



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Called to proclaim and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are nurtured, prepared, and sent to be the light of Christ in our world.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

Pastor Ryan Rouse

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 513 “*Listen, God is Calling*” (pg. 5 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

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

L.: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

L: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water Shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

C: Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The holy gospel according to **Mark 6:14-29** C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

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¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (DRIVE-UP)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 710 "*Let Streams of Living Justice*" (Pg. 6 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: Gracious God, we have become numb to the amount of greed surrounding our everyday lives.

Our identities often seem defined by our possessions and lifestyle. Yet, we are stripped bare of our worldly possessions and are equal in your holy sight. Release those temporal bonds preventing us from living and giving in ways that honor your name. We prayerfully give to bless others, as you have blessed us. 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... Living God,

**C: you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WE SEND TO SERVE

SENDING BENEDICTION:

L: My friends, go forth from this place in the love of God as you follow in the footsteps of God's son, Jesus the Christ. May the presence of God be real to you by the power of the Holy Spirit. Go forth, therefore, in love and hope as you walk with our triune God of glory and strength.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW673 "*God, Whose Almighty Word*" (Bulletin Pg. 7)

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

POSTLUDE

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL COMPARISONS REPORT			
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	June 2020 *Actual Expenses	June 2021	June 2021 Budget
Total Income	116,666.63	108,069.50	108,069.50
Total Expenses	128,012.47	119,602.50	131,851.78
Income compared to Expenses	(11,345.84)	(11,533.00)	

Thank you for your financial contributions to FELC. As of June 2021, we received a total of \$108,069.50 and spent \$119,602.50 so the balance is negative **-\$11,533.00**. As in 2020, we are experiencing a large negative balance so please keep the financial part of stewardship in mind. Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated so we can meet our monthly benevolences and expenses.

(*In 2020, we received the Payroll Protection Program Loan/Grant but were unable to apply for it in 2021 because we did not meet the minimum qualifications. In 2020, we were able to charge \$10,493.67 of salary expenses to the loan/grant which resulted in the overage of only **-\$852.17** in June 2020 instead of the actual overage of **-\$11,354.84**.)

Listen, God Is Calling

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Refrain

Leader

All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader

All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

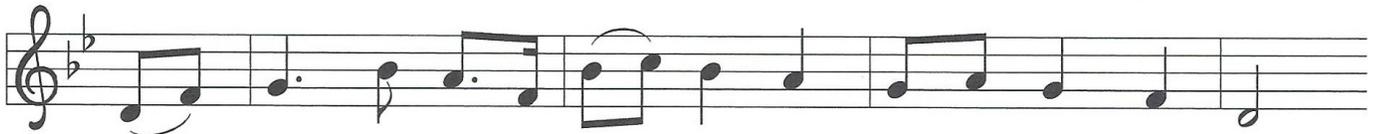
Leader

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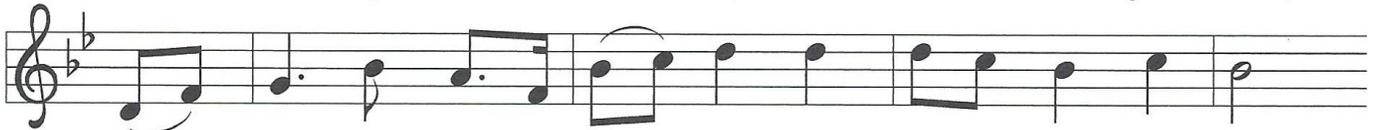
Refrain

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Let Streams of Living Justice



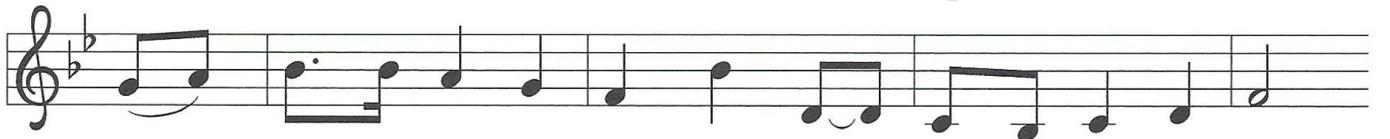
1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



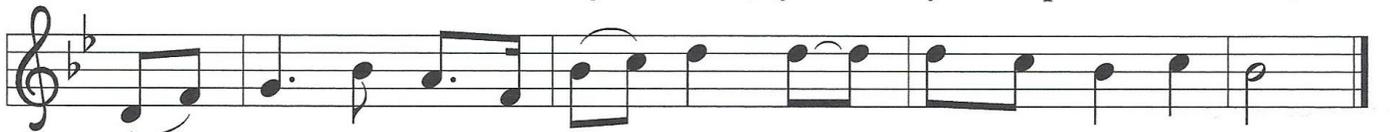
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

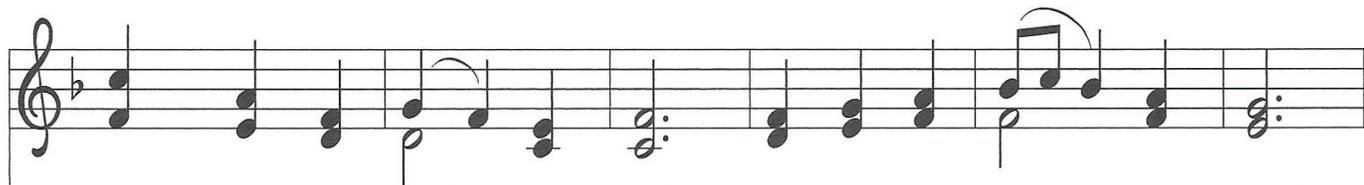


Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

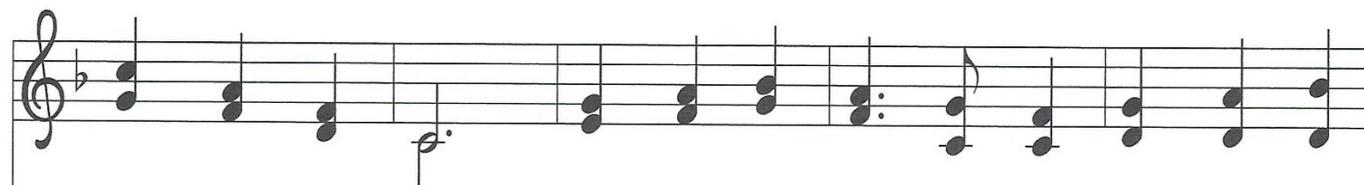


a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

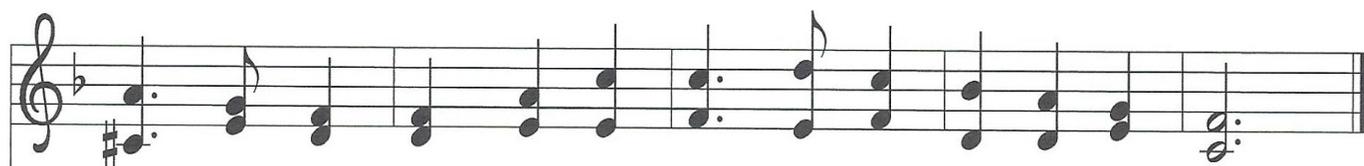
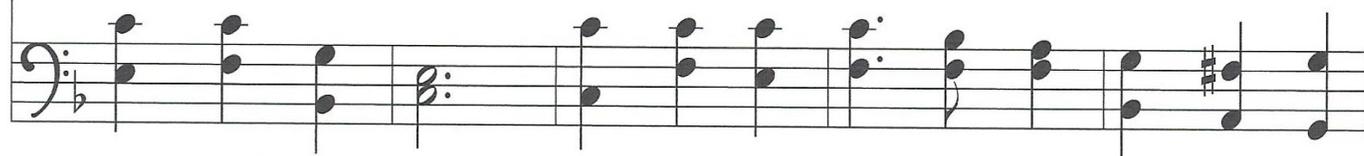
God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

