

# Rest a while.

**Mark 6:31**



**July 18, 2021  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 AM Worship**

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# PRELUDE AND BELLS

## AS WE GATHER

*(An old Jewish prayer begins, "Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe." To call God "King" is to acknowledge Him as the highest ruler over all. Earthly kings never created the subjects of their rule out of nothing as has the one Creator God. So much higher and more exalted than any earthly sovereign king is God. In the Old Testament, God gave His people kings for their nation. But unlike the rulers of other nations, Israel's kings were to rule in God's name and after His heart and will and word. They were to rule God's people like shepherds tending sheep, like David of old. Few, however, were faithful to their calling. Through a king named Zedekiah, God both condemned the former faithless kings and promised the future righteous Branch of the great King David. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus, God's Son, having compassion on people as a shepherd has compassion on the sheep. Because of Jesus' blood and righteousness, you have a King that cannot fail. He cares for you and will deliver you safely to your eternal home.)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS .....p. 56

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

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN – On Next Two Pages ..... LBW #369  
“The Church’s One Foundation”**

## The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's . . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms . . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

AURELIA  
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**P:** 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE .....p. 60

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION

☐ The Lord be with you. ☐ And al - so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: Shepherding God, through your Son's cross you draw all people to yourself and reconcile the relationship between you and your world which we so carelessly neglect and fracture. Teach us to be your healing and reconciling presence in a wounded world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING ..... Jeremiah 23:1-6  
*(God loves his people and wants the best for them. So, when leaders of his people lead them astray, away from the Lord, he will do two things. First, he will deal with the evildoing shepherds, those who have neglected their pastoral duties. Then he will establish good shepherds who will bring God's flock back into his fold. His sheep will be cared for so that they have no more fear. This is fully realized when he sets over his people the messianic king who rules justly. All the people will then be judged according to his righteousness. As their good shepherd is righteous, the people become righteous through his being their shepherd.)*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries 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 set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

PSALM (Read responsively) ..... Psalm 23  
*(When the sheep have a good shepherd, they have no fear. He leads them to places of rest and plenty. He provides for them. They are always welcome in the fold. When they are lost and out of the fold, he is with them. Even when his sheep are under the shadow of death, the good shepherd is present and takes away their fear of evil.)*

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

**3 He restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil,**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff,**

**they comfort me.**

**5 You prepare a table before me**

**in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**

**forever.**

SECOND READING ..... Ephesians 2:11-22

*(Once we were not a people but now we are the people of God.*

*(1Pet 2:9) Once we were not the people of God but through the*

*redeeming sacrifice of Christ, we have been brought near to*

*God. As such, God becomes our peace instead of the keeping*

*of religious laws. All people are reconciled to God through the*

*cross and have access to him through faith. We are being built*

*up upon the cornerstone who is Christ, and the foundation that*

*is the apostles and prophets, into a holy dwelling for God. The*

*Spirit of God now dwells among us, and even within us.)*

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh,

called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision,

which is made in the flesh by hands — <sup>12</sup>remember that you

were at that time separated from Christ, alienated 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 himself is our

peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his



flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

ALLELUIA .....p. 62

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 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING .....Mark 6:30-44

*(The work of the ministry, the work of the Church, is never done. There is always one more thing to accomplish. Sometimes those things need to be put on hold. One needs to entrust them to God and get away for awhile. When once in retreat, even there the ministry of Jesus continues. No matter how far away you go, someone will need fed. Someone else will need prayer. Still another will simply want to be near the fellowship of the Lord. At such times, it is good to remember that it is Christ, not we, who feed. It is the Spirit who intercedes. They do not want to be near us but instead, near the one with whom we have retreated.)*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place 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 desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighths), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (eighths), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the staff, with each word aligned under its corresponding note.

SERMON ..... Pastor Chuck Mann

**HYMN – On Next Page ..... LBW #481**  
**“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

481

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, Be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, Ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, For our use your fold pre - pare.  
 Keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 You have mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847  
 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

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## APOSTLES' CREED .....p. 65

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

### OFFERTORY .....p. 66



**C** Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER .....p. 67

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER .....p. 71

**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**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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### HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

pg. 72 – “Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

LBW #305 – “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LBW #197 – “O Living Bread from Heaven”

# I Lay My Sins on Jesus

305

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.

# O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.  
 And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.  
 My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.

Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
 For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,  
 And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!  
 The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.  
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.



P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE.....p. 72



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER.....p. 74

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: 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 – On Next Page ..... LBW #469**  
**“Lord of All Hopefulness”**

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ev - er  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is con -

child-like, no cares could de - stroy: Be there at our wak - ing, and  
skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our la - bors, and  
wel - come, your arms to em - brace: Be there at our hom - ing, and  
tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: Be there at our sleep - ing, and

give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

© Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953  
Tune: Irish folk tune

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## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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## **Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

## **Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Jesus urged his disciples, “Come away ... and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

## **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book 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 11<sup>th</sup>, Attendance – 113

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## **Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.* Receive the bread into your open, flat palm. Ask if you wish to receive grape juice or a gluten free wafer. Alert an usher if you, or someone you know, needs communion served in the pew. **Our members and guests are reminded to register their communion participation for each person taking communion (bread, wine or grape juice) using the green pew cards for accurate record keeping. Please list each person instead of putting family as these records are needed to figure out voting members and the secretary does not know which family members are communing if listed as family. Put the green cards in the offering plate.**

## **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen and Damian & Dora Meier and families on the death of Dwight and Dora's mother, Dianne Rasmussen. Dianne's funeral was this past Thursday in AZ.
- ⇒ Cathy Bonsness and family on the death of her father, Curtis Yunker. Funeral for Curtis was this past Wednesday.
- ⇒ Family of Cooper Satterland, nephew to Jackie Olson.
- ⇒ Family of Jane Meyer, niece to Kathy Keller.
- ⇒ Family of George Wolf, husband of Pat Wolf – former residents of Washburn. George passed away April 28 and the funeral was in June. Pat's address is:  
Pat Wolf  
2649 Kendall St.  
Osceola, IA 50213

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

## **Prayer Requests**

Families of Curtis Yunker, Dianne Rasmussen, George Wolf, Jane Meyer and Cooper Satterland on their death, Dennis VanHorn, Mastroberti Family – Family friend of Steph Mann, People of Haiti, James Tolbert, Kathy Key, 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

## **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!

## **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.

## **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers today are from Larry & Kathy Keller in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which is on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Volunteer(s) Needed**

We will be without a custodian through July 27<sup>th</sup>. Looking for a volunteer(s) to make sure the church is clean for the July 25<sup>th</sup> service plus have garbage out on the curb for the mornings of July 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help out, please talk to Jeannette.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

Please have all articles for the August newsletter to the church office no later than this Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, by noon.

## **Quilting**

Women, join us this Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 am for quilting and fellowship. Come learn to quilt if you don't know how. Helpers are always needed!

## **Super Sunday Supper**

Join us next Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6 pm for our Super Sunday Supper. Menu is Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Salad and Dessert and lots of good fellowship. Free will offering.

## **FLCW Outing**

Ladies. Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Picnic**

Mark your calendars to join us for our Annual Catch Up Picnic on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 pm in the church basement. The church council will be firing up the grills and grilling burgers and hot dogs. Top that off with some scrumptious salads, bars, floats, lemonade, coffee and great fellowship and you will have a wonderful time! Free will offering. Come for the food and catch up on your FLC families lives.

## **Deborah Bible Study**

Deborah Bible Study is looking for someone to host the August study. If interested, please talk to Jeannette.

## **Camp of the Cross Trekkers**

The Camp of the Cross Trekkers are canoeing on the Missouri River. On Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, a group of approximately 12 people will be staying at Cross Ranch State Park. Peggy Moran is organizing supper that night, breakfast August 4<sup>th</sup> and sack lunch for August 4<sup>th</sup>, along with Judy Beaudry, and requesting a couple others to assist with either meal prep and/or delivery/serving. Please call Peggy if you are interested in helping with this project. 701-462-3919 or 701-315-0568. Thank you.

## **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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Peace Lutheran Church in Hazen invites you to a concert of praise and worship by **The Rescue Tour – Dave Anderson & Roger Walck** on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. The concert will last about 1½ hours. A free will offering will be taken to support Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministries, ([ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org](http://ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org)), a ministerial retreat center run by Dave Anderson.

# 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.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting AI-Anon Meeting
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
	NOON	Newsletter Deadline
THURS.	AM	Pastor Chuck at Text Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Coffee/Fellowship Hour
	4-6 PM	Super Sunday Supper
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	AI-Anon Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 18, 2021**

*“And he began to teach them many things.” (Mark 6:34)*

The Christian faith does not come easily or naturally to us. We must be taught to be a Christian, or as some say, faith must be “caught.” We submit to God’s Word for teaching and we learn what it means to be Christians.

At the end of Matthew’s Gospel (28:19), Jesus says, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Jesus commands us to teach. No one is born with knowing the gospel, you can’t just “think it up” on your own. Someone has to teach it to you and someone has to preach it in your hearing in order for the good news of Jesus Christ to be yours as a free gift.

After an outburst of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:42, the church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching.” Being a disciple of Jesus is not the same as being a sensitive, caring, or “good” person. It’s not enough to say, “I was born in the US, which is basically Christian, so I became a Christian by breathing the air and drinking the water.” The saving news of Jesus Christ is opposite of the way the world saves. Disciples are those who have heard the good news of Jesus Christ, are transformed by the Holy Spirit, who then live in a world counter to the ways of the world.

One of the titles for Jesus is “rabbi,” which means teacher. Jesus traveled through villages teaching. Now the disciples come back and report to Jesus about their mission and he says to them, “Let’s get away and rest a while.” They go to the desert but when they get there it is anything but deserted. Jesus begins to teach the crowd and satisfies their hunger with a miracle of fish and bread. Isn’t it interesting that the first thing Jesus does for the people is not feed, but rather teach?

The crowds see themselves as hungry and in need of bread. Jesus sees them in need of teaching, and before Jesus meets their physical needs, he meets their need for instruction, explanation, and teaching. Perhaps Mark, by telling the story, means to remind us that there is a hunger for bread but also for “every word spoken by God.”

Jesus feeds us our daily bread, but he also gives us the spiritual bread which is God’s holy Word. Amen.