



PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYMN #631, v.1,2,4



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

PSALM:98:1-6 – sing verses responsively with cantor

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song,* for he has done | marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his | holy arm* has he won for him- | self the victory.

³The LORD has made | known his victory;* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;* lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the LORD | with the harp,* with the harp and the | voice of song.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

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

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

SERMON

Happy Mother's Day!

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH



1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2. He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3. Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
 4. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
 6. In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might
 7. Here might I stay and sing No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow; But peo - ple scorned him; none The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of
 have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a
 vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was



love - ly be. Oh, who am I, That for my sake
 Christ would know. But, O my friend, My friend in - deed,
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 blind their sight. Sweet in - jur - ies! Yet they at these
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suf - f'ring goes
 stran - ger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
 grief like thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for his death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
 That he his foes From thence might free.
 But mine the tomb Where - in he lay.
 I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c.1624–1683, alt.

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, 6 6 6 6 4 4 4; John Ireland, 1879–1962, © John Ireland Trust

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

Jesus Loves Me!

HYMN #595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give 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

What Wondrous Love Is This

HYMN# 666, v.1,3



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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.

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN #836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

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

DISMISSAL

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



Please contact the church office if you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers on May 16 (approx. cost \$45), or the radio broadcast on May 30 (\$100). Thank you!

This Sunday, May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter and Happy Mother's Day!

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Holy Baptism

Monday, May 10:

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

Tuesday, May 11:

- 6:00 pm Council Zoom

Wednesday, May 12:

- FLY K-6 watch for info
- 4:30 pm Outdoor Clean Up Day at church

Thursday, May 13:

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

Friday, May 14:

- Church office closed

Saturday, May 15:

- Church office closed
- 1:00 to 2:00 pm FLY 7-9 at Dairyland
- 2:00 to 3:00 pm FLY 10-12 at Dairyland

Next Sunday, May 16, 7th Sunday of Easter & Senior

Recognition Sunday:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

Radio broadcast is sponsored by Pastor Gretchen's parents, Jeanne & Gary Ray - Grateful to be Pastor Gretchen's Mom!

The flowers on the altar are given by the Smestad Family in honor of Alice Osgood & Noreen Smestad on Mother's Day.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the baptism of Lennon Marie Johansen.

Outdoor Clean Up Day at the Church is this Wednesday, May 12 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Bring your gloves and rakes. Open to all ages! Refreshments & cool treats to follow.

Dairyland Outing Saturday May 15 for FLY 7-9 from 1 to 2 pm, and FLY 10-12 from 2 to 3 pm.

Graduating Seniors and their families – remember, next Sunday, May 16, is Senior Recognition Sunday! If you haven't submitted the requested information about your senior to the office, please be sure to have it in by Monday, May 10th. Thank you!

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!!

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!

Deadline to apply for Lillian Saure Nursing Scholarship is May 15, 2021. Application online at www.pioneercare.org. or on the counter in the Narthex.

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.