

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021



Welcome to Worship

*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 recommend throughout the worship service
that you please wear your face mask.*

*During the times of worship when the congregation is not speaking
you are welcome to remove your mask if that is more comfortable for you.*

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

*The Coronavirus spreads easily through singing,
so under the advisement of CDC guidelines,
we are not having congregational singing during worship.*

*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.*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. By Smith/Hustad
Organ/Piano duet by Connie Wilkins and Freda Dorand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Please kneel or be seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

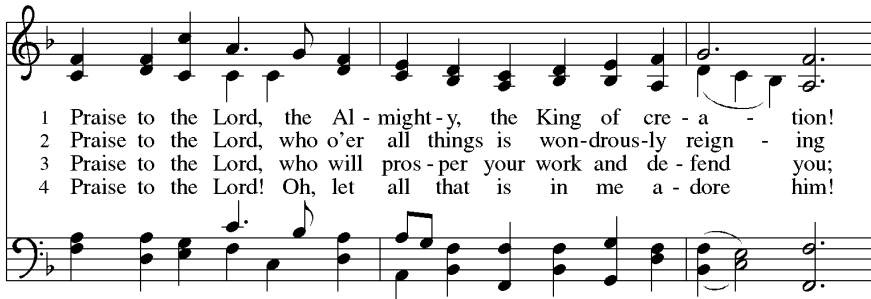
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

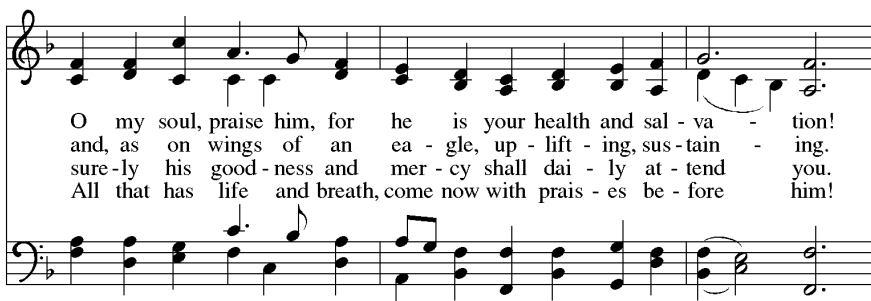
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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



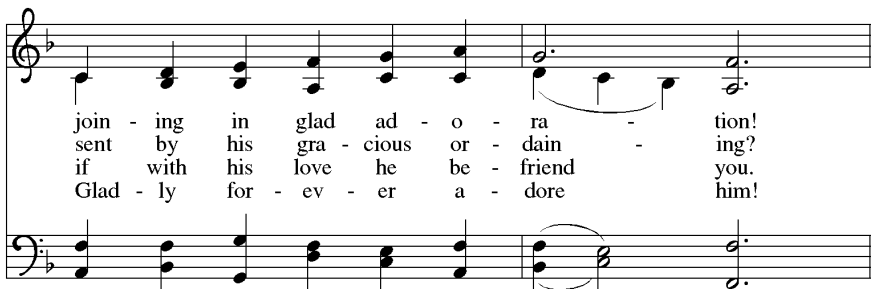
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line features a melody with lyrics: 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving bass lines. The first system concludes with a fermata over the final note, and the second system concludes with a double bar line.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

The Gospel according to St Mark, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

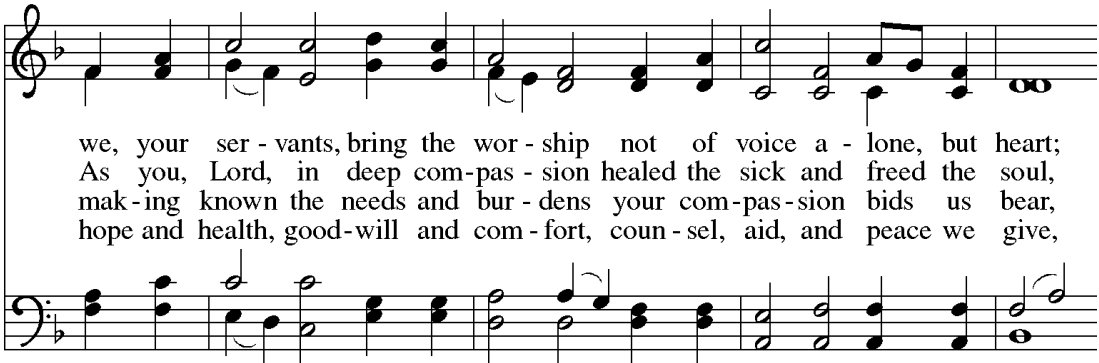
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

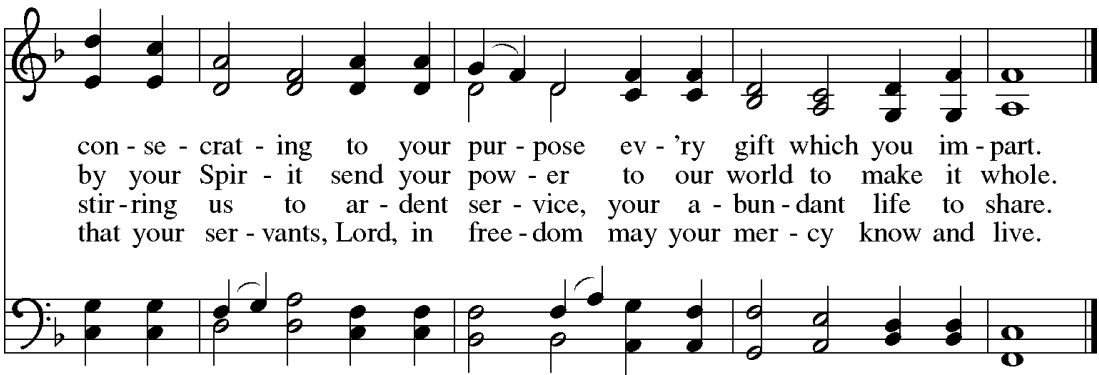
PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844, arr. Selected Hymns, 1985



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Please stand as you are able.

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*

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

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

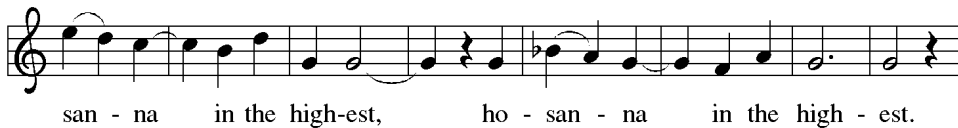
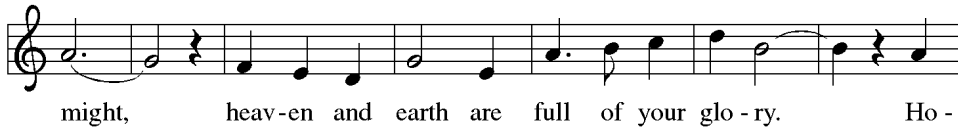
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to Christ our Lord;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*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.*

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 PRAYER

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

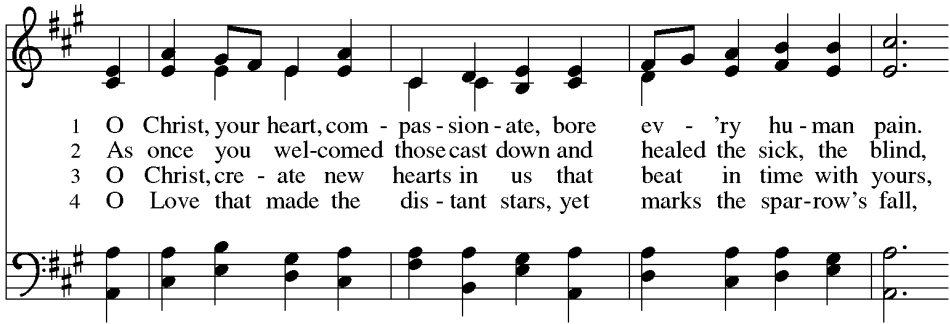
People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

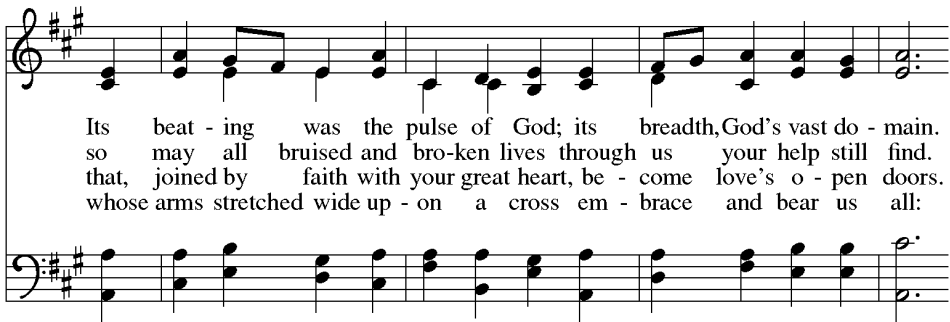
Amen.

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

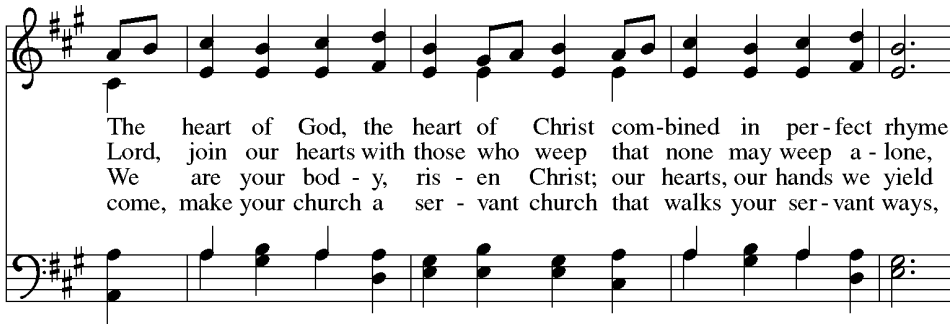
Text: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X.L. Harteg, *Melodian zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833.



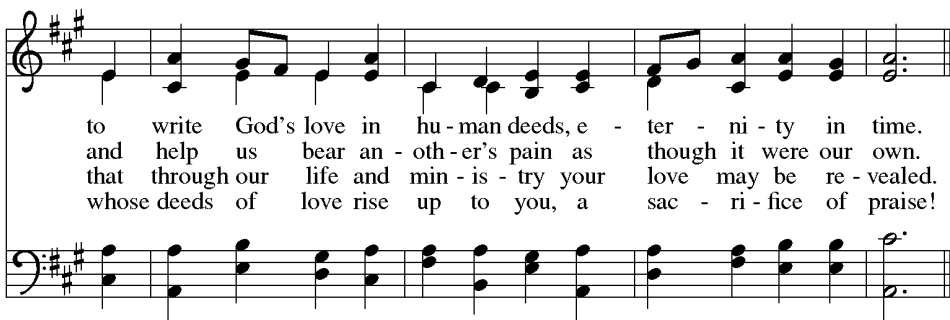
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bachiana by Gordon Young

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

September 5 to September 12

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday	Labor Day - Office Closed	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting FNF Deadline For October
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	WELCA
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship (David Hope-Tringali preaching)
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Pat Dent (9/23), Gloria Dorsett (9/11), Kathy Evans (9/9),
Gloria Hammond (9/23), Denise Heinbaugh (9/23),
Bev Rebok (9/5), Pam Smith (9/21), 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 29 49 In-person
42 on-line x 2 = 84 (ELCA formula)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS Prayers Gary Fleegal
Sound Board Bob Lawyer
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 victims of earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, and 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."

ADULT HAPPENINGS AT CAMP NAWAKWA

ADULT STUDY RETREAT on the books

1. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance
2. *Appalachian Reckoning: A Region Responds to Hillbilly Elegy* by Anthony Harkins
3. *At Home in the Heart of Appalachia* by John O'Brien
4. *What you are Getting Wrong about Appalachia* by Elizabeth Catte

October 5-7 at Nawakwa. Registration fee: \$150. Lodging and meals provided.
Please call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org to register by
September 24.



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.

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.

SLICE- SEEKERS LEANING INTO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT EQUALITY Saturday Sept 11, 4- 5:15 at Central Presbyterian Church. Rev Lois Waters will present the message. Small group discussions will follow. Masks required. Come out and learn, grow in faith and be inspired! More details to come.



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).

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be this Wednesday September 8.



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.

SCHEDULED WORK DAYS FOR THE NOV 6, 2021 MEGA EVENT

September 13	Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am
October 4	Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am
October 18	Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am
November 4	Set up Day in Fellowship Hall 1 pm

Additional work days may need to be scheduled as we get closer to the event.



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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Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Charles Kampmeyer
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Parish Administrator	Cheryl Christman
Treasurer	Sally Herritt
Financial Secretary	Carol McCoy
Custodian	Jim Forbes

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.
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.