

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 29, 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 August 29 to September 5**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
<b>Saturday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Memorial Service for Becky Leeper (Chapel)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion

# 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 God, How Wonderful Thou Art



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

## **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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*A small group will be singing this selection from the choir loft. Because of the Coronavirus, we ask the congregation to listen to the music and meditate on the words.*



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND READING

## James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.



## GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

# We Plow the Fields and Scatter

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

# OUR RESPONSE

## 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](http://felcc.org)*

## ANTHEM

Special Music

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

Music: J.A. Freylinghausen 1670-1739

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Let us pray. God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **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.**

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

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Please remember in your prayers ...*

Healing: Pat Dent (9/23), Gloria Dorsett (9/11), Kathy Evans (9/9),  
Bill Fuller (9/2), Gloria Hammond (9/23), Denise Heinbaugh(9/23),  
Bev Rebok (9/5), Pam Smith (9/21), Peggy Stout (9/2),  
James Warne, Rose Wilson (9/25), Chuck Yaukey (9/20)

Long Term Care: Mid Kramer, John Newcomer, Evelyn Scott,  
Joan Thorpe, Grace Williams

Military: Olivia Richart, Tawny & Brad Arnold

Military Prisoners: Trevor Reed, Paul Whelan

## ATTENDANCE

August 22 49 In-person  
19 on-line x 2 = 38 (ELCA formula)

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Prayers	Marlin Maclay
Live Stream	Justin Holoviak

**WORSHIP TIMES** First Lutheran will be returning to worship at 10:45 a.m. beginning September 12.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** is collecting money for Haiti victims of earthquakes and hurricanes, West Coast victims of wildfires, East Coast victims of hurricanes, and Tennessee victims of flooding. 100 % of your gifts will support victims of these and other natural disasters. You may make checks payable to First Lutheran Church and in the memo line write "Lutheran Disaster Response."



## SEPTEMBER 12 HAPPENINGS

9:15 Coffee and Donut Fellowship

9:30 Sunday School

- 3 year old through 6th grade      Second floor education building
- Confirmation classes (gr 7-8)      Meeting Room #2- first floor
- High School      Second floor education building
- Adult classes      Parlor – first floor education bldg

10:45 Worship

- ELCA Deacon David Hope-Tringali along with his wife, Jennifer are missionaries in Guatemala. David will be preaching and highlighting God's ministry with which they are working. Our congregation will be presenting a check to him from the Minnie Stouffer Estate (received in 1971) to help support God's work in that area of our world.

11:45 Lunch in the Fellowship Hall with a short presentation from David Hope-Tringali and a time to answer questions as well as reconnect with our First Lutheran Friends after an extended time apart.

## **STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS**

James 1:17 – Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Make a list of the blessings in your life. Go ahead! These are gifts to you from God, the source of all. Now review the list and pray for each, "I thank God for ...." Do this every day and see how you feel.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS** It is time of year to gather items for our kits. The following are needed: bath size bars of soap, adult toothbrushes, baby socks, gowns or sleepers without feet, ballpoint pens, black/blue ink pens, and 70 sheet notebooks. A list of items and collection box are outside the office. Thank you for being a part of this Lutheran World Relief Project.



**BIBLE STUDY ON “JOY”** all women of the church are invited. Led by Joyce Ray, it will be held on Thursday, September 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Refreshments will be served. The arrangement of only one monthly meeting for Women of the ELCA will be the format for the future, instead of meeting in circles.



**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 let Joyce know if you need a book.

**CHOIRS** Anyone interested in playing **handbells** (or learning how to—if you can identify 2 colors—you got it made) talk to Freda Dorand or a bell member about joining us. We try to play one Sunday a month. We have a wonderful **adult vocal choir** who leads the congregation and provides an anthem for each worship service. The 4th Sundays will be for a special music piece during worship. If you would like to offer a talent on the 4th Sunday, that can be arranged. Rose Ringer Handbell Choir will start rehearsing on Sept. 9 at 6:00 pm. Adult Vocal Choir begins rehearsal on September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Soli Deo Gloria! Freda

**THE ANNUAL FALL RETREAT AT CAMP HEBRON** will be held on October 29-31. Registration is due September 13. The key-note speaker is The Rev. Angela Zimmann and her topic will be “Our Lutheran Sisters in Jerusalem.” Pastor Zimmann has lived in Jerusalem and will speak of her experiences.

**13-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will begin on Thursday, November 11 at Trinity Lutheran. Register by calling Trinity Lutheran (717-263-8156).

## **SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN CHAMBERSBURG AUXILIARY BENEFIT**

Michael's BBQ Chicken, Saturday September 4 at 10:30 a.m. – until sold out. (Drive through only). \$12/Dinner, includes: ½ chicken, baked beans, applesauce, macaroni salad, and Martn's roll. Located in front of Lowe's, LWE, Chambersburg.

**CHAMBERSBURG AREA CROP WALK** This year's CROP walk will take place on October 17 beginning at 1:30 p.m. It will commence from Central Presbyterian Church and follow a 2 ½ mile route that circles the downtown area. If you have an interest in walking, please come by the church office to pick up materials. If you would like to financially support the walkers and help stop hunger in our community and world, please make checks payable to "Church World Services" and drop them off in the church office. Money raised will help the hungry around the world, including those at the Chambersburg Area Food Pantry and the Salvation Army.

**Neighborhood Task Team MEGA EVENT** November 6. Needed:

- winter coats for men, women and **ESPECIALLY CHILDREN**
- hats, scarves, mittens/gloves
- winter clothing for men, women and children
- shoes, boots, socks
- books (children's and religious/devotional for adults)
- washcloths/ bath towels and blankets/bedding
- adult underwear (new - brief style only)



Please wash all items before donating them. Bring items from September 1 to October 17. Drop off in designated bins in Memorial Hall. Please tell family and friends about this chance to donate unused or outgrown items. Let's help our neighbors be warm throughout the winter by sharing God's love. Contact Mary Gotwald at 717-264-4759 with questions or if help is needed dropping off items.



**THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX** When you are out shopping, please pick up a few personal care items to share. 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.



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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 First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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.