



## 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.*

### 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

Pastor Ryan Rouse

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = Congregation

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 592 “*Just As I Am, without One Plea*” (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.**

#### 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, Ever-loving God,

**C: your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD SPEAK TO US

FIRST READING Proverbs 9:1-6

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom’s food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom’s banquet is the way to life.*

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”



PSALM Psalm 34:9-14

- <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
for those who fear the <sup>1</sup> LORD lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and <sup>1</sup> suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing <sup>1</sup> that is good.**
- <sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- <sup>1</sup> ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence <sup>1</sup> for the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes plea- <sup>1</sup> sure in life  
and desires long life to en- <sup>1</sup> joy prosperity?**
- <sup>13</sup>Keep your <sup>1</sup> tongue from evil  
and your lips from <sup>1</sup> lying words.
- <sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil <sup>1</sup> and do good;  
seek peace <sup>1</sup> and pursue it.**

## SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**John 6:51-58**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

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

#### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 484 “*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*” (Vs. 1-4) (Pg. 6 of the bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: .... God, 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 joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. We, your beloved children, seek to be “imitators of You, Gracious God” and to live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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: Always remember that God is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, so that you may show forth the glory of God.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 805 “*Lead On, O King Eternal*” (Bulletin Pg. 7)

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

POSTLUDE

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871  
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL COMPARISONS REPORT			
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	July 2020 *Actual Amounts	July 2021	July 2021 Budget
Total Income	126,437.22	128,138.12	153,828.64
Total Expenses	138,245.72	137,973.36	167,709.01
Income compared to Expenses	(11,808.50)	(9,835.24)	

Thank you for all you give to FELC. As of July 2021, we received a total of \$128,138.12 and spent \$137,973.36 so the balance is negative -\$9,835.24. Through your generosity, we have been able to meet all obligations but are continuing in a negative balance. Anything you are able to give will be greatly appreciated so we can meet our monthly benevolences and expenses.

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## Gift of Finest Wheat

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You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997  
Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996  
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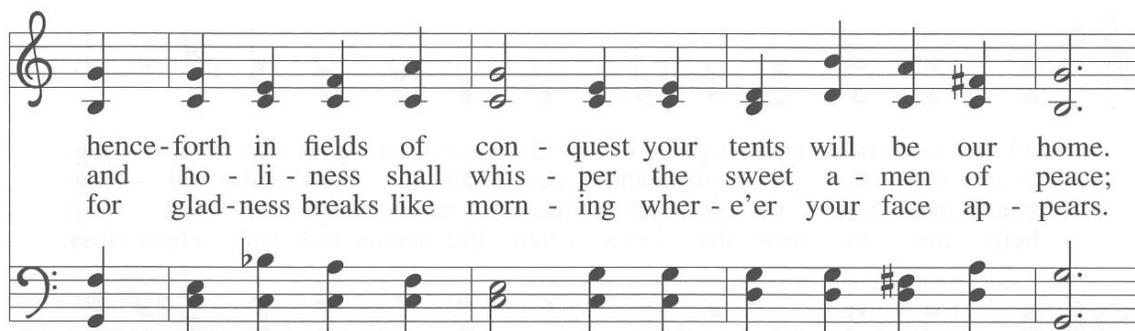
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# Lead On, O King Eternal!

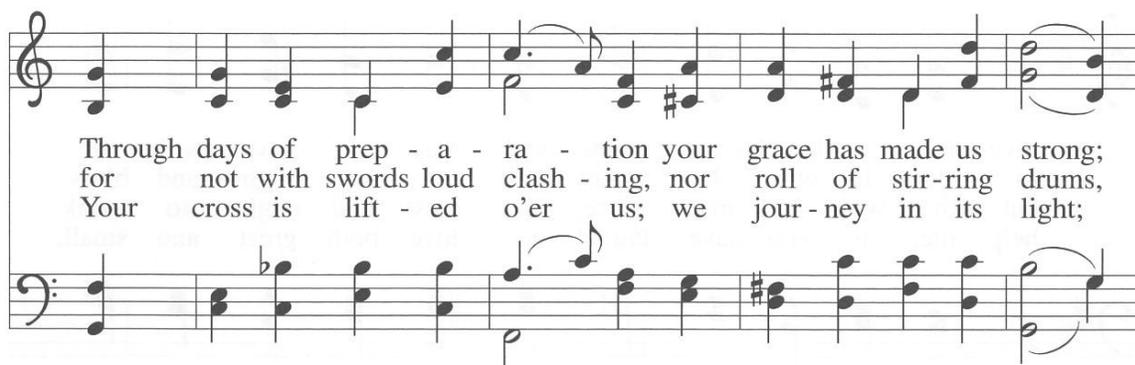
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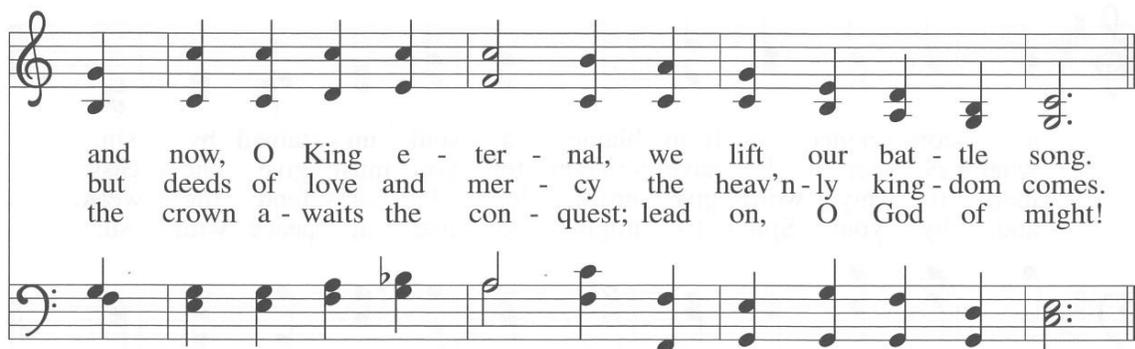
1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917  
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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