

August 4, 2024 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(God's faithfulness is on display as he provides all that is needed for daily life. We see it in the Old Testament, we see it in the New Testament, and we see it today in our lives. His faithfulness inspires us to live faithfully for Him, to the best of our abilities, each and every day. Welcome to God's House today!)

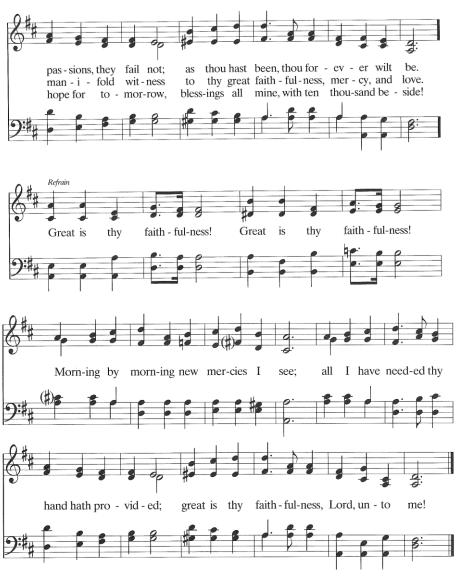
WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

HYMNWOV #771 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CREATION, PRESERVATION





Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960 Music: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957 © 1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co. FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 and refrain CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESSp. 56

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

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: Benevolent God, you satisfy hungry hearts and fill them with good things, the bread of heaven. Sustain and nurture us in faith and love by the living bread that is Christ himself; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, 3 and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. 5On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." 6So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" 8And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him — what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling." 10 And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the Lord said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

PSALM (Read responsively)Psalm 145:10-21 (King David proclaims God's abundant provision for all those who were in need. Whether it was food or physical assistance God provided, his faithfulness was shown in all his works.)

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." 9(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ALLELUIA



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



²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him. "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as

it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Pastor Paul Krueger "A Life Worthy of Your Calling" - Ephesians 4:1-16

HYMN LBW #480 "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORY



OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

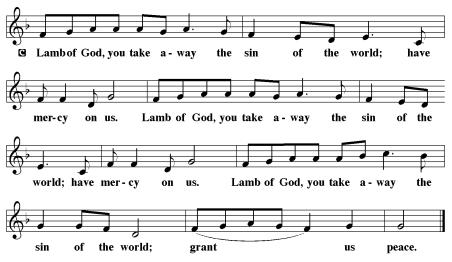
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

Lamb of God – p. 72

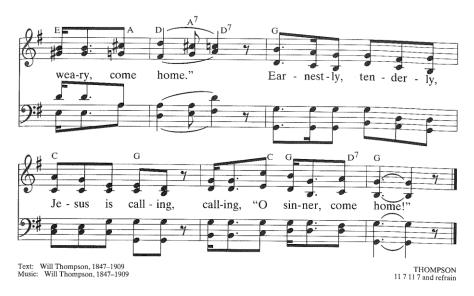


LBW #699 – "Blessed Assurance" LBW #734 – "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"



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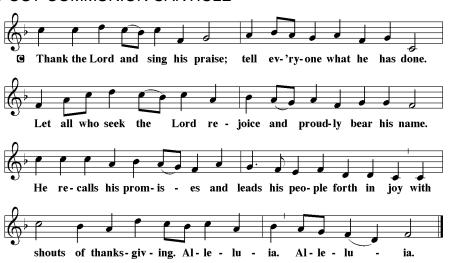




P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen.

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers - Thank You!
PASTOR Pastor Paul Krueger
USHERS/GREETERS Sharon Chrest & Dan Chrest
READER Willie Ziemann
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Willie & Janell Ziemann
Mary Ann Beeks
ORGANISTLeAnn Richard
VIRTUAL SERVICEWade & Stacy Boeshans
ALTAR GUILDBrenda Ankenbauer & Val Swanson
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W - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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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.

Welcome to worship, dear family of God. We pray that God restore to each of us joy in his gift of salvation and a willing spirit to serve him in response (Psalm 51:12).

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 28th
Attendance – 108
Online Viewing – 13
General Fund & Plate Giving - \$6,578.00

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today are from Joe & Kellie Sheldon in memory of Isaac Sheldon.

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran has hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this or want to try it, please see the ushers in the narthex.

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.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Paul (701-240-4712) or the church office (701-462-3775) if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not 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!

This week we pray for:

This Week's New Prayer Requests:

Prayers of Christian Sympathy:

Long Term prayer requests:

Members: Alton Krebsbach, Howard Johnson, Karen Goehring

* The person in parenthesis is who the person is related to or friends of. Please feel free to ask these individuals how best you can pray for their family/friend.

This month we pray for:

Members: Sande Wagner, Arlene Schwarz

Friends & Family: Clara Olson (Sharon Chrest), Steve Reynolds (Brad & Cathy Sheldon)

This Quarter we pray for:

Members and Nonmembers: Corrine Kerzmann (Donna Gunderson), Marion Narum (Peggy Moran), Ty Brown (Jody & Nicole Brown), Alice Richard, Jackie Olson

Military Prayer and Card List

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

 Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:

SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard SPC Olivia Retterath – National Guard - Deployed

SPC Cassidy Sommer - National Guard

SGT Jonathan Melvard – Army National Guard

Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:

SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard Emily Johnson – Air Force Bryar Anderson – Marines 1SGT Jordan Ternes – Army National Guard Tech. SGT Andre Austin – Air Force Hunter Feigum – National Guard Morris Duffy – Medical Air Guard Adam Walsyik – National Guard

Notice of Prayer List Policy

We have a monthly /quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list, please contact the office and the request will be added to our "This Quarter we pray for:" list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God's people.

Large Print Bulletins

We have large print bulletins for those wanting or needing larger print. Ask the ushers for one.

Bowls and Pans

There are a lot of bowls and pans in the kitchen from food brought for funerals, etc. Please stop and check to see if any belong to you and take them home.

Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our organizers and volunteers for VBS this past week. They did an awesome job! A total of 112 youth were registered and had a wonderful time. Many are already talking about wanting to come back next year.

2nd Annual FLC Carnival

Today is the day! August 4th from 4-7 pm marks our 2nd Annual FLC Carnival with outdoor games, bouncy houses and wonderful food plus other games and fun!

Deborah Bible Study

Deborah Bible Study, please leave your baked items for the carnival cake walk in the Sunday School room closest to the back door. Have them wrapped and on a paper plate. Any questions please call Donna at 315-0275.

School Bags for LWR

Quilters are looking for help on August 12th at 10:00 am to string school bags for LWR. Please come and help if you are available.

Carpet in Basement Sunday School Rooms

New carpet will be put in the four Sunday school rooms in the basement, hopefully before Sunday school starts. Total cost of the carpet and installation is \$4,500. We will have a basket on the bulletin table the next two Sundays to take a collection to help pay for the carpet. The four rooms were already painted this summer. So they will have a fresh new look.

Altar Flower Signup Sheet

A signup sheet for altar flowers through September 29th is on the table in the narthex. Signup for that Sunday you want before it is taken. You furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.

Connections Magazine

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

Our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer

The June/July/August issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the July - September 2024 issue of *Portals of Prayer* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY 9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

10:45 PM Fireside Bible Study

4:00 – 7:00 PM FLC Carnival

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Al-Anon Meeting

10:00 AM Mommy's Group

WED. 7:00 PM FLY

SUN. 9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

10:45 AM Fireside Bible Study

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Al-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) - August 4, 2024

"32Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

33For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven

and gives life to the world."

-John 6:32-33-

When my son began eating solid foods, it was exciting! He seemed to love just about anything I set in front of him. It didn't take long, and he began to gag every time he ate solids. He couldn't keep anything down, and from about 9 months old, he stopped growing and gaining weight. His pediatrician was baffled, so she sent him to a pediatric gastroenterologist, who could do further testing on our son. At 14 months old, we learned that he had an autoimmune disorder called Celiac Disease. His body could not break down the protein of gluten properly. So our son had a new diet to follow, which avoided wheat, barley, and rye. That meant no bread for our son.

We found it difficult to keep him feeling satisfied after a meal. He loved green beans—he'd eat a whole can in one setting! But he wasn't too keen on gluten-free bread just yet. That eventually changed. He's now a healthy 12-year-old boy, and his gluten-free diet is his way of life. Bread is staple on any table around the world. In Latin American countries, tortillas are served with every meal. Any country you visit, there is some form of bread served because it satisfies. It helps us feel full, so we continue with whatever tasks need to be done.

That was manna for the Israelites. It satisfied and provided earthly sustenance. Jesus is speaking to a crowd of people in John, chapter 6. These verses come from what is commonly referred to as the "Bread of Life Discourse," which covers John 6:22-71. The crowd is mistaken. They think the manna their ancestors received came from Moses, but Jesus corrects them. The manna came from God. God provided an earthly need for his people. How often do we fail to give God the glory for what he has done for us? I believe God provided us with the right doctors to diagnose our son. Otherwise, our son could have failed to thrive, which could have led to developmental problems down the road. Bread, manna, gluten free bread are good. We need food to survive this life. But just as Jesus was teaching the crowd of people, we must remember that the bread of this earth is temporary. If it's left out, it will mold or rot. So Jesus teaches about another bread that God provides, one that we need more than manna or earthly bread. Jesus is talking about the "Bread of Life." He's talking about himself. Only God can give us life everlasting through the life and death of Jesus Christ. He is the true bread from heaven. He is the Bread of Life, and only he can provide this life through the gift of faith.