

# September 27, 2020

## 17th 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](http://www.hopeff.org)    [www.augustanalutheran.org](http://www.augustanalutheran.org)

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

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN      *“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”*      (vs. 1, 3 & 4) ELW #712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love’s re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy’s per-fect deed:  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-’ry gift which you im-part.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984  
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
Text © Oxford University Press

## 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"***

**(vs. 1) ELW # 836**



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 love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, 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.

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

### Refrain

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**KRISTY WICKLUND**

### SCRIPTURE READING: **Philippians 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

## SERMON

PASTOR ALI HAUGERUD

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Change My Heart O God"

ELW # 801

*Refrain*



Change my heart, O God;                      make it ev - er true.

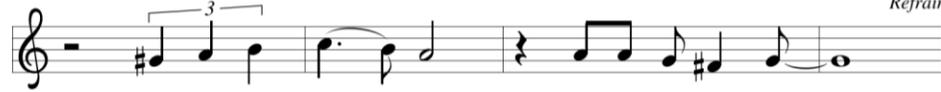
*End*



Change my heart, O God;                      may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter;                      I am the clay.



Mold me and make me;                      this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa  
Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services

## **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 and 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.**

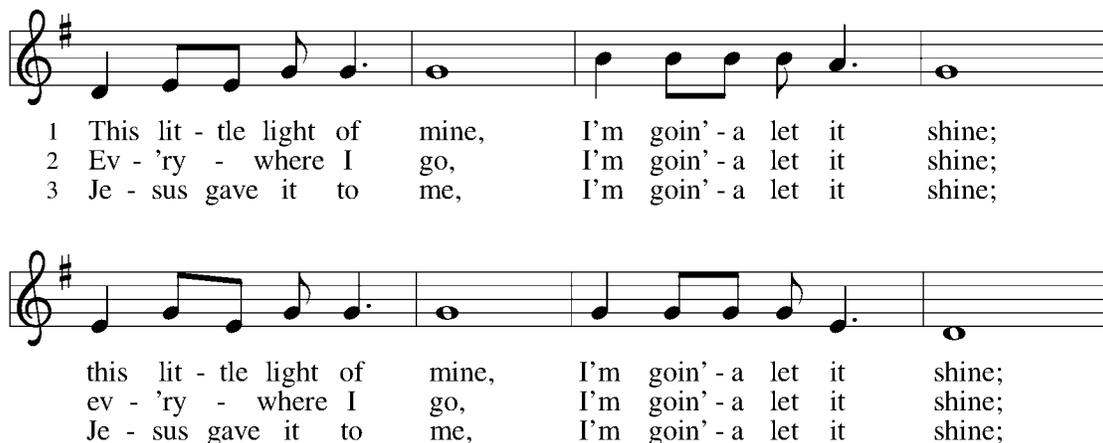
**BENEDICTION**

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

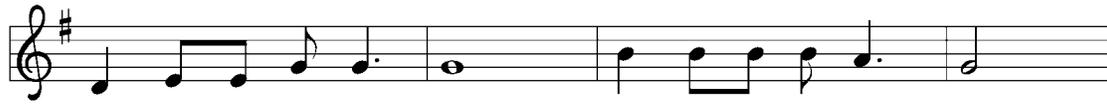
**SENDING HYMN**

**"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;  
 this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a 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, let it shine.

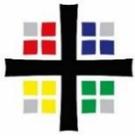
Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.



## FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Dustin & McKenzie Stoen in honor of their son Sawyer's first birthday.

**The radio broadcast today** is sponsored by Katie Haugrud in memory of her husband DuVane.

**Installation of Pastor Benjamin Durbin** is today, September 27 at 2:00 at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church of rural Battle Lake. The service will be outdoors with social distancing and masks.

### Coming up this week:

- Wednesday, September 30 FLY K-6 Roosevelt Park after school
- Wednesday, September 30 Confirmation Meeting with parents at 6:30 p.m. – *Sanctuary & Narthex*

**Stop by the church and take time for prayer and meditation.** This Tuesday, September 29, will be the final time to stop by. Time is from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. There is live music, self-serve Holy Communion, guided prayers, and Pastor Gretchen will be available for one-on-one social distanced conversation prior to, or following your prayer time.

**Christ in Our Home Devotional booklets October-December** are available in the Narthex or the Little Free Library.

### Mark your calendars:

- October 4, 2020 Generosity Sunday Outdoor worship upper parking lot with guest Pastor Keith Zeh preaching. This service will also be on the radio and You Tube. (in case of bad weather, the outdoor service will be cancelled). Also, drive thru rolls & juice from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the lower level parking lot. Holy Communion will also be offered at this time. Due to Covid-19, please remain in your vehicle.
- October 18, 2020 Member Appreciation Sunday – drive thru pick-up of American Legion ribs beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Parking Lot. Due to Covid-19 please remain in your vehicle. Free will offering. Please contact the church before October 15th at 739-3348 if you need a meal delivered.

**Worship Helpers** - if you are interested in coming to worship in person, we are looking for volunteers for October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> to help with singing. Call Harriet Wicklund (701) 426-4003 or the church office 739-3348 if you would like to help on any of those dates.

**Study Opportunity** - I'd like to invite you to join me in a study of Luther's Small Catechism. I will be leading this study is part of my coursework at Luther Seminary. This study is open to anyone who is interested but due to Covid-19 restrictions, spaces are limited to ten participants. So, sign up right away by calling the office at 739-3348.

We will meet face to face in the Narthex at First Lutheran Church from 1:00 to 2:00 on Thursdays. This is a seven-week course starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, concluding November 12. I look forward to healthy discussions and the opportunity for personal growth as we study this foundation of our Lutheran faith. - *Michael Wicklund*

**This is the final Sunday of combined worship with First Lutheran, Hope & Augustana.** Thank you to Hope Lutheran for their contributions to the online worship experience these past months. First Lutheran will continue online worship with Augustana beginning October 4. 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, or PEG Access Channel 8 (check for times). The Smart Team is working on a plan regarding return to worship and other church activities. Updates provided as they are available.

**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).

**A Women's Bible Study** is being planned, a socially distanced meeting at the church on either Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. The study will use "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer as a guide. There is still time to sign-up! Please let the office know (739-3348 or [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)) of your time preference. (*if you've already contacted the office, no need to call again*). We hope to start the study mid-October.

**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.

**Financial Update:** As of September 14, 2020, year-to-date revenue: \$344,949, year-to-date budget \$389,610, last year: \$349,509.