**

**Attendance 07/25**

***In person 29***

***Virtual 3 Views***

**Offering received 07/25**

<i>General</i>	\$	0.00	<b>2021 Mission Commitment \$5,250</b>
<i>Synod</i>	\$	0.00	<i>YTD amount forwarded ~ 2625.00</i>
<i>Improvement</i>	\$	0.00	
<i>Simply Giving</i>	\$	0.00	

**Important Dates:**

*Have a meeting coming up? Please contact the church office with details so we can get it on the church calendar. Thank you!*

Wednesday, July 28	Hope Charity, 12:30 pm
Sunday, August 1	Worship and Music, 10:30 am
Tuesday, August 3	Church Council, 6:30 pm
Thursday, August 5	Corn Boil and Ice Cream Social, 4:30 pm

***New Members:*** *Visiting or know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran? If so, please notify the office. We would love to welcome you as a member of the family of First Lutheran!*

## Worship Volunteers

<u>Aug 1</u>		<u>Aug 8</u>
Dorene Lagerstam	Reader	Dana Hubble
Jen Camplain	A/V Tech	
Sandra Smith	Accompanist	Carrie Daly
	Ushers	
Joyce Wonder Daryl Anderson	Counters	