



May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from all congregations – Hope, Augustana, First Lutheran
Worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

www.hopeff.org www.augustanalutheran.org

www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

vv.1-2

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;

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.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

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

ASSURANCE
9 10 99 and refrain

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 #157

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.* Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his
 pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is
 faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is
 love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.
 Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now
 lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the
 Lord! Great is the Lord!

Text and music: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN***“Jesus Loves Me”*****(vs. 1) ELW # 595****Vs. 1**

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

Acts 2:1-21

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”****ELW #172**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 Hal - le - lu - jah.
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Publishing

GOSPEL READING**JOHN 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

SERMON**PASTOR ALI HAUGERUD**

Al Magnuson sings Swedish verse, congregation sings vv. 1 & 2

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.

stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Music: Swedish folk tune

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
 L.M.

GRADUATE CELEBRATION LITANY

We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2020. **We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and many more achievements yet to come.** Each one of you is a special part of our congregations. No one else, in the whole world, is quite like you. We are proud of you, and we love you. **We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth into the world. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship that you have shared with us and pray that as you begin your next journey, remember the times that we all have shared with you.** Use those memories as a beacon to guide you on your path. Don't look back; continue only forward, while using those memories to create a new path. **We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.** Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions. **We pray that you make wise and rational decisions, always turning to God for help. God hears, God listens, God is always with you. Do not forget that. Always keep in mind that God is around and if you turn to him, he will guide you.** As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we want to support you, and encourage in you a growing commitment to Christ. **We bless you to grow, in body and mind and spirit. We bless you to make mistakes, and to learn from them, even if the consequences are difficult and painful. We bless you to explore life, to be adventurous in discovering who God has created you to be.**

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

"Give Thanks"

Worship & Praise #41

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time
Bb/C F

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways. In an upper room of a guest house in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The body of Christ given for you. *(all share in eating the bread)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(all sharing in drinking of the cup)*

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

HYMN

"Shelter Me" (refrain only)

composed by Father Michael Joncas



O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.
O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"You Raise Me Up"

CCLI #4434612

Verse 1

When I am down and oh my soul's so weary
when troubles come and my heart burdened be
then I am still and wait here in the silence
until you come and sit a while with me

Chorus

You raise me up
so I can stand on mountains
you raise me up
to walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on your shoulders
you raise me up to more than I can be

Verse 2

There is no life no life without its hunger
each restless heart beats so imperfectly
but when you come and I am filled with wonder
sometimes I think I glimpse eternity

Ending

I am strong when I am on your shoulders
you raise me up to more than I can be
you raise me up to more than I can be

DISMISSAL

Be at peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



2020 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020!

Augustana Lutheran – Dominick Hanson, Wyatt Thorson, Kirsten Zick

**First Lutheran – Sydney Batzlaff, Olivia Becker, Sara Hansen, Tucker Henkes,
Brandon Hinsverk, Alison Koch, Andrey Lockett, Ethan Menge, Isaac Pederson,
Jacob Spangler**

Hope Lutheran - Canaan Kugler, Kaitlyn Krensing, Jacob Schroeder



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020

It is unknown at this time if some of the events scheduled in the upcoming weeks will occur. We will do our best to keep you advised. Be sure to call the church with any questions at 739-3348 or email to office@flcff.org.

The flowers on the altar are given by Carl & Diane Prischmann in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, which was on May 25.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Elaine Solee in celebration of Jim & Judy King's 50th wedding anniversary, which is on June 6.

COVID 19 Update – The church building will remain locked and we will not be able to accommodate public meetings at this time. We will continue with worship services closed to the public. If you have a pastoral care emergency, you can contact Pastor Gretchen at 218-321-0995. Please continue to call (leave a message) and email with questions or concerns. Phone: 218-739-3348, Email: office@flcff.org, or check our website firstlutheranchurchff.org for further updates. The church office will be staffed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday, as we are able.

First Lutheran, Hope & Augustana will continue to provide worship opportunities on Sunday mornings. All worship services are closed to the public, but will be live streamed on YouTube and on-air on KJKK AM 1020 or Channel 977 FM97.7 at 9:30 am. Services are also being aired on PEG Access Channel 8. The schedule can be found on the website:

<http://pegaccess.com/channel8programming.html>

We appreciate your on-going support of the ministry of First Lutheran Church. Your gifts may be mailed to the church at 402 South Court Street, or you can visit the website firstlutheranchurchff.org and click donate on the upper right corner and set up your donation plan. Any questions, please call the office 739-3348.

Communion - We have added communion into our livestreamed and broadcasted worship service. We will be celebrating communion every Sunday. You are encouraged to participate as you feel comfortable.

Sunday School Students – be sure to check out the sidewalks around the church building. See if you can “scout out” your name!!

The June Messenger has been posted to the website and sent to those who receive it in the mail. We've also put some copies in the Little Lending Library.

Breathing Under Water, a study based on the book by Richard Rohr, will start June 1. It will be conducted via Zoom conference call. If you are interested in joining the study, please contact Jennifer Woore at (218 770-1011) as soon as possible as books need to be ordered. Cost \$40, and scholarships are available upon request.

“Go Make Disciples” VBS Virtual Day Camp with Luther Crest for ages 5 through 6th grade will be coming this August. More information on registration coming this summer.

Financial Update: As of May 25, 2020, year-to-date revenue \$204,225, year-to-date budget \$216,430.