



## 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.*

### 10th Sunday after Pentecost

**August 1, 2021**

Pastor Ryan Rouse

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = Congregation

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 479 “*We Come to the Hungry Feast*” (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: eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD SPEAK TO US

### FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.' " <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."



### PSALM Psalm 78:23-29

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the <sup>1</sup> clouds above  
and opened the <sup>1</sup> doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon <sup>1</sup> them to eat  
and giving them <sup>1</sup> grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the <sup>1</sup> bread of angels;  
God provided for them <sup>1</sup> food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow <sup>1</sup> in the heavens  
and powerfully led out <sup>1</sup> the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon <sup>1</sup> them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand <sup>1</sup> of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst <sup>1</sup> of the camp  
and round a- <sup>1</sup> bout the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and <sup>1</sup> were well filled,  
for God gave them <sup>1</sup> what they craved.

## SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-16

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,  
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

## 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 6:24-35

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

### CHILDREN’S SERMON (DRIVE-UP)

#### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 474 “*Bread of Life from Heaven*” (Vs. 1,3,5) (Pg. 7 of the bulletin)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: .... Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

### WE GATHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

#### OFFERING

Offering Song ELW 692 “*We are an Offering*” (x2) (Pg. 8 of the bulletin)

#### OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: O God, we are taught to give as an act of faithfulness. We are reminded that giving is a Christian responsibility. Like Paul taught the early Christians, we are taught to be careful how we live – to live as wise people. Yet, sometimes we are drawn by the insufficient promises of our everyday culture. We end up giving with a begrudging attitude, a hesitant heart, or selfish reluctance. Forgive us and enable us to give “thanks to God for everything in the name of our Lord 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... 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: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 618 "*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*" (Bulletin Pg. 9)

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.

# We Come to the Hungry Feast

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Music: Ray Makeever

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HUNGRY FEAST

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# Bread of Life from Heaven

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*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|----------|------------------|--|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the  | bread | of   | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; |  | giv - ing  |
| 2 | Seek  | not | the  | food  | that | will     | pass a - way;    |  | set your   |
| 3 | Love  | as  | the  | one   | who, | in       | love for you,    |  | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in  | the  | one   | who  | now      | dwells in you;   |  | make your  |
| 5 | Drink | of  | this | cup   | and  | de -     | clare his death; |  | eat this   |



thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and	the
self for the life	of the world.	Come	to	the	one	who	is
home in the life -	giv - ing Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -	ly
bread and be -	lieve Eas - ter morn;	trust	his	re -	turn	and,	with



*Refrain*

sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -	bound.
liv - ing way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be	yours.
food for you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no	more.
One of God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have	heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -	born.

# We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody features various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

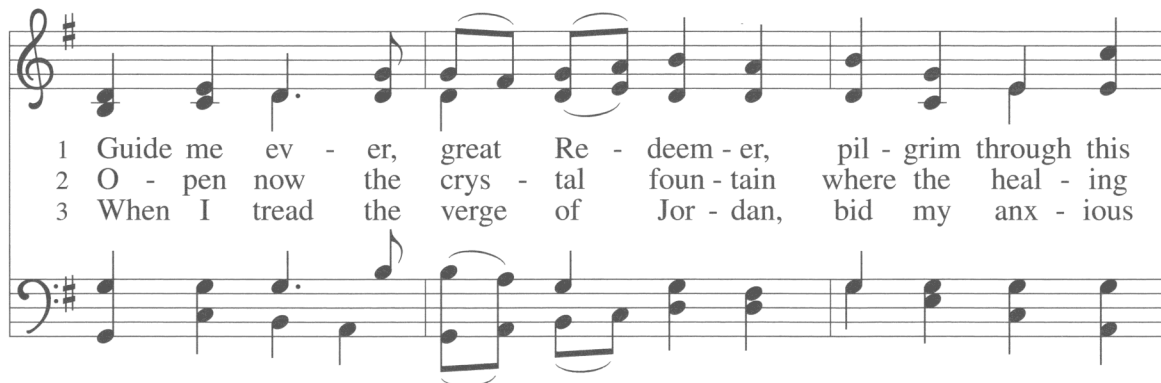
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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 Music: Dwight Liles  
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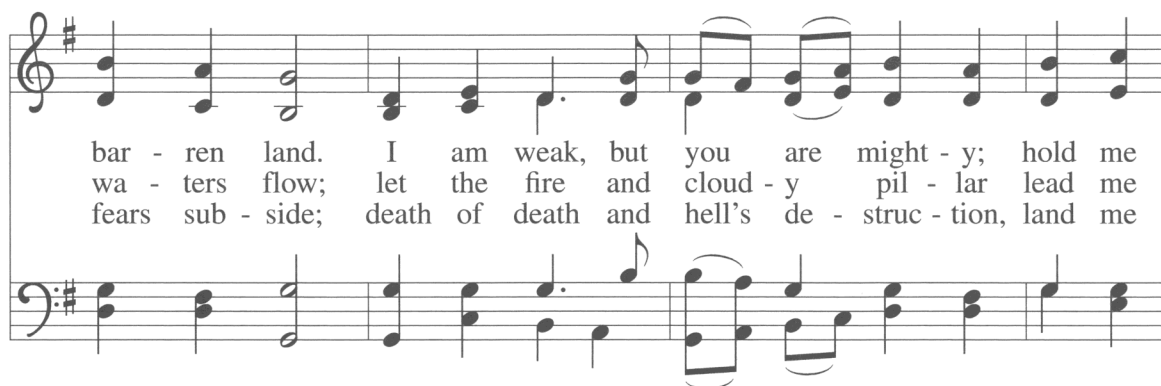
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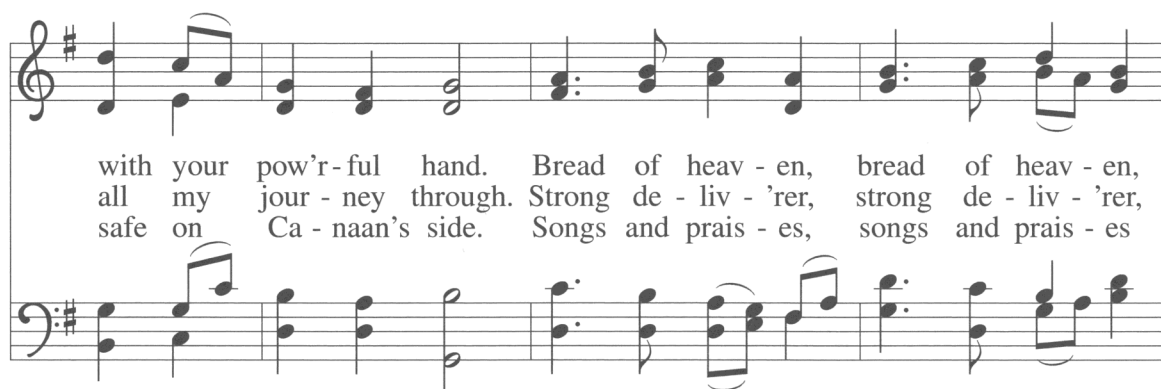
## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



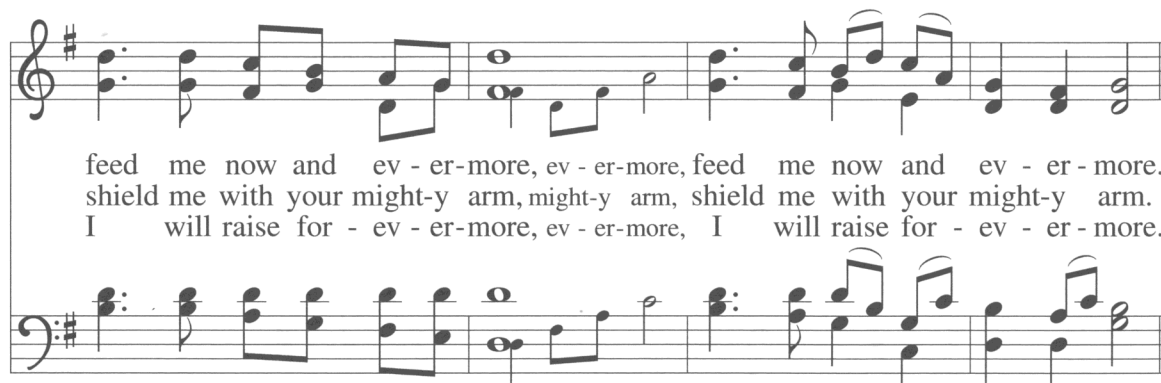
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.