

# August 16, 2020

*11th 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:

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[www.firstlutheranchurchff.org](http://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

### *“All Are Welcome”*

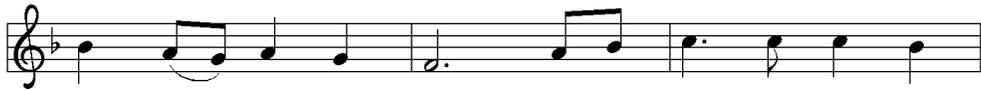
## ELW #641 odd verses



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

*Refrain*

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen  
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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*Moment of silence for confession and reflection.*

Holy God,

**forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and shape what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the name of the living God, through the grace of Christ Jesus the Son, and with the authority of the Spirit, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the life that is abundant! **Thanks be to God.**

## 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

### “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW # 836 vs. 1



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through 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 ALI HAUGERUD

**SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32**

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***“Sanctuary”*** (sing twice)

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

**GOSPEL READING**

**MATTHEW 15:21-28**

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

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ALI HAUGERUD**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Baptized and Set Free”***

**ELW #453**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we’re nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we’re washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en-slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.  
end-less o - cean, al-ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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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.**

## OFFERING / SPECIAL MUSIC BY JENNIFER & KEIRA ROSE

## 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 share 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

### *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

ELW #886 vs. 1-4



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

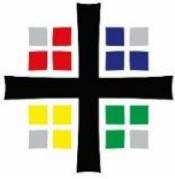
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**The following 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are receiving their First Communion at an 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Service with their families today.**

**Please keep them in your prayers.**

John Abrahams, Riley Anderson, Tally Clark, Nolan Felstul,  
Noah Frank, Ty Jyrkas, Brody Krein, Dylan Kuhn,  
Jaden Kwapinski, Aiden Neubauer, Anja Rajaniemi,  
Anna Sem, William Vaughn



## FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2020

Church phone number 739-3348 and email [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)

**The radio broadcast** is sponsored by Karen Lundstrom and Leonard Hatzenbuhler in thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, and well wishes as Karen continues her treatments.

**The flowers on the altar** are provided by Adam & Megan Barker in celebration of the birth of their twin sons Camden & Cullen.

**Please remember the family and friends of Tom Willett in prayer.** Tom passed away on August 8, 2020.

**Today, Sunday, August 16** at 11:00 a.m. there will be an Outdoor First Communion Service for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. This service will be videotaped and posted to our church website.

**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 KJKK 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.** The Smart Team is working on a plan regarding return to 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 required, 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](mailto:office@flcff.org), or check our website [firstlutheranchurchff.org](http://firstlutheranchurchff.org) for updates.

**A Women's Bible Study** is being planned for this Fall! We are looking at a socially distanced meeting at the church on either Monday at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. The study would be on a book from the New Testament, and led by Pastor Gretchen. If you are interested, please contact the office (739-3348 or [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)) and indicate your time preference. We will be in touch when plans are finalized.

**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](http://firstlutheranchurchff.org) and click donate on the upper right corner and set up your donation plan. Any questions, please call the office 739-3348.

**Our NWMN Synodical Women's Organization** continues their work for women's programs, conferences, LWR updates, etc. during this time of the Coronavirus. Because we are not meeting, our offerings are not collected. Please prayerfully consider making a financial donation to First Lutheran WELCA. Funds will be divided between our local WELCA, Conference 7 and the Synod. Your check should be made out to First Lutheran WELCA, and mailed to the church (402 South Court Street). Thank you.

**Meals by Wheels** will be delivered by First Lutheran the week of September 8-11 (no delivery on September 7). Sign-up by contacting Jennifer at (call or text) 701 238-0276 or email to [77jennifer@msn.com](mailto:77jennifer@msn.com). This service in our community is needed now more than ever with many seniors and those with underlying health conditions taking extra precautions to avoid exposure. Thank you!!

### COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- Thursday, August 20 at 4:00 pm Worship Committee *Narthex*
- August 20 Deadline for September Messenger.

### SAVE THE DATE:

- Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Confirmation Service for 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands and their families. This service will be livestreamed to our church website [www.firstlutherchurchff.org](http://www.firstlutherchurchff.org).

**Financial Update:** As of August 10, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$302,873, year-to-date budget \$324,630.