



PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

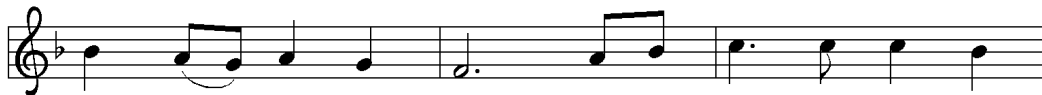
HYMN #641, vs. 1,3,5



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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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Lord have mercy. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Sing: Glory to God in 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. 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. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

PSALM 54: *sing responsively*

¹Save me, O God, | by your name;* in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;* give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,* those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;* it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;* in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice* and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,* and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

RHC MY GOD IS SO GREAT Ruth Harms Calkin Adapted

*F
 My God is so great, so strong and so might-y! There's
 C7 F
 noth-ing my God can-not do! (clap, clap) My
 @ God is so great, so strong and so might-y! There's
 C7 F
 noth-ing my God can-not do! (clap, clap) The
 Bb F
 moun-tains are His, the riv-ers are His, The
 C7 F
 stars are His hand-i-work too, — My

@ God is so great, so strong and so might-y! There's
 C7 F
 noth-ing my God can-not do! For you!

- Actions:
- a) hold up arms and flex muscles
 - b) shake head "no"
 - c) hands form mountain peak above head
 - d) wiggle fingers from left to right
 - e) fingers make twinkling stars
 - f) point out



I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, Gods 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 heave, 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.

***We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear our prayer. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 HYMN*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant***HYMN #659**

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing***HYMN #545**

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL**

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

This Sunday, September 19, 2021 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 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

Monday, September 20:

- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters

Tuesday, September 21:

- 8am-12:00pm Kitchen Cleaning Day!!

Wednesday, September 22:

- 9:30 am Al Anon
- 10:00 am AA
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA
- 1:00pm Hannah Circle *Kairos*
- 3-4:30pm FLY K-6
- 5:00 pm OA
- 6:00pm Hosanna handbells
- 6:00pm Confirmation kids and parents meet-
Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Adult choir

Thursday, September 23:

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

Friday, September 24:

- Church office closed

Saturday, September 25:

- Church office closed

Next Sunday, September 26:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- Baptism of Addison Carol Christenson
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School/Parent Connect
- 10:45-11:15am Acolyte Training

Kids Worship Challenge- In our Gospel today, Jesus is the greatest. Draw something that you think is great and show it to Pastor Gretchen after worship.

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!

- * We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.
- * The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.
- * Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.
- * If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

The flowers on the altar are given by Dennis and Audrey Emmen in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary, and by Lorraine Kantrud's children celebrating of her 98th birthday.

The radio sponsorship is given by Allen and Sandra Magnuson in honor of their parents.

Connect for parents and guardians starts today at 10:45-11:15am in the courtyard.

Make a joyful noise! The Adult Choir (7:30pm) and Hosanna Handbells (6:00pm) have returned to rehearsals on Wednesdays. Please add your time and talents to the music ministry of First Lutheran!

Show Your Art! Attention children, youth and adults: create our coming bulletin covers! See details on the flyer on the kiosk in the Narthex. Submit to the office by Sept 26th.

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks: October 31 and November 14 and 21. 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!

The Library Committee needs to be revitalized! If you are interested, please contact Karen Lundstrom to find out what is involved. 218-731-0305 or lahatzen@prtcl.com. It is an easy job and not too time consuming. No experience needed.

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

The Senior Bible Study is back! Thursdays 10:30-11:30am, in the Kairos room.

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 this Wednesday, September 22 after school to 4:30pm. 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.

Young Life Parade September 26, 5-6:30pm at MState Campus. If you wish to attend, please contact the Young Life Office at (218) 998-5433 for tickets and a reservation time.

We need more ½ gallon milk jugs for flowers. Please bring them, clean, into the office.

"Fatty Nattie" Yoga is now taking place in our church! Tuesdays at 12 and 5:30pm. The church has two comp spots, please contact the office or Pastor Gretchen to sign up for them.

We are still looking for donations for the craft sale and "Canned Auction". Examples include gift baskets, special craft or handmade items, gift certificates, etc. ***Please bring your items for the craft sale of "Canned Auction" to the church office before September 30!! Thank you.***