

**BEHOLD,
I AM SETTING
A PLUMB LINE
IN THE MIDST
OF MY PEOPLE,
*Israel.***



AMOS 7:8

**July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(In today's Gospel, it looks like the end of the story when John the Baptist is executed. But he was but the forerunner for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Appearances were certainly deceiving! That was the case with Amos, a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs when the Lord called him. He did not look like a prophet, but he stood up to Amaziah and Jeroboam in a long line of faithful prophets. Sometimes Satan uses appearances to deceive us, but the Epistle reminds us that God had predestined us to be with Him forever—even before He began creation! Although others might not recognize it, the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN WOV #698

“We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus”

HOLY BAPTISM

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We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus

1 We were bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we were bap-tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,

that as Christ was raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;

And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain

we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. A - men

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Baptized today is Vada May Vetter, daughter of Tyler & Amanda Vetter. Vada was born May 16, 2021. Her sponsors are Ryan Vetter, Tiffany Schmitz and Kaitlynn Carlson. We welcome Vada as our newest member of First Lutheran.



HOLY BAPTISM

1. *While a baptismal hymn is sung, the candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.*
2. *The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.*

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

3. *A sponsor for each candidate, in turn, presents the candidate with these or similar words:*

I present _____ name _____ to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

4. *The minister addresses those candidates who are able to answer for themselves:*

_____ name _____, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

5. *The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.*

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6. *When only young children are baptized, the minister says:*

In Christian love you have presented *these children* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *them* to the services of God's house, and teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *they* grow in years, you should place in *their* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *their* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

OR

7. *When older children and adults are baptized also, the minister says:*

P In Christian love you have presented *these people* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for *them* and help *them* in every way as God gives you opportunity, that *they* may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R I do.

Stand

8. *When baptisms are celebrated within the Holy Communion, The Prayers may be said at this time, with special reference to those baptized.*

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

9. *The minister begins the thanksgiving.*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those who are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those who are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (245)

C **Amen**

10. *The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.*

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

P I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

11. *The minister baptizes each candidate.*

P _____, I baptize you in
the name of the Father,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head.

P and of the Son,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

P and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.

OR

P _____ is baptized in
the name of the Father,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head.

P and of the Son,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

P and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.

*Or, He descended to the dead.

Sit

12. *A psalm or hymn may be sung as the minister and the baptismal group go before the altar.*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

13. *Those who have been baptized kneel. Sponsors or parents holding young children stand. The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:*

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon _____: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. (246)

C Amen

14. *The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

P _____, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The sponsor or the baptized responds: "Amen."

15. *After all have received the sign of the cross, they stand.*

16. *A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

17. *When small children are baptized, this prayer may be said.*

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *fathers* and *mothers* of *these children*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *children*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *children* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (247)

C Amen

Stand

18. *The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:*

Through Baptism God has made *these* new *sisters* and *brothers* members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

19. The ministers may exchange the peace with the baptized, with their sponsors and parents, and with the congregation:

Peace be with you.

P Peace be with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Rick Richard..... "Make This Child Yours"

PRESENTATION OF QUILT AND BAPTISMAL MEDALLION INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit of God, we worship in the name of God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Holy God who brings life out of death and transforms the whole creation with a Word, forgive our disobedience and breathe on us the Spirit of your righteousness.

C: Free us from the power of sin, death, and the devil in our lives; renew us with your loving Spirit as you bring us from death to sin to life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Make us your instruments of peace and love in the world and free us from all that seeks to enslave us, trusting that your will for us is that we would be free to live fully into your mercy and grace. Amen.

P: By the command and authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)


C: Amen.

Greeting

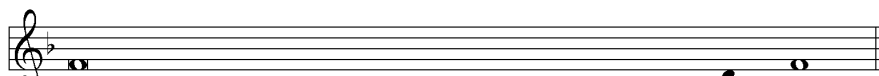
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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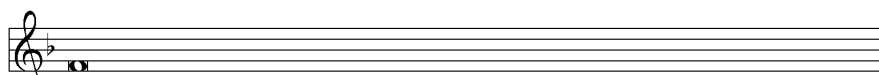
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



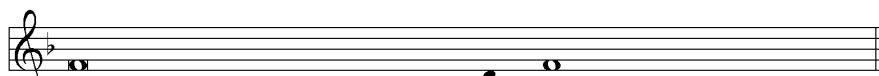
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



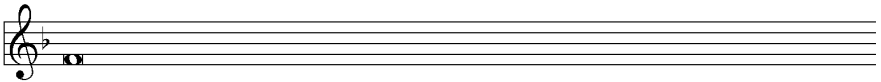
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. Ⓒ A - men

SALUTATION



Ⓒ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, you are the author and giver of all good gifts. Increase in us the true faith, give us a love and fear of your holy name, and by your great mercy sustain us in goodness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READINGAmos 7:7-15

(Israel had been established by God to be straight and true. The people had become corrupted, out of line, crooked. Places of wrong worship had been set up all over the kingdom. The kingdom itself was improperly and illegitimately ruled. The Lord sent Amos to prophecy against the kingdom but instead of listening, they sought to send him away to the kingdom of Judah. God is measuring his people. His plumb line is true. Will his people listen to the word of the Lord and straighten out their ways?)

⁷This is what {the Lord God } showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I

am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

PSALM (Read responsively)Psalm 85:1-13
(God is forgiving and merciful to his people. Because of his unshakable love, he relents of his anger and speaks peace. His salvation is near all those who will listen. However, they must fear the Lord and not take his mercy for granted. They must not turn back to the foolishness that got them into their mess, to begin with. The righteousness of God precedes them like a well-worn path. All his people need to do is follow him.)

- 85 Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin. Selah**
- ³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- 4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- 6 Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

**¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**¹² Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

(As God has always gone before us, showing us his way, he has now sent us his Son. We have been consoled by his redeeming death and given hope in his resurrection. (Rom 6:4) Though this life is difficult and death lingers on the horizon, God has blessed us through his Son in terms of heavenly matters. He has given his people an inheritance. We have heard of it through his true word and it is guaranteed by his Holy Spirit. When our days are over, we will take possession of his promise.)

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, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

ALLELUIA

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

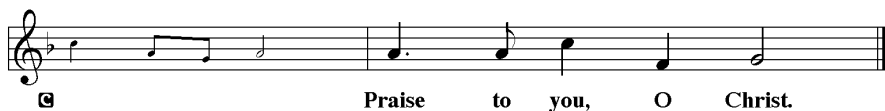
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READINGMark 6:14-29
(Even as Herod's wife bore a grudge against John the Baptist, the world has a grudge against God's elect. The Church is often at odds with the rest of the world. So, we may end up losing our heads as we live in the kingdom of this world. But our future is sure. We await a new world, a heavenly kingdom in which righteousness dwells. (2Pet 3:13))

¹⁴King Herod heard of {Jesus' works}, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He 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." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to

put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter 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 to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN LBW #305
"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul he does re - deem.
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;

Clean in his blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

PRAISE, ADORATION

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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train Join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

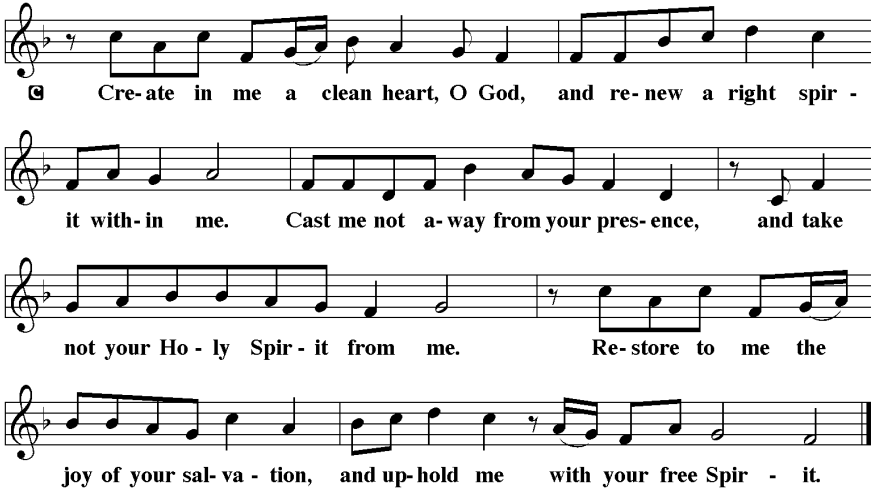
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 above are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, Though in es - sence on - ly one;

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you And, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!”
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORYp. 75



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with- in me. Cast me not a- way from your pres- ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re- store to me the
joy of your sal- va - tion, and up- hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance with all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love.

C: Amen.

INSTALLATION OF INTERIM COUNCIL MEMBER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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, for ever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION *Psalm 32:10*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace

Numbers 6:24-26

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN **WOV #771**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CREATION, PRESERVATION

771

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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FAITHFULNESS
 11 10 11 10 and refrain

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is a joy to gather with you for worship! Please take a moment to greet those around you in the name of the Lord.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask you to sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, July 4th, Attendance – 70

Facebook Online Viewing – 95

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$4,285.00

Prayer Requests

Mastroberti Family – Family friend of Steph Mann, People of Haiti, Family of Dianne Rasmussen, James Tolbert, Kathy Key, Curtis Yunker, Karen Goehring, Michelle & Jason Burger, Hunter Feigum, Olivia Retterath, Pat Anderson, Kristi Olson, Mardella Aanderud – Mother to Melanie Beckman, Mary Ann Monsebroten – Sister to Jackie Olson, Kathy Solomonson, Ross Lorentzen, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler’s, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner’s friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen and family on the death of Dwight's mother, Dianne Rasmussen from AZ. As of the printing of this bulletin no further arrangements have been made. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Baptisms

Baptized on July 10th were children of Jade & Erica Backman:

- ⇒ Paizley Sky Schmitz, born April 26, 2016
Sponsors: Ashlyn Schmitz and Logan Schmitz
- ⇒ Racin Duane Backman, born August 20, 2019
Sponsors: Patrick & Darla Jensen
- ⇒ Bellamy Ryan Backman, born March 23, 2021
Sponsors: Raylee Backman and Nathan Speten

We welcome them as members of First Lutheran.

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran has some hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this, please talk to Pastor Chuck before the church service.

Volunteer(s) Needed

We will be without a custodian July 17-27. Looking for a volunteer(s) to make sure the church is clean for the July 18th and 25th services plus have garbage out on the curb for the mornings of July 20th and 27th. If you are able to help out, please talk to Jeff Schmidt by July 16th or check with Jeannette if you need his phone number to call him.

Deborah Bible Study

Deborah Bible Study will meet this Thursday, July 15th, at 9:30 am at the church. Mary Ann Beeks and Ardee Kurle host. Study will be Episode 4, Lessons 1 & 2.

Church Doors

The council voted at their June meeting to have summer hours which the church doors will be unlocked and locked. They are:
Sunday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
If you need in the church any other time, please contact Pastor Chuck or Jeannette Rost.

FLCW Outing

Ladies. Monday, July 26th we are planning a trip to Bismarck to see "FOOTLOOSE". This is an Explosive Musical. A story of a farm kid and a mother who move from the farm to the Big City of Chicago -- Big Change -- Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with an open heart and a young mind. It will be a fun night. You will pay for a ticket to the play and your dinner. We will leave the church at 4:30 pm and eat at Johnny Carino's then head to the musical. If you decide not to eat with the group the musical starts at 8:00 pm.

TICKETS: Adults - \$22
Seniors +62 - \$18

If you think you might like to go, let us know so we will have an idea how many to plan for. This is not a reservation, just a head count for the planners. Call – Judy at 220-4410 or LeAnn at 460- 0085.

LCMC Annual Gathering and Convention

The LCMC Annual Gathering and Convention is October 3-6, 2021 in Hilliard, OH. Early bird registration is August 15. If you are interested in going, please talk to Pastor Chuck, Matt Gardner or Jeannette Rost.

Connections Magazine

The July/August issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to get updates on LCMC and NALC along with other interesting articles.

Christ in Our Home

The July/August/September issue of *Christ in Our Home* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to use with your daily devotions.

The Compassion of Jesus

In a world full of hurting and broken hearts, we could use compassion. Jesus defined compassion during his life on earth. His love for people was evident in everything he did, especially in his actions towards marginalized groups. Now that he is no longer on the earth with us, it's our responsibility to carry out that care for others. Join Bill Crowder as he reveals the compassionate heart of Jesus and shows us how to use it to impact the people in our lives. A new devotion from Our Daily Bread titled *The Compassion of Jesus* is in the magazine racks for you to pick up. This book has seven sections to it.

Altar Flower Signup

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for altar flowers from now thru September 26th. Signup for the date you would like to supply flowers before your date is taken. Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church for that Sunday.

Landline vs Cell Phone

Have you dropped your landline phone and gone to just your cell phone? If so, have you given First Lutheran your cell phone number yet? If not, we would appreciate it so we can get ahold of you when needed. FLCW work group co-chairs need your number too! Call 462-3775 or email flc@westriv.com with your cell number. Thank you!

LBW Hymnals

There are still a few LBW books in the narthex that are no longer good enough for use in the pews, but good enough for use at home. If you would like one or more of those hymnals, please stop at the church and take as many of them as you wish. Remember, it is only the ones in the narthex for your taking.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Baptism
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting
MON.	10:00 AM	Chat & Sew Quilting
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
THURS.	AM	Pastor Chuck at Text Study
	9:30 AM	Deborah Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Coffee/Fellowship Hour
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

2021 Annual Golf Outing



Join us for our annual Golf Outing on
Tuesday, August 3rd
at the Garrison Golf Club!

[Golf Outing Brochure](#)

[Register On Line Today](#)



Contact Camp of the Cross office at 701-337-2246 to register yourself and/or a team. See July FLC Newsletter for more information.

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 11, 2021

“...had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death.” (Mark 6:19)

Though we don't like to admit this, the Christian life is not always an easy life. Unfortunately, the Christian life can be difficult as it is not all comfort, blessing, reward, and joy. The world resists Jesus and silences Christians because they tell the truth to power. In a country of religious freedom like ours, today's disciples of Jesus should expect to receive some resistance from those who hold authority and power because Jesus' people tell the truth.

What a challenging reading this is! At a time when most people are enjoying the lazy days of summer, the church talks about politics, power, and violence. The story of John the Baptist, is about a violent, senseless murder by government order. Senseless? John was executed because he told the truth to a powerful couple. He wasn't murdered because Herod didn't enjoy John's preaching but because John spoke the words that nobody else dared to speak.

What are we to make of this tragic story placed right in the center of Mark's Gospel? It is a violent, horrible event that casts a shadow over Jesus. Some scholars agree the story of the death of John is a prefiguration of the death of Jesus. Is Mark trying to tell us that John's death is a preview of Jesus's death? Remember Jesus sending out the disciples? Mark places the death of John right after the disciples' sending and their report of success against demons. Is this story meant as a warning to the disciples who were sent out on mission? Or perhaps we should ask ourselves, “When's the last time I've been threatened because I told God's truth?”

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, help us to be more courageous in following you. Help us when we run from the conflict that sometimes shows up when you move in our world. Give us the strength to stand up to the world's criticism, opposition, and resistance. Help us to be bold in speaking and living out the truth as you give it to us. In a world where the powerful maintain their power through lies and deception, where we love our security and comfort and run from sometimes painful truths, help us to be people who tell the truth because we trust you, the Lord who is not only the way and the life, but also the truth. Amen.