



We have been mailing the weekly bulletin to a large group of people during the past year when most of our worship has been on-line or on the radio. We are happy to continue mailing the bulletin to you, but if you no longer need us to send you a bulletin, please let us know by the end of June, and we will take your name off the distribution list. Phone 739-3348 or email to office@flcff.org. Thank you!

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

HYMN #807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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.**

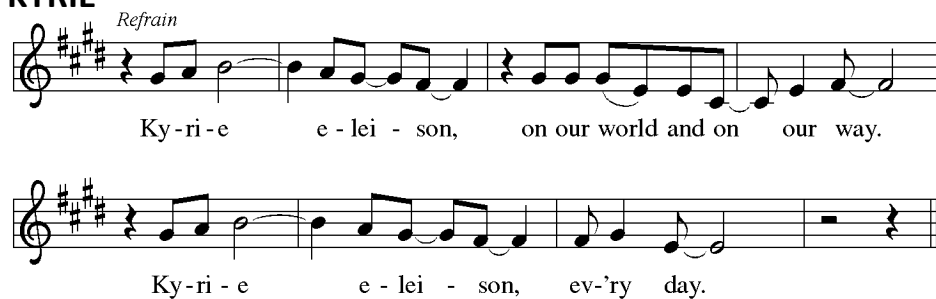
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; 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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Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-14

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,* and to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

²**to tell of your lovingkindness early | in the morning* and of your faithfulness in | the night season;**

³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,* and to the melody | of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;* and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.**

¹²Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD* shall flourish in the courts | of our God;

¹³**they shall still bear fruit | in old age;* they shall be | green and succulent;**

¹⁴that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,* my rock, in whom there | is no fault.

READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

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

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of

all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”
³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.
 The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Growth

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

HYMN #580



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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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

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

HYMN #679, v.1,2



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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COMMUNION

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

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

SENDING HYMN*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word***HYMN #663**

- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
- 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
 let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
 Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704
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DISMISSAL

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13TH

Monday, June 14:

- 9 am to 3 pm WELCA Love Days
- 5:00 pm AI Anon
- 6:00 pm OA

Tuesday, June 15:

- 9 to 10 am – Join First Lutheran families for play at NP Park

Wednesday, June 16:

- 9:30 am AI Anon
- 10:00 am AA
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA
- 2:00 pm WELCA Gathering on the Courtyard
- 5:00 pm Simple Meal at Augustana followed by casual worship at 5:30 pm

Thursday, June 17:

- 4:30 to 6:00 pm FLY K-6 outdoors at church
- 6:00 pm Women's AA

Friday, June 18:

- Church office closed

Saturday, June 19:

- Church office closed

Next Sunday, June 20:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism followed by coffee & fellowship in the Narthex. Coffee hour sponsored by Relay for Life.

The flowers on the altar and the radio broadcast are sponsored by Rod & Marilyn Berg in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on June 11th.

Tuesdays in the Park continues on Tuesday, June 15 from 9 to 10 am at NP Park. Join First Lutheran families for Fergus Falls Public Library Storywalk, some playing and reconnecting.

Summer Fest Parade was lots of fun! Thank you to all who helped with the First Lutheran entry and to those who donated candy!

Relay for Life Team will be in the Narthex today, June 13, and again on June 20 & 27 selling luminaries. They will also sponsor the coffee hour on those Sundays, with proceeds going to the team. The Relay is on July 8th. For more information contact Sue at 218 770-5156.

WELCA Gathering on the Courtyard on June 16 at 2:00 pm. All women are invited to join us for refreshments, fellowship and conversation about how we go forward with our activities. (please note, incorrect month was listed in the Messenger)

Beginning this Wednesday, June 16 we are invited to Augustana Lutheran for a simple meal at 5:00 pm, followed by casual worship at 5:30 pm. Vicar Lynn will lead a sermon series call "Living our Faith in 2021". The meal and worship at Augustana will continue throughout the summer.

Chilling with FLY K-6 on Thursday, June 17 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. We'll walk to Uncle Eddie's for ice cream and play outdoor games at the church.

Funeral Planning Workshop will be held June 21 at 5:30 pm at First Lutheran. Please contact the office if interested, 739-3348.

Volunteers for VBS on June 29 (Butterflies or Day Camp) are needed! If you can help, contact Kristy at 218 531-9544. Thanks!

Blood Drive at First Lutheran on Tuesday, June 29 from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. To sign-up to donate call 1-800-733-2767, or visit RedCrossBlood.org, Sponsor Code: Fergus First Lutheran. If you can help at the drive there are 2 shifts, 1 to 4 pm and 4 to 7 pm, with 2 people needed per shift to help with registration or snacks. Please contact Jennifer at 701 238-0276 to volunteer.

Game Night at church for FLY 7-12 on Wednesday, June 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm! Join us for games, Sardines, snacks and FUN!

We have a church member in need of assistance with meals following surgery. If you can help, please call Pastor Gretchen at 218 321-0995. Thank you.

We are continuing to collect hygiene items for the Lake Region Halfway Home through June. List of items needed and a collection basket can be found in the Narthex. Thank YOU!

Collecting pillowcases to be used to make pet beds for the Humane Society. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you.

Sound/Live Stream Operators Needed! We are looking for people to run the sound board and live stream at 9:30 am worship on Sundays. \$20.00 per service, training available. Please contact the church office if interested. 739-3348 or office@flcff.org.

Worship Volunteers Needed! Please sign up in the Narthex, call the church office at 739-3348 or watch for the Constant Contact email. We need greeters, ushers, lectors and cantors for each Sunday. Thank YOU!

July – August Christ in Our Home Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex.

Excerpt of message from Bishop Bill Tesch (full message on kiosk in the Narthex)

I write with an urgent appeal for your prayers and generosity for our global partners in India who are dealing with a deadly surge of COVID-19. Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church in India provided an update that nearly every household in the church has someone who is sick, has been sick, or who has died. 45 pastors have died, and 100+ are still sick. Hospitals of the church are full and turning hundreds away. Healthcare workers lack personal protective equipment and oxygen is in short supply. Please pray for the church, the people of India and all healthcare workers, pastors, and church leaders. Also, please consider a special offering to the ELCA Easter India Appeal (extended to June 15). Checks can be made to NW MN Synod with "Easter Appeal" in the memo line and mailed to NW MN Synod, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 56562.