

## Welcome to Worship

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

Great to have you here! Thank you for  
choosing to worship with us at First  
Lutheran today.

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29, 2021**

### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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Members of First Lutheran Church

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#### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

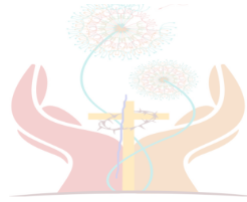


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**Scattering seeds of love  
worship & service**

#### Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

##### Call to Worship

P: Come let us worship God. We worship in the name of the Father  
and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Every generous act of  
giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

**C: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

P: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

**C: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**

P: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

**C: Merciful God, quiet our rush to judgment.**

P: Brooding God, slow our impulsive actions. Loving God, may we be  
quick in our understanding of your call.

**C: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in  
ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.**

#### Opening Hymn: No. 858 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 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,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us  
by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the**

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#### Prayer of the Day:

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**Our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us  
from outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### HEARING GOD'S WORD

##### First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter  
and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I  
command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am  
charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who

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

### **Psalm 15**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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

### **Second Lesson: James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.**

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day No. 772 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"**

### **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 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.**

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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: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### 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.**

### GOD'S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

#### Benediction

**Sending Hymn: No. 879 "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs. 1, 4, 5**

#### Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** today is sponsored in honor of our 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary by Dave & Ellen Dulas.

✠ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde as they deal with health issues.

**Noisy Offering for "Lutheran Disaster Relief"** The total amount collected for Lutheran Disaster Relief to this date is \$417.64. Thank you for your support for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

#### **This Week's Schedule – Aug 29, 2021**

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

**Wednesday** School kit supplies due

**Friday** Gunnink/Ashby wedding rehearsal

**Saturday** Gunnink/Ashby Wedding

**Sunday** 9:30am Worship/ Holy Communion 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.

#### **Outreach & Missions**

**The following items were delivered to Lutheran World Relief last week:**

- 144 School Kits 2019-2020
- 38 Personal Care Kits 2020-2021
- 14 Quilts 2019-2020

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*This does not include School Kits for this year – 2021.*

***Assembling continues after worship today.***



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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