



PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

HYMN #394, V.1,2,5,6

Refrain

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our Lord was raised,
breaking the kingdom of death.

- 1 He who was nailed to the cross is ruler and Lord of all people. All things created on earth sing to the glory of God: *Refrain*
- 2 Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom; heaven its gates now unbars, flinging its increase of light: *Refrain*
- 5 Spirit of life and of pow'r, now flow in us, fount of our being, light that enlightens us all, life that in all may abide: *Refrain*
- 6 Praise to the giver of good! O Lover and Author of concord, pour out your balm on our days; order our ways in your peace: *Refrain*

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.**

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. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

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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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

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

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

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

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

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

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Isaac Anderson

Koryna Loomer

Sophia Prischmann

Hope Fletchall

Grace Opatz

Svea Smestad

Madisen Hinsverk

Jacob Opatz

Ian Stumbo

Callie Knudson

Luke Opatz

Charles Vaughn

Hailey Knudson

Raven Palardis

Emily Werner

Karley Kugler

Rainna Popp

Samuel Western

Congregational response: Just as this quilt surrounds you, know that the love, thoughts, hopes and prayers of your congregational family surround you always. And remember, like a warm comforter, God is always with you to give you His comfort.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

READING: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

PSALM: Psalm 47 – sing verses responsively with cantor

God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)

¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;* shout to God with a | cry of joy.

²**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared;* he is the great king over | all the earth.**

³He subdues the | peoples under us,* and the nations un- | der our feet.

⁴**He chooses our inheri- | tance for us,* the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.**

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,* the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;* sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is King of | all the earth;* sing praises with | all your skill.

⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;* God sits upon his | holy throne.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gath- | ered together* with the people of the | God of Abraham.

¹⁰**The rulers of the earth be- | long to God,* and he is high- | ly exalted.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

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

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing,
and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

SERMON

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYMN #392, v.1,4,5

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Let us pray: God, you bless us in so many ways – even ways we do not know. Give us glad and generous hearts so that we may praise you and support our church and those around us who are in need. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

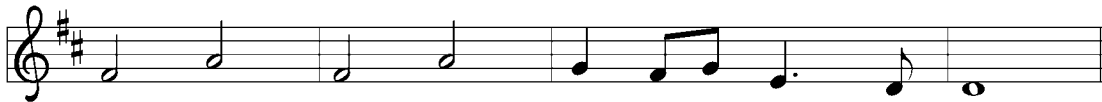
OFFERING HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified

HYMN #744, v.1,4



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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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, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Beautiful Savior

HYMN #838



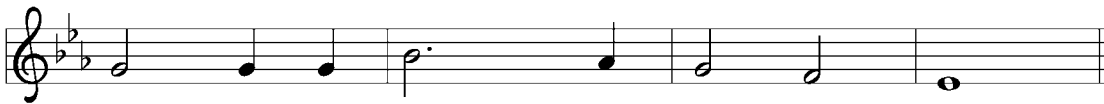
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

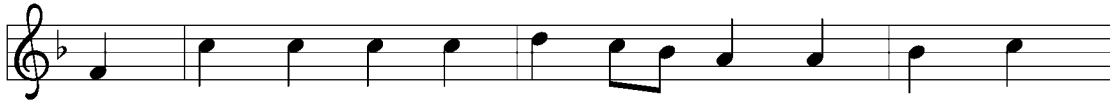
Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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

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



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

DISMISSAL

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

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This Sunday, May 16, 2021 Ascension of our Lord/Senior Recognition Sunday

Monday, May 17:

- 9:00 am to 3:00 pm WELCA Love Days

Tuesday, May 18:

- 12:00 pm Mutual Ministry *Narthex*

Wednesday, May 19: June Messenger Articles Due

- FLY K-6 watch for info
- 5:00 pm Small Group Bells

Thursday, May 20:

- 10:30 am Senior Book Study *Fellowship Hall*

Friday, May 21:

- Church office closed

Saturday, May 22: Synod Assembly (Virtual)

- Church office closed

Next Sunday, May 23, Day of Pentecost

Wear RED to worship!!

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion/Last Day of Sunday School
- Drive Thru Beef Sandwich Meal – 10:30 am

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Don Pederson and family in memory of wife and mother Helen Pederson.

The flowers on the altar are given by Diane & Carl Prischmann in memory of loved ones.

Congratulations to the seniors from First Lutheran being recognized today! Isaac Anderson, Hope Fletchall, Madisen Hinsverk, Callie Knudson, Hailey Knudson, Karley Kugler, Koryna Loomer, Grace Opatz, Jacob Opatz, Luke Opatz, Raven Palardis, Rainna Popp, Sophia Prischmann, Svea Smestad, Ian Stumbo, Charles Vaughn, Emily Werner, Samuel Western.

Drive Thru Meal on Sunday, May 23, sponsored by Council committees. Serving pulled beef sandwich with sides and beverage. Pre-orders appreciated (call the office at 739-3348 before May 20) but not required. Starts at 10:30 am. Free will offering. Looking into the possibility of having outdoor seating at the church to enjoy your meal if the weather cooperates. Watch for updates!!

Thank you to the women who made the fleece blankets for our seniors! Judy Mouritsen, Carolyn Ellingson, Deb Felstul, Marilyn Berg, Marjean Hanson, Judy Werner, Cathy Neuman, Donna Quam, and Jeanette Dorn.

Next Sunday, May 23 is Pentecost. Reminder to wear RED to worship!

Medical Professionals – First Lutheran would like to give you a small gift as a way of saying thank you for all of your hard work and dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like a special hardcover edition of “Jesus Calling for First Responders & Medical Professionals” please let the office know before May 31.

Butterflies Vacation Bible School June 29 from 9:15 to 11:15 am at First Lutheran. For ages 0-5 years old and favorite adult! FREE! We will be outside if possible (inside if it rains). Register on the church website, or pick up registration forms in the Narthex on the counter outside the office window.

Luther Crest Day Camp Vacation Bible School K – 6th grade (First Lutheran & Augustana combined) June 29 from 9 am to 3:00 pm outside at Augustana Lutheran Church. Free! Register on the First Lutheran website, or pick up registration forms in the Narthex on the counter outside the office window.

We are collecting hygiene items for the Lake Region Halfway Home. Items needed include disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, roll-on deodorant, shampoo & conditioner (or combined), soap, soap box, fingernail clipper, toenail clipper and lotion. There is a collection basket in the Narthex. Thank YOU!

HERO (Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization) Drive for equipment and supplies is taking place at First Lutheran through May 31. Commonly accepted items include bedside commodes, canes, crutches, diabetic supplies, hearing aids and batteries, wheelchairs, walkers, and more. Additional information can be found on the counter in the Narthex, or in the May newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Coming up next month:

- June 11 – Relay for Life. Contact Sue at 218 770-5156 for more information or to join the First Lutheran team.
- June 16 – WELCA Gathering on the Courtyard! Watch for more info.
- June 21 at 5:30 pm – Funeral Planning Workshop. Contact the office if interested.
- June 29 from 9:00 am -3:00 pm - Luther Crest Day Camp Vacation Bible School for K-6th graders. FREE! Register in the church office before June 7.
- June 29 from 9:15 to 11:15 am – Butterflies Vacation Bible School for 0-5 years old and favorite adult. FREE! Register in the church office before June 7.