

August 28, 2022, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am worship

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GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW #858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

PSALM: 112 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

READING: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

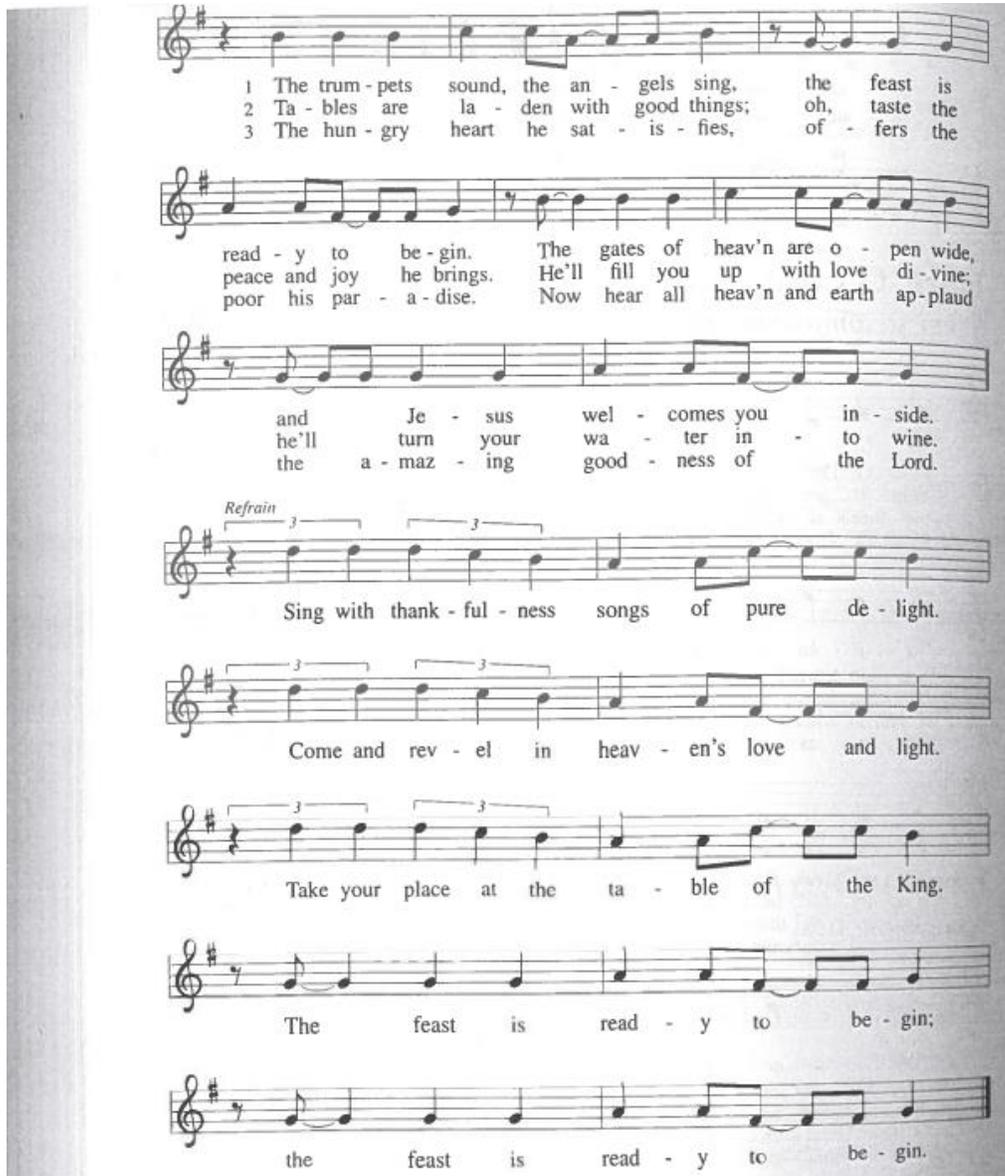
¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

"What Does God See?"

PASTOR DAVID STROM



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the

read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine,
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain

Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.

Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.

The feast is read - y to be - gin;
 the feast is read - y to be - gin.

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 THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer. Amen.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.**

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 DISTRIBUTION**COMMUNION HYMN***Now We Join in Celebration*

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,
 dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.
 for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,
 stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

COMMUNION HYMN

What Feast of Love

ELW #487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838



1 Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, King of cre-a-tion,
 2 Fair are the mead-ows, fair are the wood-lands,
 3 Fair is the sun-shine, fair is the moon-light,
 4 Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, Lord of the na-tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom-ing spring;
 bright the spar-kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru-ly I'd love thee, tru-ly I'd serve thee,
 Je-sus is fair-er, Je-sus is pur-er,
 Je-sus shines bright-er, Je-sus shines pur-er,
 Glo-ry and hon-or, praise, ad-o-ra-tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor-rowing spir-it sing.
 than all the an-gels in the sky.
 now and for-ev-er-more be thine!

BLESSING

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



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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The flowers this week are sponsored by Mark & Sue Hermes in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary and their granddaughters Everly's 6th birthday.

The vase of flowers is in celebration of Jane Willet's 85th birthday, given by family.

The radio broadcast this week is sponsored by Donna Quam in remembrance of her husband Stan.

The NWMN Synodical Women's Convention will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls on Sept 16-17, 2022. Find registration forms on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex!

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! Thank you!!

Consider joining a Book Study Group! Beginning in September, a First Lutheran Church readers group will be forming to meet and discuss a wide variety of books. These books will be provided through First Lutheran Church and Fergus Falls Public Library. If you are interested, please contact Susanne Ronning at 218-205-6370 or leave a message with the office with your name and contact info. Open to all – everyone is welcome!

Chalk Fest & Rally Sunday- September 11th Join us in “Scoop up the Joy” for a delicious and fun day starting with worship at 9:30 and Uncle Eddie’s ice cream and chalk fun outside from 10:30-12:00 in the lower parking lot. All are welcomed to attend! “You make the Lord glad with the JOY of your presence.”-Psalm 21:6

Children and Youth Ministry Programs start the week of September 11th. Get your child(ren) registered for Butterflies, Sunday School, Wednesday FLY K-6, and Confirmation. Registration can be found outside the church office or on our website. We welcome all!

If you or someone you know is struggling to manage the effects of Alzheimer’s or other forms of memory loss, Pioneer Cottages can help. With admissions previously limited due to staffing shortages, Pioneer Cottages has now increased capacity to accept additional new residents. Please contact Ann Boutwell at 218-998-9677 or annb@pioneercare.org to learn more.

Sunday, August 28:

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee/fellowship, *Narthex*
- 10:30am Celebration Party for Pastor David Strom & family

Monday, August 29:

- 9:00am - 3:00pm Love Days Quilters

Tuesday, August 30:

- 9:00am Archives Committee, *Kairos Room*
- 11:00am-2:00pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 31:

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 6:15pm Summer Worship at Augustana Lutheran

Thursday, September 1:

- 10:30am Adult Bible Study, *Kairos Room*
- 6:00pm Women’s AA

Friday, September 2:

- 8-4:30pm Office Open

Saturday, September 3:

- No events scheduled

Next Sunday, September 4:

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

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.