



May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the beginning, O God, your Spirit moved over the water, and you created all that is, seen and unseen.

We give you thanks for the gift of water that sustains all life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil in the water of the flood; and by your saving ark, you gave a new beginning.

We give you thanks for new beginnings.

You led Israel through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

We give you thanks for the gift of freedom and the gift of the land.

In the water of the Jordan our Lord was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit; by the baptism of his death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life.

We give you thanks for our own baptism and the gift of eternal life.

By the water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We give you thanks for the gift of water that sustains life.

We give you thanks for the gift of the new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“Come Now Is The Time To Worship” (sing through twice, end with chorus)*

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

(cantor sings verses, congregation sings refrain)

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Refrain

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

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"How Great Thou Art"

(vs. 1) ELW # 856

I O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989
Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTOR DAVID STROM

ACTS 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Sanctuary”

(sing twice)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tired and true
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 17:1-11

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

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR DAVID STROM

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

ELW #656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nægeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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

Special Music by Bob and Gail Johnson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Use us, and what we have gathered, to be the church in the world, scattered and transformed, bringing the presence of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior 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

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



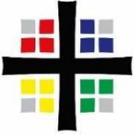
lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

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



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY MAY 24, 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 Pastor Gretchen Enoch and Kirby Herman in celebration of their marriage on Saturday, May 23, 2020 and their love for the good and faithful people of First Lutheran Church.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Pastor Gretchen & Kirby on their marriage from the entire congregation and the staff of First Lutheran Church!!

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Gary & Susan Clambey in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary and for all mothers.

Check out Family Sunday School by Sparkhouse on You Tube this week. Kristy will have our last video for the Sunday School next week, along with a surprise!

COVID 19 Update – The church building will remain locked through the end of May. We will not be able to accommodate public meetings during this time. We will continue with worship services closed to the public through the month of May. 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. Note: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

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 KJK 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 will begin adding communion into our livestreamed and broadcasted worship service on Sunday, May 24th. We will be celebrating communion every Sunday. You are encouraged to participate as you feel comfortable. Additional information included with printed bulletins, or sent via Constant Contact.

Augustana is organizing a "parade" to drive through the parking lots of PioneerCare, Pioneer Pointe, and LB Homes on Tuesday, May 26th at 3pm. All are welcome to participate. Feel free to decorate your vehicle and make a sign. Please meet at the Augustana parking lot at 2:45 to join in the fun!

Joint ELCA Congregations of Fergus Falls will hold a Baccalaureate Service to honor our high school graduates on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The service will be broadcast on our Facebook page.

Last Wednesday of FLY K-6 on ZOOM is Wednesday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m. Kristy will send the link via Remind.

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 18, 2020, year-to-date revenue \$199,130, year-to-date budget \$216,430.