

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021

WELCOME

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

*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.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

July 4 to July 11

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Worship W/Holy Communion |
| Monday | Office Closed | |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Property Committee |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Scouts |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. | Quilting |
| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Please kneel as you are able.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you in a manner that feels safe to everyone. This may be exchanging spoken words without touch.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,

of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
 thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
 sweet free-dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
 to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun-tain - side let free - dom ring.
 tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895
 Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

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 this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. **God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the in- dolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Music: Jeffrey Rowthorn, b. 1934 Music: ABBOTS LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Online giving is available at felcc.org*

ANTHEM

Special Music

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*Please be seated and remove the cup and the napkin from plastic bag.
Peel off the seal from the bread portion of your communion.*

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

This is the Body of Christ given for you. *(You may consume the bread.)*

Please remove the outer wrapping from the wine portion of your communion.

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.

This is the Blood of Christ shed for you. *(You may consume the wine.)*

Please place your used cup and seals in the ziplock bag to avoid spillage. Please discard this bag in the receptacles as you leave worship.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! **Amen.**

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 841

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

Please remember in your prayers ...

Thomas G. Burkey

Pat Dent

Mid Kramer

John Newcomer

Pam Smith (7/21)

Grace Williams

Luzana Charles (7/26)

Denise Heinbaugh (7/20)

Ann Lindner (7/12)

Mary Osmanski (8/1)

Joan Thorpe

Chuck Yaukey (7/20)

Aloma Dawkins

Barb Killen

Roman Llabres (7/21)

Evelyn Scott

James Warne

Olivia Richart (Military)

ATTENDANCE June 27 59 Worship/Picnic

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sound Board

Live Stream

Prayers

Rose Wilson

Rose Wilson

Gerry Wilson

We would like to thank Pastor Richard Lorenz from Carlisle for leading our worship today.



Pastor Nicholson will be on vacation June 28-July 8. If you have any pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Warren Heintzelman at 717-830-5690.

COVID PRECAUTIONS in July we will continue to follow the PA state recommendations. Masks will be optional for Sunday worship service and we will begin congregational singing. Masks will also be optional in and about the church building outside of the worship space.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS It is the time of year again when we need to start gathering items for our kits. The following are needed: bath size bars of soap, metal nail clippers, adult toothbrushes, baby socks, gowns or sleepers without feet, ballpoint pens, black/blue ink pens, crayons in boxes of 16/24 crayons, 70 sheet notebooks and pencil sharpeners. A list of items and a collection box will be available outside the office by the poster. Thank you for being a part of this Lutheran World Relief Project.

SPIRITRUST AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP Information for this drive is in your May newsletter. There are no meetings to attend, and you can give \$1.00 or more to become a member. Tudy Gates and Mary Beth McGraw-Warne are collecting donations for you to become a member and support SpiriTrust programs such as hospice and home care. Thanks!

BOOK DISCUSSION Starting on Thursday September 16 at 2 p.m., Joyce Ray will be leading a book discussion on the book: Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk by Eugene Cho. It is a Christian's guide to engaging politics. We will discuss a chapter a week. It is an easy read and we will have some great discussions and time to share our thoughts. Please read introduction and chapter 1 for the first meeting. Please leave Joyce know if you need a book.



COLLECTION OF QUARTERS The Neighborhood Task Team is collecting quarters for future Laundry Events. If you have donations you may drop them off at the church office during office hours or you may drop your donations at either entry of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support of this ministry to our neighbors.

2021 BACK TO SCHOOL Our Back to School Event for elementary school children in our community will be Saturday, August 21. We are collecting pocket sized tissue packages, notebooks, crayons, markers, children's scissors, pencil sharpeners and children's books in good condition. Items needed for ages 5 – 12: Girls briefs or boy shorts (no bikinis, low rise or hipsters) Girls camis in medium and large, Boys boxers or boxer briefs, low cut socks for boys and girls tee shirts and sweat pants for both boys and girls.

BACK PACK PROGRAM May suggested items: graham or animal crackers, light popcorn, whole grain cereal, granola bars and cereal. All items should be in individual size servings. This provides weekend meals for students who may not have adequate meals at home.



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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 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
also on facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

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