

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22nd, 2021

9:00am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Leila Gangstad

Lay reader: Sharyl Nestor

Sound/Video: Andrew Breitsprecher, Mark Willand

Counters: Nancy Amundson, Steph Perkins

Altar Guild: LEAH Circle

Prelude

-Leila Gangstad

Welcome – Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to- geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

The holy gospel according to John 6:56-69. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Becky Sogge

Hymn of the Day

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Backpack Blessing

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering is received in the plates at the entrance of the sanctuary or electronically through Give Plus+

Offering Prayer

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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” ELW 774



- 1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain



Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;



lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

-Leila Gangstad

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Hulshizer Pipe Organ Recital, August 31st at 12:15pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 222 6th Ave. S.W. Rochester, MN.

The altar flowers are in celebration of Lauren Severson and Anthony Welty's wedding.

The additional flower arrangement is in memory of Evelyn Urbatsch from her family.

There are two quilts for silent auction in the Narthex. Bidding will go through Sunday, August 29th and all proceeds go towards the "Kitchen Fund".

First Lutheran Church Council and Pastor Becky have decided to move Sunday morning worship outside until further notice due to the rise COVID rates. Please bring your lawn chairs and join us!

Mission Project for July

FLC Youth Fund

Weekly Sunday Attendance and Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
August 15		\$535.00
August 8	38	\$1,895.00
August 1	51	\$1,098.00
July 25	45	\$1,313.00

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 22	9:00 am	Worship Service with N.O.*
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth
Tuesday, August 24	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	7:30 pm	AA –Al-Anon
Wednesday, August 25	2:00 pm	Youth
	7:00 pm	SH. Youth
Thursday, August 26	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, August 29	9:00 am	Worship Service with H.C.*
	10:00 am	Council Meeting
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth

*H.C. is Holy Communion and N.O. is Noisy Offering