

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ordinary Time

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14th Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 2026 — 9:30 a.m.
Welcome to worship, we are glad you are with us!

GATHERING



PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW 660 vs. 1,2,4

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, our
 2. All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied bear
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed of on the glo - rious tree, as
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 on their ____ brows the seal of him who died.
 thou hast ____ prom - ised, draw us all vic - to - ry!
 to the ____ Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956
 Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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CRUCIFER
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S TIME

Congregation: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter beginning at the 21st verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Deacon Korra Looschen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

THE 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 THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

1. "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your
 2. "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your
 3. "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your
 4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my

name? _____ Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
 name? _____ Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be
 name? _____ Will you set the pris - 'ners free and ne - ver be
 name? _____ Will you quell the fear in - side and ne - ver be
 name. _____ Let me turn and fol - low you and ne - ver be

the same? _____ Will you let my love be shown, _____
 the same? _____ Will you risk the hos - tile stare, _____
 the same? _____ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, _____
 the same? _____ Will you use the faith you've found _____
 the same. _____ In your com - pa - ny I'll go _____

_____ will you let my name be known, _____ will you let my
 _____ should your life at - tract or scare? _____ Will you let me
 _____ and do such as this un - seen, _____ and ad - mit to
 _____ to re - shape the world a - round, _____ through my sight and
 _____ where your love and foot - steps show. _____ Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?" _____
 an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?" _____
 what I mean in you and you in me?" _____
 touch and sound in you and you in me?" _____
 live and grow in you and you in me. _____

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: Scottish Traditional

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KELVINGROVE

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also, with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

"The Gift of Love" arr. Lloyd Larson

Connie Manley

Accompanied by Gary Elmquist

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

This is the table of God. All who hunger for God's presence in their lives are invited to receive bread and wine. Please come forward at the direction of the usher. Our bread is gluten free, prepared and baked in a kitchen excluding wheat flour. The wine is in the outer, darker circle of glasses in the communion trays while the lighter glasses in the center contain grape juice. Should you prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. Come and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"One Bread, One Body"	ELW 496
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	ELW 773
"We Come to the Hungry Feast"	ELW 479

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
 bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man-y through-out the
 earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
 1.Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2.Man - y or the gifts, man - y or the works,
 3.Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
 wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: John Foley, SJ

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
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Precious Lord, Take My Hand **ELW 773**

Thomas Andrew Dorsey, 1932

George Nelson Allen, 1844

♩ = 107

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let stand, I am tired, I am weak,
 2. When my way grows dre - ar, Pre-cious Lord, lin - ing, When my life i - s n -
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night dra - near, And the day i - s past -

am worn; Through storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:
 ost gone, Hear cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall: Take my
 nd gone, the ri - ver I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

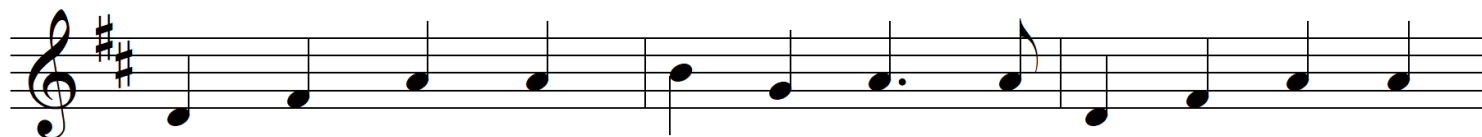
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We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



1. We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace. To
2. We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re - leased from
3. We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun - ger cease, and



hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we _ come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we _ come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we _ come, we _ come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

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HUNGRY FEAST

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW 624 vs. 1,2,4

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SENDING

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW 624



1. Je sus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
 2. If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
 3. When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief,
 4. Je sus, still lead on, till our rest be won;



and, al - though the way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 let no faith - less fears o'er - take us, let not faitha nd hope for - sake us;
 when temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 heav'n - ly lead - er, sill di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.
 Music: Adam Drese, 1620-1701

SEELENBRAUTIGAM
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Welcome to Worship!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP, and families can sit anywhere in the sanctuary, including the chapel near the front.

A NURSERY is available downstairs across from the Choir Room for children under 5. Follow the signs.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS are available from the ushers.

ADDITIONAL PARKING is available in the Ahlberg Chapel parking lot, one-half block north of the church on Terry Street.

RESTROOMS are located on the upper level of the church, along the hallway leading to the Big Room. There are handicap accessible restrooms on the lower level near the elevator, and in the Big Room.

WORSHIP SERVICES AND LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED so that others may enjoy worship remotely. Please note that today's worship service is audio and video recorded for online sharing and archival purposes.

We love seeing you in worship!

Preacher	Deacon Korra Looschen
Presider	Pastor Stephanie Kopsch
Council Hosts:	Dorothea Ekx Rick Samson
Ushers:	Holly Keenan Mike Shiveley
Reader:	Shannon Satur
Communion Assistants:	Shannon Satur Jeff Satur
Organist/Pianist:	Gary Elmquist
Livestream Operator	Shane Chatfield

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