



**GATHERING**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

**ELW #685**



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

**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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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**VICKI HANNEMAN**

**FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

**PSALM 113** (*sing responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the LORD; praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be blessed, from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its <sup>1</sup> going down let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all nations; God's glory a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the <sup>1</sup> LORD our God, who sits en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops <sup>1</sup> to behold the heavens <sup>1</sup> and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out <sup>1</sup> of the dust and lifts up the poor <sup>1</sup> from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them <sup>1</sup> with the rulers, with the rulers <sup>1</sup> of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a <sup>1</sup> childless house to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>1</sup>

Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our

Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

SERMON

*“Mercy Over Money?”*

PASTOR TIFFANY SUNDEEN

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Be Not Afraid*

ELW #388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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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 THE PEOPLE

God of grace, hear our prayer. Amen.

## OFFERING

### *We Are an Offering*

ELW #692

The musical score for 'We Are an Offering' is presented on six staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) throughout the piece. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.'

## 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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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 HYMNS

### *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW #793



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.

### COMMUNION HYMN

### *Strengthen for Service, Lord*

ELW #497



1 Streng-then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
 2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
 all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
 lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
 love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
 here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

**COMMUNION HYMN***In the Singing***ELW #466**

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

**BLESSING**

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

**SENDING HYMN***Rise Up, O Saints of God!***ELW #669**

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sunday, September 18:**

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee/fellowship, *Narthex*
- 10:30am-11:30am Butterflies and Sunday School
- 4:00-6:00pm Family Playtime @ Otter Cove

### **Monday, September 19:**

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

### **Tuesday, September 20:**

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

### **Wednesday, September 21:**

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 1:00pm Hannah Circle, *Narthex*
- 3:30-5:00pm FLY K-6 @Roosevelt Park
- 5:30-6:30pm Dinner Church
- 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 6:30-7:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- **7:15-8:15pm** Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 22: October Messenger Articles Due**

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

### **Friday, September 23:**

- 8-4:30pm Office Open

### **Saturday, September 24:**

- No events scheduled

### **Next Sunday, September 25:**

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee/fellowship, *Narthex*
- Guest Preacher Pastor Liz Eide (Mathison), Special Music composed by Susan Smith Clambey
- 10:30am-11:30am Butterflies and Sunday School

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 this week** are sponsored by Steve & Gayle Fitz in honor of September birthdays. **The vase by the pulpit** is given by Lorraine Kantrud's children in honor of her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**The radio broadcast this week** is sponsored by Rod & Marilyn Berg, in thankfulness to be members of First Lutheran Church for 50 years.

**Kristy would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU** shout out to all the volunteers that helped last weekend, Amy Barlow for the beautiful chalk art, and the First Lutheran Church Foundation for their support in making Rally Sunday such a fun day.

**First Lutheran Family Day at Otter Cove Children's Museum** is TODAY September 18 from 4:00-6:00pm. FLC families will have free admission to the museum and a snack. Please sign up at the Welcome counter or on the church's website.

**Join us for Dinner Church every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm in the Narthex.** We will begin with a meal and continue with worship around the table. If you are interested in helping prepare the meal, please contact Pastor Tiffany via the church office. Get ready for a whole new, yet ancient way to worship!

**Come to church for our Organ Concert** with award winning musician Dan Aune. October 2, 2:00pm. Cookies and coffee to follow.

**We need more volunteers to help serve and clean up Funeral Lunches! Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you.**

**We need additional people willing to serve as audio/visual operators on Sunday Mornings!** If you are interested in helping fill this important role please contact the office and we will set up training. Thanks! 218-739-3348.

**There is still time to join the new FLC Book Study group forming this September.** The first book selection is Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. There are several copies of this book now available in FLC's library and free to check out. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office or Susanne Ronning at 218-205-6370. The first monthly meeting will be on September 19 at 11:45 a.m. and a light lunch will be served. There also is a second group forming that will meet the third or fourth Wednesday of the month right after dinner church.