



PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

HYMN #315, vs. 1,3,5



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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.

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Lord have mercy. Amen

HYMN 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. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Children of the Heavenly Father*, arr. Page

HOSANNA HANDBELLS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

PSALM 19:7-14: *sing responsively*

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;***
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,***
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,* and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses? * Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me; *

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,* O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

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

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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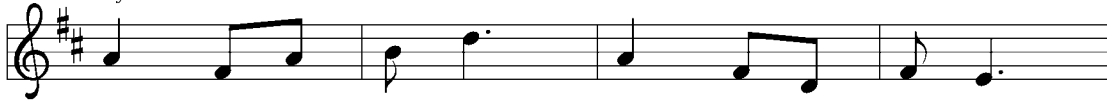
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1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM*Addison Carol Christenson*

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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

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

OFFERING

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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.**

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.

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

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

HYMN #800

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

HYMN #471

O Bread of Life from Heaven

HYMN #474

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

HYMN #763, vs. 1,3



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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This Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- Baptism of Addison Carol Christenson
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School in lower parking lot/Parent Connect
- 10:45-11:15am Acolyte Training, 4th, 5th and 6th grades

Monday, September 27:

- Meals by Wheels
- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters

Tuesday, September 28:

- Meals by Wheels

Wednesday, September 29:

- Meals by Wheels
- 9:30 am AI Anon
- 10:00 am AA
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA
- 3-4:30pm FLY K-6, Roosevelt Park
- 5:00 pm OA
- 6:00pm Hosanna handbells
- 7:30pm Adult choir

Thursday, September 30:

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

Friday, October 1:

- Meals by Wheels
- Church office closed

Saturday, October 2:

- Church office closed

Next Sunday, October 3:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School in lower parking lot/Parent Connect

Kids Worship Challenge- In today's gospel, Jesus talks about removing things that get in our way from being close to Him. From your seat, try to find a way that would bring you to the gold cross in the front of the church with as few obstacles as possible. At the end of the service, try your path out.

The flowers on the altar are given by Judy and Dick Werner in honor of September birthdays.

The radio sponsorship is given by Katie Haugrud in memory of DuVane Haugrud.

Connect for parents and guardians 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!

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks: 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 October 10, 17 and 24. You can also sign up online at www.ucdir.com. Church ID: MN144, pass: Photos

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- continues this Wednesday, September 29 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.

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

"Fattie 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.***

We are hiring a Full Time Secretary/Bookkeeper! We are also hiring a full time Middle and High School Youth Coordinator to share with Augustana LC. Please find our job listings on Indeed.com or the FF Chamber of Commerce website.

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.