



## 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.*

### 8th Sunday after Pentecost

**July 18, 2021**

Pastor Ryan Rouse

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = Congregation

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

**GATHERING HYMN:** ELW 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (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.**

#### Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O God, ...

C: **from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD SPEAK TO US

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”



### PSALM Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd; I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

### 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 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. *Continue pg. 4*

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

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

#### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 612 "*Healer of Our Every Ill*" (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: 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:** ELW546 "*To Be Your Presence*" (Bulletin Pg. 8 )

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

### **POSTLUDE**

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

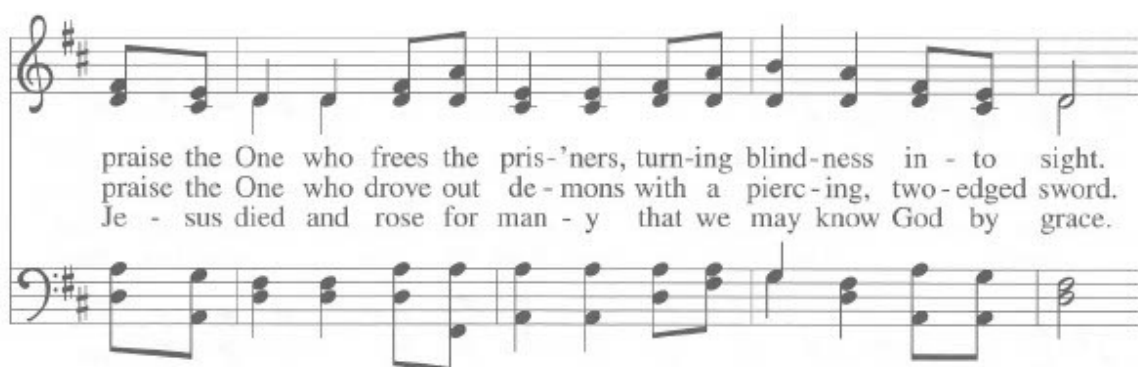
Thank you for your financial contributions to FELC. As of June 2021, we received a total of \$108,069.50 and spent \$119,602.50 so the balance is negative **-\$11,533.00**. As in 2020, we are experiencing a large negative balance so please keep the financial part of stewardship in mind. Anything you 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**.)

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



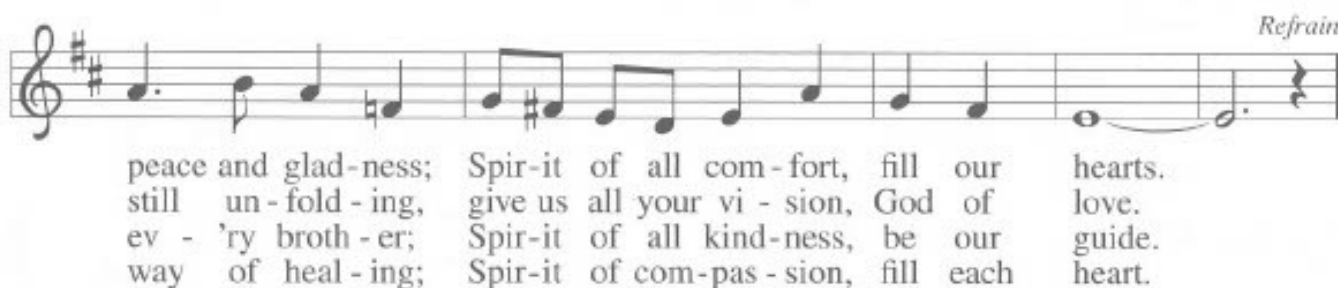
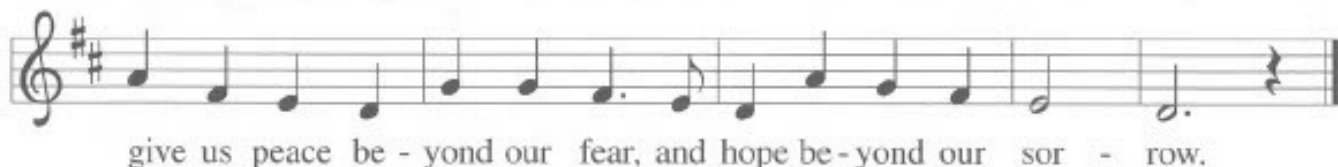
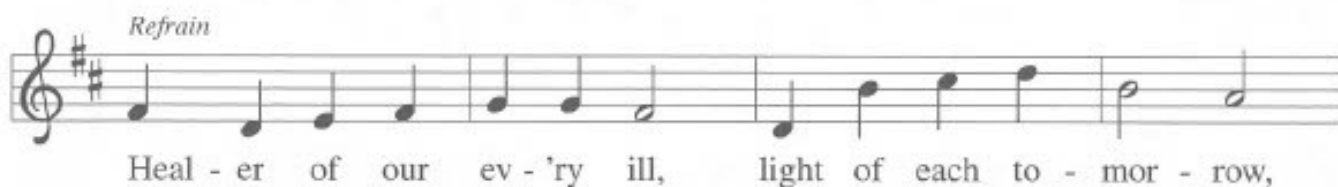
calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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# Healer of Our Every Ill

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# To Be Your Presence

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1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com -

2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the

3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for

4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy

poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,

all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your

peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the

ev-er near,

right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!

love ex-pressed,

church, re-joice,

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