

July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being in the presence of our beloved God.

Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

We will listen for God’s word and live in the hope it inspires.

GATHERING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

ELW #556 vv. 1-3

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain’s new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ’ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God’s feet pass.
 morn - ing, God’s re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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

Refrain S 184



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



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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another; Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW #S185

Refrain S 185



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

KRISTY WICKLUND

RECOGNITION OF KAELE PETERSON

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:18-25

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S 188

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 READING

MATTHEW 13:24-30; 36-43

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

²⁴He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

VICAR LYNN MELCHIOR

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793 vv. 1, 2, & 4



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: Irish traditional

SLANE
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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 Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

HYMN

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: Handt Hanson

GOOD SOIL
PM

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks"

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.

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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!

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW#656

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

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.

SENDING HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

ELW #574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



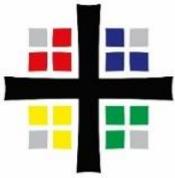
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: Daniel L. Schutte

HERE I AM, LORD
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY JULY 19, 2020

Church phone number 739-3348 and email office@flcff.org

The flowers on the altar are given by Missy Mattson.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Dick & Judy Werner in celebration of 55 years of marriage.

Please keep the family of Margaret (Holey) Stahl in prayer. Margaret passed away on July 13, 2020 and her graveside service was held on July 18 at First Lutheran North Cemetery.

First Lutheran, Hope & Augustana will continue to provide worship opportunities with Holy Communion 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, check the schedule for times.

We will continue to hold online worship with Hope & Augustana Lutheran Churches through September 6, 2020. The Smart Team is working on a plan regarding return to in-person worship and other church activities. We will provide updates as they are available.

The church building is open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and the office will be staffed during these times, as we are able. Church and public meetings can be held, with the following guidelines: groups of 10 or less, being aware of physical distancing, masks encouraged, sanitization of the room after the meeting.

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 updates.

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.

Kindergarten through 6th grade students join First, Augustana, Hope, and Zion Lutheran Churches as we have a blast with Luther Crest's Bold Transformational Faith Day Camp program. Dates are August 3-6 or 10-13. This program is FREE and is all online. Please register by tomorrow, Monday, July 20th. Registration forms can be found in the VBS To-Go bags, in front of the church office, or on our website. Check out our website for more information.

Riverside Lions Club of Fergus Falls is having a shoe drive. They are looking for new or gently used shoes. There is a collection box in the Narthex, and the doors to church are open M-Th 8 am to 1 pm. Thanks!!

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- July 21 – Deadline for news for the August Messenger.
- Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. FLY K-6 Zoom Talent Show!

SAVE THE DATE:

- Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. First Communion Class (last year's 5th graders) via Zoom.
- Wednesday, July 29, FLY 7-9 Game Day via Zoom – hope you can join us for some FUN!!!
 - Last year's 7th graders from 12-1 pm
 - Last year's 8th graders from 1-2 pm
 - Last year's 9th graders from 2-3 pm
- Sunday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Confirmation Service for 8th grade confirmands and their families.
- Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m. Outdoor First Communion service for First Communion students and their families.
- Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Confirmation Service for 9th grade confirmands and their families.

Financial Update: As of July 13, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$260,713, year-to-date budget \$281,350.