

Sunday, July 28, 2024
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30am Worship

First Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement...

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving, equipping, and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY, July 28 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am – Worship

10:30am – Worship

11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

Altar Guild

Pam Durbin & Amber Soderman

Reader

8:00am 10:30am

Vicki Marshall Connie Salmi

Communion Assistant

8:00am 10:30am

Vicki Marshall Carolyn Nelson

Usher

8:00am 10:30am

Bill Obenauf Lloyd Tuskan

Acolyte

Braylin Carter

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated this morning. *All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive communion by kneeling at the altar.* Those not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are invited. *We use **disposable cups of wine around the outer tray and grape juice in the center. Gluten-free communion wafers** are available. If you would like one, please let us know! **Members, please complete a communion card located in the pews and hand it to the Usher as you approach communion. You can use one card per family but list all first names. Thank you for helping us to keep accurate church records to determine active membership.** Children regardless of age are welcome to commune if their parents are comfortable. Parents may whisper "God loves you, and sent Jesus to be our Savior," as they take communion.* *

*ELCA Use of the Means of Grace pp 37-40



GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don.
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

****GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray

C: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways**

and loving in all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

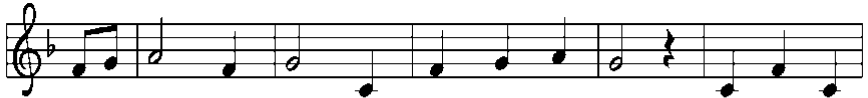
¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



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

**** GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

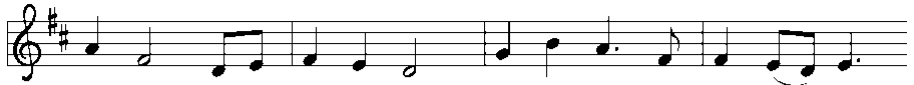
The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MINI MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Dave Vankley



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



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and 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: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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**** APOLSTLE'S 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**

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

****THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC

Paul Rajala, Organist

OFFERING SONG

"What We Have to Offer"

W&P 156 v 1 & 4

The image shows a musical score for the offering song "What We Have to Offer". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.". The third staff continues with lyrics: "God will not fal - ter; so let us dare". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "lay it at the al - tar there.".

4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to
give? Lives we will live.

Text: Ray Makeever

Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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****OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

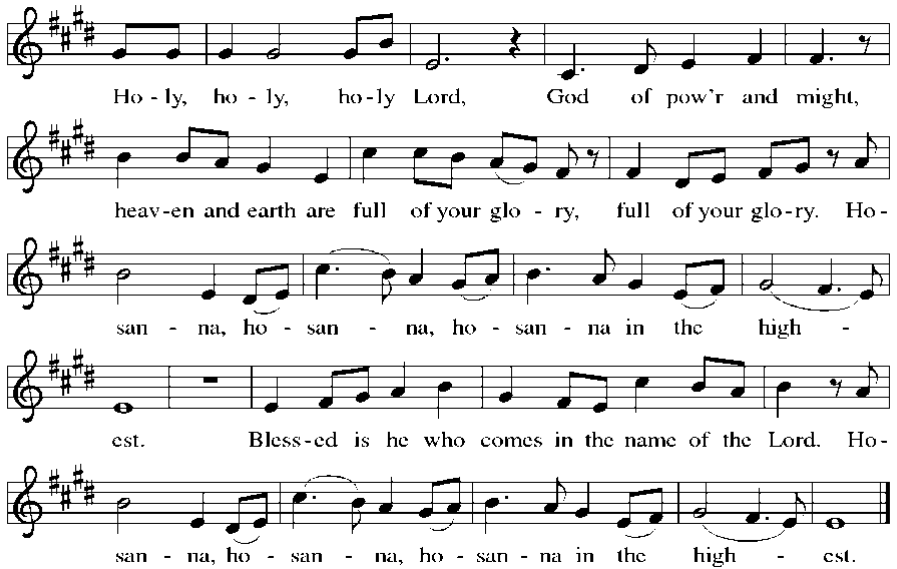
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

****PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY



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

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

** 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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

LAMB OF GOD

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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW 515

- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir-it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

P : The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray,

C: **Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.**
Amen.

SENDING

****BLESSING:**

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

****SENDING SONG**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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****DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, July 29

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

Tuesday, July 30

9:00am – Sewing

Wednesday, July 31

10:30am – Staff Meeting
2:00PM – Newsletter Assembly
7:00pm – Kiwanis

Thursday, August 1

1:00pm – Bulletin Folding
5:15pm – T.O.P.S

NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, August 4

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings will be Exodus 16:2-4; Psalm 78:23-29;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

8:00am – Worship
10:30am – Worship
11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHURCH PICNIC: Join us for 10:30 worship at VanCleve Park in the big pavilion across from the State Police post on **August 4th**. Bring a lawn chair, a friend, and dish to pass for the Potluck Luncheon following worship. The church will supply hotdogs, condiments, coffee, lemonade and serving ware.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: The *August 4th* property committee meeting has been postponed. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 1st** at **9:00 am** in the double classroom.

Mid-Year Giving Statements: are now available for pick up in the narthex.

COUNCIL TREASURER NEEDED: Our treasurer, Bill Ehrhardt, is retiring his position as council treasurer. He will be remaining in the area through the summer, and is willing to train in a new treasurer, until he permanently moves to Florida. We thank Bill for his time and wisdom that he has put into the position. If you are interested or have questions, contact Bill, a council member, or the office.

MISSION OF HOPE: Volunteers are needed for **August 3rd** to set up and **August 4th** to work at the Mission of Hope distribution day. Contact Ann Christiansen for more information.

RALLY DAY SUNDAY: *“JESUS LOVES YOU S’MORE THAN YOU KNOW”*. It is time to start up the new Sunday School season on **Sunday, September 8th at 9:15am**. It will be a camping theme, so dress up like a camper and bring your backpacks for the backpack blessing during worship.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Due to short hospital stays and privacy laws, we often don’t know when members are hospitalized. If you or a loved one is in the hospital for a procedure or treatment, please notify the church office (428-4565) so that we may offer a prayer.

PRAYER LIST

Please be in prayer for the following people this week:

Alex	Andy	Angela	Ashley
Bill	Bodhi	Brad	Brown Family
Carrie	Chad	Cheryl	Chris
Cindy	David	Deann & Chris	Debbie
Dennis & Marlyn	Di	Don	Elle
Everett	Gail	Irene	Jason
Joanne	Julie	Julie	Kathy Jo
Kelly	Kevin & Mary	Laurie & Norbert	Legacy
Lennea	Lisa	Manuel	Mercedes
Mike	Mitchell	Ollie	Pam & Family
Pat	Paula	Sandy	Shari
Svea	Tabitha	Vicki	Vincent
Zack			

Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:

Jamie	Bryan	Danielle	Christopher
Jesse	Jacob	Jason	Charlie
Danzig			



Do you have a prayer request? *Please let us know.*
Prayer requests are lifted up each Sunday during the “Prayers of the People.” Prayer Ministry sheets are on the prayer board located by the office door.
The office will contact you quarterly to get updates on your requests.

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