



**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

**HYMN #658**



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

**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.**

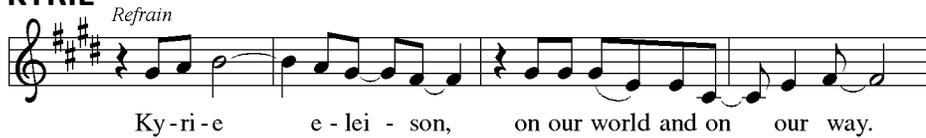
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

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## 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.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

## PSALM 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD <sup>1</sup> at all times;\* his praise shall ever be <sup>1</sup> in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory <sup>1</sup> in the LORD;\* let the humble hear <sup>1</sup> and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;\* let us exalt his <sup>1</sup> name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, and he <sup>1</sup> answered me\* and delivered me out of <sup>1</sup> all my terror.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon him <sup>1</sup> and be radiant,\* and let not your faces <sup>1</sup> be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and <sup>1</sup> the LORD heard me\* and saved me from <sup>1</sup> all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encompasses <sup>1</sup> those who fear him,\* and he will de- <sup>1</sup> liver them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good;\* happy are they who <sup>1</sup> trust in him!**

## **READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2**

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

## **GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

**SERMON**

*"The Truth"*

**PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH**



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and  
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
 glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;  
 pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
 dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
 quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed  
 though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
 joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,  
 por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your  
 heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
 fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
 con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
 me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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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

God, 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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### 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 DISTRIBUTION

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

### Bread of Life from Heaven

HYMN #474

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

*Refrain*



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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## BLESSING

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



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## DISMISSAL

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

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks:

August 15, August 29, September 12, September 19

Cost: \$100

Providing altar flowers is also available on September 12.

Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348.

Thank you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 8, 2021

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Kris & Robin Werner in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**The radio broadcast** is sponsored by Stan & Donna Quam in celebration of their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Welcome to our full-time office manager, Katie Kaderbhai**, who begins work tomorrow, August 9th. Be sure to stop by and say hello!

**Laurie Whitehead is retiring** from working in the office August 15, but will continue to work on the monthly Messenger and Calendar from home. If you have news or photos for the Messenger, please be sure to send them to [laurie@flcff.org](mailto:laurie@flcff.org) before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**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 11, the sermon title is "Prayer as Air". Meal & Worship at Augustana will continue throughout the summer.

**Youth are traveling to Valley Fair on August 11!** Bus leaves from lower parking lot at 7:30 am, with approximate return by 10:30 pm. Have a fun & safe trip! Contact Calie if any questions. 218 321-0970.

**4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders – Would you like to learn to be an Acolyte to light the candles on Sunday morning?** Be sure to come to a training session on Thursday, August 12 at 5:30 pm. If you can't make it, there will be another session on September 26 at 11:00 am.

**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.

**Zion Lutheran** is having a rummage and bake sale on Friday, August 13 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Zion is located at 202 East Summit. Muffins & coffee will be served.

**Luther Crest 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Online Auction** is on Wednesday, August 18 through Friday, August 20. Go to [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org) to check out the quilts, arts, crafts & service items (ex. gardening, landscaping, massage therapy, meals, etc.) available to bid on.

**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 are also looking for 1 more volunteer to call the people** on the list when a funeral is scheduled. 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!

### Monday, August 9:

- 9 am to 3 pm Love Day Quilters

### Tuesday, August 10:

- 9 to 10 am play at NP Park
- 6:00 pm Council *Kairos*

### Wednesday, August 11:

- 7:30 am Youth leave for Valley Fair
- 12:00 pm FIT Team *Kairos*
- 12 to 4 pm Otter Cove Garage Sale *Lower Parking Lot*
- 5:00 pm Simple Meal at Augustana followed by casual worship at 5:30 pm
- 10:30 pm Youth return from Valley Fair

### Thursday, August 12:

- 10:30 am Senior Bible Study *Kairos*
- 5:30 pm Acolyte Training for Grades 4-6
- 7:00 pm First Lutheran Ladies Night Out *Union Pizza*