



July 5, 2020

Fifth 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.

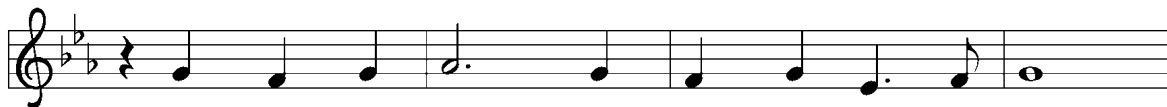
GATHERING HYMN

“This is My Song”

ELW #887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try’s skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth’s king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, God came among us to save us from sin and death. In walking to the cross, Christ freed us from bondage of guilt and judgment. We come before God now, seeking grace freely given. **Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

When we hear and obey the voice of the world rather than turning to you for guidance, **Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

When we critically judge others without wanting to look at ourselves, **Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

When we fail to love any of your people out of prejudice and fear, **Grant us your grace, O God, and free us.**

In the cross, we see God's amazing love for us. We are God's children living in a confused world. So in abundant grace, God answers our doubt, heals our pain, and forgives our failures in grace. I announce therefore in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace. Thanks be to God forever more! 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 (spoken)

Seeking peace in a broken world, but also knowing God's peace through God's presence, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Seeking peace in suffering, illness, and pain, but also feeling God's peace through healing, prayer, and those who help, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Seeking peace through our distress, depression, isolation, and fear, but also feeling God's peace through the words of loved ones and the hope we see in the world, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Seeking peace through the pain of worshipping separately, longing for our holy community to be gathering, but also feeling peace through God's presence with each of us as we worship together distantly, we pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, loving Lord. We need you now, as we have needed you every day. We cannot live without you. **Amen.** *(written by Pastor Nissa Peterson)*

SONG OF PRAISE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (sing twice)

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through 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

PASTOR DAVID STROM

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 7: 15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR DAVID STROM



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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.**

OFFERING

Special Music by Luther Aadland

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Blessed be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. 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.

SENDING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

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



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY JULY 5, 2020

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

A huge THANK YOU to LeAnne Jaenisch and Paul Dimke for their coverage of our sound system and You Tube broadcast during these worship at home Sundays!!

The church building is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office will be staffed during these times, as we are able. Worship services will continue to be closed to the public. 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.

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 have added communion into our livestreamed and broadcasted worship service. You are encouraged to participate as you feel comfortable.

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.

VBS To-Go Scavenger hunt runs July 6-19. Good luck hunting! If you would like a VBS To-Go bag for ages 1 year through 6th grade, please call or text Kristy at 218 531-9544, or stop by the church office.

Meetings this week:

- Executive Committee at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6
- Smart Team at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8 (*Narthex*)
- Mutual Ministry at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9 (*Kairos Room*)

Luther Crest's Bold Transformational Faith Program for ages Kindergarten through 12th grade starts in July. It's camp, but in your own home! This program is free, all you have to do is register online at Luthercrest.org.

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 8am to 1 pm. Thanks!!

Eunice (Eunie) Simonson is turning 90 on July 26! Her daughter Naomi would like friends to send a birthday greeting and memory to tannygranny@gmail.com before July 15. Photos are welcome too. Naomi is making a birthday album for her Mom. (Eunice and her late husband David were missionaries in Tanzania, and founders of Operation Bootstrap Africa).

Christ in our Home for July-August-September and the July Messenger are available. Copies in the Narthex, or the outdoor Little Free Library.

Luther Crest Day Camp for ages 5 through 6th grade is August 3-6 or 10-13. Registration forms are in the VBS To-Go bag or on the counter outside the church office (office is open Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm). This program is FREE and includes nightly Bible dives, worship, arts and crafts, song fest, games, and much more, all from the comfort of your home. Please turn in registration no later than Monday, July 20th.

SAVE THE DATE:

- Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. FLY K-6 Zoom Talent Show!
- Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. First Communion Class (last year's 5th graders) via Zoom.
- 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. First Communion service.
- Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Confirmation Service for 9th grade confirmands and their families.

Financial Update: As of June 29, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$242,848, year-to-date budget \$259,710.