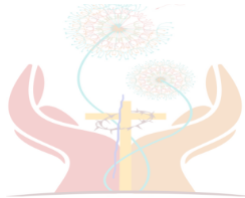


## Welcome to Worship

God is here for you,  
In the word and sacraments, in the love  
of this community.



*Scattering seeds of love  
worship & service*

Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us at First Lutheran today. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Apple juice is available upon request.

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 22, 2021**

### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

#### Ministers:

Members of First Lutheran Church

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### Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

#### Call to Worship

P: We worship as we live in the name of the Father +and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Come, be nourished by the words and witness of Jesus Christ.

**C: He came that we might know of God's absolute, steadfast love for us.**

P: Receive the gift of the Bread of Life and hunger no more.

**C: We are grateful for Jesus Christ, who has given to us this magnificent gift.**

P: Come, let us worship and rejoice!

**C: Let us sing our praises to God. Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn: No. 758 "You Are the Way"

#### Confession of Sin:

P: God of all  
mercy and consolation come to the aid of your people, turning  
us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may be attentive to your Word, that we may  
confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the  
fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

P: Gracious God,

**C:**

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve  
you with the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**For the safety God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in  
faithfulness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. C: Amen.**

#### Prayer Day:

Prayer Day.

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

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve,

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Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 34:15-22**

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

**C: 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.

**C: 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.

**C: 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.

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

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

#### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel. The Holy Gospel is taken from **John 6:56-69.**

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

[Jesus said,] "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day No. 638 "Blessed Assurance"**

#### **Apostles' 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**

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\* Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

### Mission Moment

### Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

### 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P:

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS: No. 471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"; No. 522 "As We Gather at Your Table"

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

### GOD'S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

### Benediction

Sending Hymn: No. 547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessings"

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored by Judy Stubbe, in loving memory of her mother, Arlene Stubbe.

✠ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde as they deal with health issues; and Gene Spicer, on the passing of his sister-in-law, Donna Spicer.

**Noisy Offering for "Lutheran Disaster Relief"** The total amount collected for Lutheran Disaster Relief to this date is \$152.63. Thank you for your support for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

### This Week's Schedule – Aug 22, 2021

**Today** 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at Church and live streamed

**Thursday** 9:30am Quilting

**Saturday** Christensen/Weinkauff wedding at Hiawatha Lodge

**Sunday** 9:30am Worship/Woodbury-Kendall Baptism at Church and live streamed\_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday** Christensen/Weinkauf wedding at Maawatha Lodge

**Sunday** 9:30am Worship/Woodbury-Kendall Baptism at Church and live streamed \_\_\_\_\_

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### **School kits**

Items needed are: One box of 16 or 24 crayons; Four notebooks; One ruler with 30-centimeters & inches; One pencil sharpener; One eraser; One pair of blunt scissors; 5 unsharpened #2 pencils; 5 black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink). Please bring them to Church by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**"Volunteers needed"** to help record during Worship services to stream on Facebook live. Please contact Cristy Appel @ 215.1738.



Sharing is Caring

***"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."***

***Ephesians 2:10***

**Together we are the church. There are many people with many gifts and there are people who are looking for a friendly phone call or visitor. We are looking at building a team of people who will with open ears, accept people as they are and bring the caring presence of Christ to others. If you would like to know more about this ministry and how you can serve one another contact Pastor Joyce.**

***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."***

***John 13:34-3***

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