

# June 27, 2021

## FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Ryan Rouse

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; **C = Congregation** 

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME

**GATHERING HYMN:** "O God of Mercy, God of Light" ELW #714 vs 1-4 (pg. 6 of bulletin)

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

#### Call to Worship:

All may make the sign of the cross +, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: We come to this place to worship our God, who has made us and knows us;

C: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

L: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to New Life;

C: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

L: Come, brothers and sisters. Everyone is welcome here.

C: God's people are many -- of every land and race, of every age and every condition.

L: We gather to celebrate God's mercy and revelation to us in Jesus Christ...

C: Through God, we are one big family.

L: Let us praise and worship our God.

C: For in God we live and move and have our being. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Almighty and merciful God...

C: we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD SPEAK TO US

#### FIRST READING Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>3</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.



### PSALM Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- <sup>1</sup> ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph <sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried | out to you, and you restored | me to health.

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down <sup>1</sup> to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you faithful; give thanks in ho- <sup>1</sup> ly remembrance.

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>While I felt se- | cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed.

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>I cried to | you, O LORD;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mer- 'cy upon me; O LORD, 'be my helper."

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

#### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

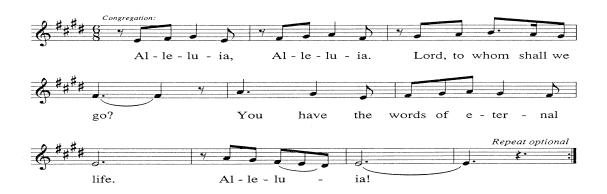
Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

#### **GOSPEL ALLELUIA**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down <sup>1</sup> to the pit? Will the dust praise you or de- <sup>1</sup> clare your faithfulness?

#### **HOLY GOSPEL:**

L: The holy gospel according to Mark 5:21-43

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (DRIVE-UP)** 

**SERMON** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" ELW#617 (Pg. 7 of the bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: .... Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer

## WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

#### OFFERING / MUSICAL OFFERING

#### OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### THE 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.

RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE/GRAPE JUICE

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray... Lord Jesus,

C: host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are our Lord forevermore.

All: Amen.

#### WE SEND TO SERVE

#### **SENDING BENEDICTION:**

L: Jesus said that he came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Go, therefore, and live -- and give -- as those who serve the Creator, the Maker and Ruler of heaven and Earth, whose love and blessings know no limit.

C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:** "To Be Your Presence" ELW#546 (Bulletin Pg. 8)

#### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

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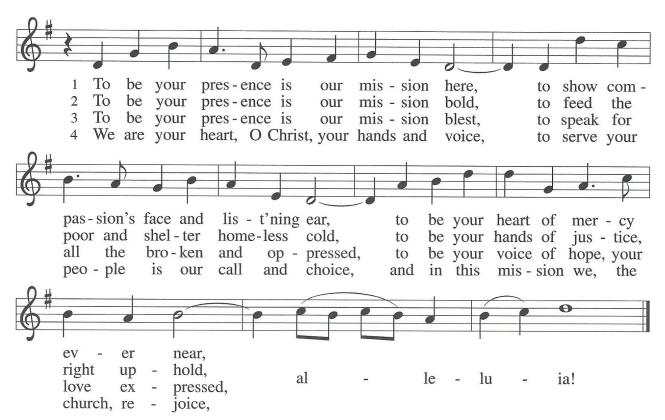


# We Come to You for Healing, Lord



# To Be Your Presence

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YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL COMPARISONS REPORT			
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN			May 2021
CHURCH	May 2020	May 2021	Budget
Total Income	102,766.86	93,688.39	109,875.08
Total Expenses	106,806.14	100,060.98	119,127.77
Income compared to Expenses	(4,039.28)	(6,372.59)	

Thank you for your financial contributions to FELC. As of May 2021, we received a total of \$93,688.39 and spent \$100,060.98 so the balance is negative -\$6,372.59. (This is better than last month-getting closer to a positive balance. Any amount you are able to give really helps and is very much appreciated.)