



**August 30, 2020**

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**Joint Worship to be the church together.**

Voices from all congregations – Hope, Augustana, First Lutheran  
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**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

**HYMN # 522**



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

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**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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **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.**

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. **Amen.**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

### READING: ROMANS 12:9-21

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

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

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block

to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

## SERMON

PASTOR ALI HAUGERUD

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

HYMN #808, v.1-3



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

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## **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**

### **OFFERTORY**

**HYMN #186**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### **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.**

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## 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.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***Praise and Thanks and Adoration***HYMN #783**

1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.  
 through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
 Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
 in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

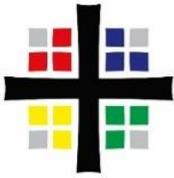
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**DISMISSAL**

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

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## FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020

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

**The flowers on the altar and the radio broadcast** are given by Orrie & Dalyce Leabo, in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**A congregational survey** regarding return to in-person worship has been developed by the Discipleship Committee. The survey is posted in the Weekly Blast or can be found at: [www.flcff.org/covid-survey](http://www.flcff.org/covid-survey). If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please call the office at 739-3348. We appreciate your input on this survey!

### Coming up this week:

- Executive Committee meets Monday, August 31, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call.
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Narthex.
- Discipleship Committee meets Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom conference call.
- FIT team meets Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the Kairos Room.
- Mutual Ministry meets Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the Narthex.

**Stop by the church and take time for prayer and meditation.** The sanctuary will be open beginning in September on Tuesday mornings from 12-2 pm and Thursday afternoons from 4-6 pm. There will be either an organist or pianist playing throughout the allotted times for your enjoyment. In addition, self-serve Holy Communion and guided prayers will be offered for your spiritual nourishment. Pastor Gretchen will be available for one-on-one social distanced conversation prior to, or following your prayer time. Please contact the church office for additional information as would be helpful.

**Rally Sunday is coming up (September 13)** and we have some exciting things planned, but we could use some help assembling supplies. Kristy needs up to 8 people to help assemble kits for the congregation and Sunday School students on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Please contact the office (793-3348) if you are available to help. Thank you!

**First Lutheran, Hope & Augustana** will continue to provide online 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. 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.

**Men's Bible Study** - We are exploring interest in a Men's Bible Study this Fall. The study would be socially distanced, and on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Please contact Pastor Gretchen if you are interested: [pastorg@flcff.org](mailto:pastorg@flcff.org) or call 218 321-0995.

**A wheelchair** has been donated to the church. If you need a wheelchair, please call the office at 739-3348.

**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.

**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 Soon! First Lutheran Community-** Donut Holes & Coffee or Lemonade Drive– Thru Rally Sunday, September 13, 2020 from 10:30-11:30, Canopy Upper Level Parking Lot. Please be sure to stop by for a donut hole and beverage. We will also be distributing Worship Kits and Sunday School Lessons at the drive-thru. Also, during this event, we will be accepting donations for the Salvation Army program which helps people in need in Otter Tail County pay for their utilities. We want to help them to keep their lights on!!

**Music at Augustana** on Sunday, September 20 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Pastor David Strom's band, Motu, will be playing.

**Financial Update:** As of August 24, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$320,491, year-to-date budget \$346,270.