



GATHERING SONGS

Welcome Home (Ylvisaker), *Messiah* (Owen), *Build Your Kingdom Here* (Rend Collective)

WORSHIP TEAM

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

HYMN #857

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

I've Got the Joy Joy Joy

George William Cooke (1848-1923)

Text and music in public domain

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart down in my heart down in my heart I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart down in my heart to stay. And I'm so hap-py, so ver-y hap-py, I've got the love of Je-sus in my heart, And I'm so hap-py, so ver-y hap-py, I've got the love of Je-sus in my heart." The word "Refrain" is written above the second staff.

2. I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart... *Refrain*

3. I have the peace that passes understanding down in my heart... *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND & VICKI HANNEMAN

PSALM 116:1-9 *Read responsively*

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me. I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the ¹LORD and righteous; our God is full ¹of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

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: Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

SERMON

“Understanding”

VICAR LYNN



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Easton Eddie Johnson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 RESPONSE

Change My Heart, O God

Hymn #801



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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.**

COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn #471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

COMMUNION SONG

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.

DISTRIBUTION

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.**

CLOSING SONG

Trees of the Field

WORSHIP TEAM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

This Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- RALLY SUNDAY!!
- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- Baptism of Easton Eddie Johnson
- 10:45 Dance Party - lower parking lot
- 11:30am Education Committee

Monday, September 13:

- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters
- 9:30am Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 14:

- 12pm Mutual Ministry Team-conference room
- 3pm Mill Street Bible Study
- 6pm Council – Kairos room

Wednesday, September 15:

- 9:30 am Al Anon
- 10:00 am AA
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA
- 5:00 pm OA
- 6pm Hosanna handbells
- 7:30pm Adult choir

Thursday, September 16:

- 10:30am Senior Bible Study - Kairos room
- 6:00 pm Women's AA

Friday, September 17:

- Church office closed
- 11am Funeral

Saturday, September 18:

- Church office closed

Next Sunday, September 19:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- Baptism of Chloe Ruth Donnay
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School/Parent Connect

Kids Worship Challenge- Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Can you count how many children came to worship this morning? Write down your guess on a piece of paper and put your name on it. When you leave worship, drop your guess into the basket next to the worship buddies. The kid with the closest number will get a prize.

Please keep the families of Tim Helander, Amber Korby, and Doris Teberg in your prayers. Tim passed away Sept 4, 2021. Amber passed away Sept 4, 2021. Doris passed away Sept. 7, 2021.

The flowers on the altar are given by Darlene Dimke in honor of Easton Eddie's baptism.

The radio sponsorship is given by Scott & Kim Ward in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Make a joyful noise! The Adult Choir and Hosanna Handbells have returned to rehearsals on Wednesdays. 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.

Show Your Art! Attention children, youth and adults: create our coming bulletin covers with your wonderful art! See details on the flyer on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Parent Connect runs during Sunday School, starting Sept. 19. This is a time to gather together as adults and enjoy talking, having coffee and maybe a devotion too. Join us!

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks: October 3, 24 and 31. Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is also available on Oct. 31, Nov. 14 & 21. 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 Indeed.com, the FF Chamber of Commerce website and the church website.

Our New Photo Directory needs your picture! Sign up in the Narthex after church September 12, 19, October 10, 17 and 24.

The Senior Bible Study is back Thursdays 10:30-11:30am.

Sign up for a New 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.

Help us clean the kitchen! Sept 21, 8-12pm. Coffee muffins and laughter provided. Sign up in the Narthex.

Sunday School and FLY K-6- please fill out a Health/Permission form for your child(ren) if you have not already filled one out this 2021 year. Forms can be found in front of the church office and on our website. Please turn into the office.

FLY K-6- starts Wednesday, September 22nd after school. Kristy will meet the kids at Kennedy at the buses and we will walk over to Roosevelt Park. Please pick up your child at 4:30 at Roosevelt Park.

