

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*



**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:00am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Organist/Pianist:** Delores Knudson

**Lay reader:** Heather Rheingans

**Sound/Video:** Mark Willand

**Counters:** Russ & Delores Knudson, Steph Perkins

**Altar Guild:** LYDIA Circle

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**Prelude**

-Delores Knudson

**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

"God is Here"

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

## Special Music

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

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

### Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### Second Reading: James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

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## Gospel

The holy gospel according to Mark 7:24-37

**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:



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

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Peace

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

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

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.**

Invitation to Communion

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Lamb of God

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

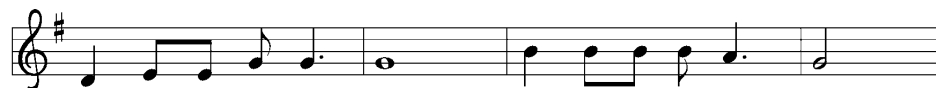
ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

-Delores Knudson

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**Mission Project for September**  
**Bremwood Youth Home**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers are in celebration of Michael and Riley Gordon's wedding.

<b>Weekly Attendance and Giving</b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
August 29	37	\$225.00
August 22	41	\$1,451.00
August 15	57	\$535.00
August 8	38	\$1,895.00

<b>Weekly Calendar</b>		
Sunday, September 5	9:00 am	Worship Service with H.C.*
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth
Tuesday, September 7	9:30 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Worship Meeting
Wednesday, September 8	7:30 pm	AA -Al-Anon
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, September 9	7:00 pm	SH. Youth
	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Friday, September 10	7:00 pm	Pub Theology at Worth Brewery
		Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, September 11		Habberman Wedding
Sunday, September 12	9:00 am	Worship Service with N.O.*
	10:00 am	Council Meeting
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth

