



PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

HYMN # 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
 for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through you Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 15 *Sing Responsively with Cantor*

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ^l tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ^l holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do ^l what is right,
who speak the truth ^l from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ^l to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ^l on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ^l fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take ^l back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ^l gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ^l overthrown.

READING: James 1:17-27

A reading from James.

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

SERMON

“Listen Friend. Do What’s Right.”

PASTOR STAN SATRE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

HYMN # 772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN. William H. Havergal. 1793–1870

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.

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.
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.

COMMUNION HYMN

This is My Father's World

HYMN #824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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.

SENDING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

HYMN # 879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

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

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This Sunday, August 29, 2021 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, August 30:

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

Tuesday, August 31:

Wednesday, September 1:

- 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, September 2:

- 6:00 pm Women's AA

Friday, September 3:

- Church office closed

Saturday, September 4:

- Church office closed

Next Sunday, September 5:

- 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

Please keep the family of Stanley Quam in your prayers. Stan passed away Sunday, August 22 and his funeral was Friday, August 27.

The flowers on the altar and the radio sponsorship are given by Orrie and Dalyce Leabo in honor of family birthdays and their 56th wedding anniversary.

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, September 1, the sermon title is "Simple Living". Meal & Worship at Augustana will continue throughout the summer.

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.

Make a joyful noise! Join us as the Adult Choir and Hosanna Handbells return to rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8. Handbells at 6:00pm and Adult Choir at 7:30pm. 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 notebooks (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 and eraser. Collection basket in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thanks!

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks: September 5 and 19, October 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!

We are hiring a full time secretary/bookkeeper! Please find our job listing on the church website, Indeed.com or the FF Chamber of Commerce website.

The Senior Bible Study is taking a break and will be back September 9, 10:30-11:30am.

Sign up for a New Women's Book Study with Pr Gretchen. Thursdays 12-1pm starting Oct 14. Find the sign up sheet and flyers in the Narthex.

Contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund: it is a designated fund made available to the senior pastor to distribute for emergency financial aid, as outlined by the Finance and/or Outreach committees.

