

Sunday, August 11, 2024
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00am 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, August 11 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am – Worship
9:15am – Choir Rehearsal
10:30am – Worship
11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

Altar Guild

Mary Nelsen & Amy Miron

Reader

8:00am 10:30am
Wayne Marshall Dolly Salmi

Communion Assistant

8:00am 10:30am
Vicki Marshall Julie Landwehr

Usher

8:00am 10:30am
Kathy & Tom Gobert Dennis Landwehr
Emma Landwehr

Acolyte

Ethan LaCrosse

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated this morning. *All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive communion.* 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.

****GATHERING HYMN**

"Baptized in Water"

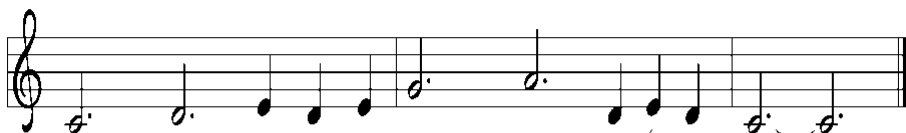
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1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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****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.**

****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray

C: **Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE IN THE MIDDLE

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and do not make room for the devil.²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may

give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**** GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Daniels

****HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Give Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

ELW 618



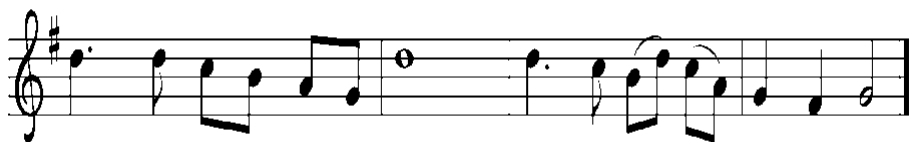
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

**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: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into
your holy keeping.

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

Sing twice

1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
lay it at the al - tar there.

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

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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.

****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!

All

1 "The bread I am the Bread of life, You who
2 "Un- less that you will give is my
3 "I am the res- ur- eat- tion, the
4 Yes, Lord, I be- lieve that

come to me shall not the hun- ger, and who be-
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man, and if you
I am the life. If you be-
you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not this thirst, No one can come to
eat of his bread, blood, and you shall live for
drink of his blood, and you drink of his
lieve in me, God, e- ven though you
Son of God, who have

me ev- er, un- less the Fa- ther beck- ons,"
you shall not have life for- ev- er."
blood, you shall not have life with- in you."
die, you shall live for- ev- er."
come in to the world.

Refrain

All
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, 8SM, b. 1977, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, 8SM

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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**

"I love to Tell the Story"

ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true:
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song.



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

****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, August 12

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

Tuesday, August 13

9:00am – Sewing

10:30am - UP State Fair Tent

12:00pm – Welcome & Outreach

Wednesday, August 14

10:30am – Staff Meeting

7:00pm – Kiwanis

Thursday, August 15

9:00am – Men's Group

9:30am – Love Circle

1:00pm – Bulletin Folding

5:15pm – T.O.P.S

Friday, August 16

1:00pm – Diane LaPorte Visitation

2:00pm – Diane LaPorte Funeral Service

NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, August 18

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings will be Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;

Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Choir Rehearsal

10:30am – Worship

11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: 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.

DIANE LAPORTE SERVICES: Diane’s funeral services will be held on **Friday, August 16th**. Visitation will be 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Funeral will be at 2:00pm with a luncheon to follow.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS: will be here at First Lutheran Church on Friday, August 23, 2024 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001**
- **Online: <https://www.llsa.social/hzca>**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**

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	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	Shari	Svea	Tabitha

Vicki	Vincent	Zack	Colleen
<i>Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:</i>			
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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