

***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***July 5, 2020***

# WELCOME

*It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today. We especially remember those who are not able to be with us this morning and keep them in our prayers.*

*For the safety of all, we ask throughout the worship service that you please wear your face mask. If it becomes troublesome to breathe, please excuse yourself and go to the hallway (if possible) prior to removing your mask. We understand that breathing may be challenging for several of us, feel free to leave if you need to.*

*If you are in need of a mask, please let our ushers know.*

*The Coronavirus spreads easily through singing, so we are not having congregational singing for a while. As you may have anticipated, projecting our voices also extends the distance of the virus spreading, so it is recommended that you use your library voice as you speak responses in our worship service today.*

*Following worship today, please let us know if you have suggestions for future services. We are all learning new ways together.*

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today. Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church.*

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available. Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

*When leaving, please take your bulletin with you so others do not need to touch the same paper.*

*Pastor Nicholson will be available outside following worship to talk with you. You are encouraged to exit the building and talk with persons outdoors as well.*

*If by chance you contract the virus in the next couple of days, please let the church know so we can try to contact those who sat near you.*

# GATHERING

## WELCOME & PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

On July 4, 1776, the founders of our country bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty. They declared that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 244th birthday that we give thanks to God for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government, our military, and our fellow citizens.

The earth is the Lord's,  
**And all who dwell in it.**

God is king over the nations:  
**God sits on his holy throne.**

He rules by his might forever.  
**His eyes keep watch on the nations.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**For God judges the peoples with equity and  
guides the nations upon earth.**

O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,  
**And make your face to shine upon us.**

May your ways be known upon the earth,  
**Your saving power among all peoples.**

Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who offer in this place and in their homes their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen**

## WORDS OF PRAISE

**Pastor:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**All:** **We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Women:** Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

**Men:** You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Women:** You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**Men:** For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

**Women:** you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

**All:** **in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 11:28-30**

The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

# OUR RESPONSE

**SPECIAL MUSIC – Nancy Shoop**

## **OFFERING**

*Returning our thanks to God with our offering is a regular part of our worship service. To reduce the odds of spreading the coronavirus, we have placed the offering plates at the entrances to our worship service. You are encouraged to present your gifts to God as you leave worship today.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**    *Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray: Merciful God,  
**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**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

## BLESSING

The blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Aloma Dawkins  
Joe Hunt (7/27)  
Elva Kroeger  
Evelyn Scott  
James Warne

Ernie Fricke  
Nancy Jacobs  
John Newcomer  
Rick Sealover (7/22)  
Jim Woods (7/28)

Charl Hoveter (7/8)  
Hilda Kelly  
Dia Schumacher (8/23)  
Charles Ulrich (7/10)

Those serving our Country: Private Parker Brown



*Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of  
Doyle Paul, Leon Paul and Clarence & Leola Paul  
by Julie & Dalton Paul.*

## **STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS**

*Jesus taught, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." –  
**Matthew 11:28-29***

The hard work of democracy, ensuring that all citizens have voice and a place, can be wearying. We aren't alone in our efforts as allies and advocates of those who have been excluded. Jesus goes with us, shouldering the burden and helping to form beloved community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**QUILTERS** are back working on Wednesdays from 9-11:30. Masks are being worn and social distancing is being practiced.

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** We hope to get together on Wednesday, August 19 at 8:30 a.m. at 30 West. All Ladies are welcome.

**THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX** Please continue to support this ministry that shares Jesus's love with our neighbors. If you are able, please pick up a few items to share. Remember this box supplies personal care items. Needed items include shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste and brushes, hand soap, body soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, band aids, toilet paper. Thank you for your care and concern for those who need our support.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will be having a meeting on Monday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** is meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 in meeting room #2.

**God's Work. Our Hands.** Sunday is on September 13. Area Lutheran Churches are working together to devise a Covid 19 friendly plan. We are collecting items to put in a gift bag to say "thank you" to the essential workers at SpiriTrust Lutheran. There will be 130 gifts bags that are being made. First Lutheran has offered to bring 130 of the following items:

- Water bottles with a Thank you note on them.
- Pocket size packets of tissues.
- Rolls of lifesavers
- Money toward a \$20 gift card to the Butcher Shoppe. (Check may be made payable to: First Lutheran and on the memo line write "God's work. Our Hands." These may be mailed or placed in the offering plate.)



Please drop off any items you have in Memorial Hall prior to August 10 so they can be delivered and distributed with the items other congregations are collecting.



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**We welcome visitors this morning.**

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

**Our Mission**

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus, burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

**Worship Schedule**

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

also on facebook at FirstEvangelicalLutheranChurch  
and on our webpage at [www.FELCC.org](http://www.FELCC.org)

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus, and to worship with us.