

First Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday ☩ August 7, 2022 ☩ 10:00 am

Treasures of the kingdom

*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church,
and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly.
Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

James Biery

OPENING HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

ELW 771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927
 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
 the fountain of living water,
 the rock who gave us birth,
 our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
 for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
 and by your Word you created the world,
 calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,
and through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you set us free from the power of sin and death
and raise us up to live in you.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
And above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your
forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

KYRIE

ELW page 184
Verses 1 and 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

God's promise of a child

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

We place our hope in you

Psalms 33

The psalm will be read responsively by verse, beginning with the lectern side, followed in bold lettering by the pulpit side.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

READING*Abraham's faith*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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

Be rich toward God, your treasure

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW 764

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| 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock! | 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above! |
| 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock! | 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God! |

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love,
let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God,
and hold us forever in your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

ELW 182

Stand and sing as the elements are brought forward.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

setting eight, page 190

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

setting eight, page 190

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

.....be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Communion

All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion at this service is served on the chancel floor by individual chalices. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Bring your offering forward and place in the basket as you come to receive the meal.

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting eight, page 191



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.

“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.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Dale Wood

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristine Stedje	<i>presider</i>
Janet Gross	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mallorie Egbers	<i>organist</i>
Gary Troth	<i>reader</i>
Terry Glade	<i>sound and media technician</i>
Kaia Downing	<i>sacristan</i>
Dan Moore	<i>communion minister</i>
Ann Doellinger, Richard Storm	<i>ushers and greeters</i>
Nadine Holst, Dorothy Chauncey	<i>fellowship hosts</i>
Brian and Julie Thiele	<i>radio broadcast</i>
Schenzel Family	<i>livestream broadcast</i>
Janet Gross, Sue Mullin, Nadine Holst	<i>August 10 food pantry</i>

Today's radio broadcast over KMNS is given by Brian and Julie Thiele in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary that was on August 3rd. Our sincere thanks.

Today's livestream broadcast is given by the Schenzel Family to pray for peace. Our sincere thanks.

All are welcome. As a community of the people of God, the members of First Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about First Lutheran Church, please contact us at 712 239 3942, or email flcpastor3939@gmail.com.

Pastor Kristine will be attending the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** churchwide assembly in Columbus, Ohio from August 8-12, as a voting member from the Western Iowa Synod. Please pray for Presiding Bishop Eaton, and all those who gather for the assembly, for safe travel and good health, throughout the week of hearings, deliberation and worship.

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Please come down the center aisle to receive the bread and wine, returning to your pew by the side aisle. Communion may be received in one kind only (only bread or only wine/juice). Gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request. Bring your offering and place in the basket at the center aisle as you come forward.

Families of pre-school and grade school children following worship join Pastor Kristine in Fellowship Hall for a **Summer Fun Sunday**. We will sing, create a craft and eat ice cream! We will also introduce our plans for fall programming. Don't miss out!

God's Work. Our Hands. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 11th** when we will once again focus on our ministry to spread the good news through **our hands**. A small team is putting together a day full of worship, fellowship and service projects. **God's Work. Our Hands.** will emphasize a variety of ways we can serve our neighbors in need. Featured will be our **Holy Family Food Pantry**, a neighborhood social event and Lutheran Services of Iowa, mentorship and housing kits for resettled families. Plan to join in the lending a *hand* on this Sunday and coming to learn more about our year-round programming of serving those in need.

150 Anniversary Banners - During the months of July and August, the anniversary banners will be displayed in the sanctuary as an ongoing celebration of our church's history. The banners were made 25 years ago for the 125th anniversary of First Lutheran by several past and current members: Deb Caputo, Dorothy Goettsch, Stacy Goettsch Hagan, Fran Krommenhoek, and Avis Provorse. The 150th Banner that is hanging behind the pulpit on dark blue was made this spring by Dinah Crees. The banners all tell the story of our church and highlight each decade with significant events during that time in history. In the narthex there are copies of the banner history and a description of each which was made 25 years ago. Not all of the banners are on display that are included but do exist. Two events that should be noted this year: the name of our church is 100 years old; in 1922 the church changed its name from St. Petri or Peter Lutheran to First Lutheran. The second event is that our present church building was completed and dedicated on Aug. 26, 1962, 60 years ago, and is the fourth location over 150 years. Soli Deo Gloria.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

August 7 – August 14, 2022

Sunday: 10:00 Worship/In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion

After Worship- Fellowship in FR; Summer Fun for Families in Fellowship Hall

Monday: Office Closed

Wednesday: 9-11:30 Food Pantry

Friday: 9:00 Quilters in FH

7:00 AA in FH

Sunday: 10:00 Worship/In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion

After Worship-Fellowship in FR (TBD)

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Mission and Vision

*We are a Christian community
called by God to respond
to God's gift of grace as
servants to the world.*

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