



PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

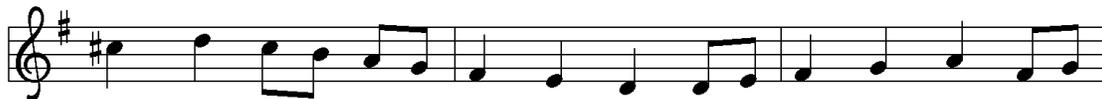
GATHERING HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

HYMN # 557



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

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. **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 34:15-22 *Sing Responsively with Cantor*

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous*,
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil*,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them*
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted*
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,*
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe | all their bones*;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked*
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants*,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

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

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live

because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

SERMON

“Total Commitment”

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH

HYMN OF THE DAY *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

HYMN # 492



1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

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.**

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.

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.

COMMUNION

The invitation to the Lord's Table comes from our Lord Jesus. All are welcome. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available. Anyone who would prefer to receive a blessing, please place your hands across your chest to let the Communion Assistant know.

COMMUNION HYMN*Come, Let Us Eat***HYMN #491**

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds***HYMN # 620**

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

DISMISSAL

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

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This Sunday, August 22, 2021 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*

Monday, August 23:

- 9 am to 3 pm Love Day Quilters
- 5:00 pm Al Anon

Tuesday, August 24:

- 9 to 10 am play at NP Park

Wednesday, August 25:

- 9:30 am Al Anon
- 10:00 am AA
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA
- 5:00 pm OA
- 5:00 pm Simple Meal at Augustana followed by casual worship at 5:30 pm

Thursday, August 26:

- 6:00 pm Women's AA
- 6:30pm FLY 7-12 Game Night
- 8:15pm Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, August 27:

- Church office closed

Saturday, August 28:

- Church office closed

Next Sunday, August 29:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*

*Save the date!! Sunday, September 12 – Rally Sunday
Sunday, October 10 – Gratitude Sunday & Meatball Dinner*

The flowers on the altar are given by Mary Gaabo in memory of Robert's birthday on August 19.

The radio sponsorship is given by Karen Lundstrom and Leonard Hatzenbuhler in thankfulness for another (33rd) wedding anniversary on August 20th.

Wednesday Summer Worship continues at Augustana Lutheran with a simple meal at 5:00 pm, followed by casual worship at 5:30 pm. Vicar Lynn is leading a sermon series called "Living our Faith in 2021" and this Wednesday, August 25, the sermon title is "Listen Friend. Do What's Right". Meal & Worship at Augustana will continue throughout the summer.

Office Volunteers Needed to cover the office Monday September 13th, please call or visit the office to volunteer.

Otter Express Public Transit offers free rides to the Fergus Falls Food Shelf. Call to reserve a ride 218 998-3002, preferably 48 hours in advance.

FLY 7-12 Game Night coming up August 26. Join us at 6:30 pm for games, pizza & FUN, and stay for the outdoor movie at 8:15.

Outdoor Movie Night Thursday, August 26 at 8:15. Join us in the upper parking lot for a fun movie about some kids who play ball in a sandlot! You can bring your own chairs and blankets, or watch from your car.

Make a joyful noise! Join us as the Adult Choir and Hosanna Handbells return to rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8. Handbells at 6:00 pm and Adult Choir at 7:30 pm. Please add your time and talents to the music ministry of First Lutheran!

We are updating our lists of helpers for serving food at funerals. The food is catered, but we need help with setting tables, serving food, making coffee, cleaning up and running the dishwasher. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We hope you'll consider being part of this important service our church offers to families who have lost a loved one.

The quilters have made drawstring backpack style bags and the following supplies are needed to fill the bags for Lutheran World Relief school kits: 8 ½ x 11 notebook (70 sheet), 30 cm ruler (inches one side, cm on other), pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, ballpoint pens (no gel ink), crayons 16 or 24 count, pencils, & eraser. Collection basket in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thanks!

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks: August 29, September 19, and Oct. 3. Cost: \$100. Providing altar flowers is also available on Oct. 3 and 31. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

