

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024



WELCOME

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you 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 at worship.

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children
on the second floor in first classroom on right side of hallway after restrooms.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **July 21 – July 28**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

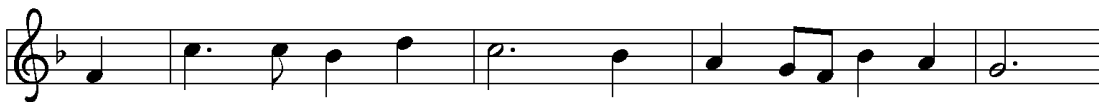
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945 Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³ Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ^{14a} I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 89:20-29

- ²⁰ “I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- ²¹ **My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.**
- ²² No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.
- ²³ **I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**
- ²⁴ My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.
- ²⁵ **I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.**
- ²⁶ He will say to me, ‘You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
- ²⁷ **I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.**
- ²⁸ I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- ²⁹ **I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven.”**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet,
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

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

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code. **During the summer months, please place your offering in the plates at the entrances to worship.***



ANTHEM

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, You alone are holy. You alone are God.
The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars;
beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way,
at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering;
within this meal; among your people throughout the world.

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***Communion:** All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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TABLE BLESSING

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

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING

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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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A special welcome to The Rev. Bill Nienstedt
We are thankful to have you with us today,
sharing God's message of hope.

Please remember in your prayers ... (members listed in bold)

Wellness: Brooklyn (7/24), Rachael & Colby Sechrist (8/9),

Healing: Bonnie (8/9), **Julie Diehl** (8/23), **June Diehl** (8/14), LaVonne Dorseth (8/15), Joanne Fisher (7/22), Destinee Gray (8/17), **Becky Hoover** (8/17), Joyce Morschhauser (8/9), **Bev Rebok** (8/21), **Dia Schumacher** (7/25), **Garry Shatzer** (8/3), Juanita Shaw (8/13), **Connie Wilkins** (8/16)

Long Term Care: **Pat Dent**, **Nancy George**, **Charles Kampmeyer** and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Parker Brown, and **Rubens Paul**

ATTENDANCE July 14 58 in person 9 online

PASTORAL CARE From July 15 to July 21 you may contact Pastor Denise Horn at 717-496-5372 and from July 22 to August 4 you may contact Pastor Warren Heintzelman at 717-830-5690. Pastor Nicholson will return to the office on August 5. Pastors Bill Nienstedt and Angela Zimmann will be preaching.

SUPPORT NTT use Thrivent Dollars Grant Money. We will help you through the short process. Tim Gotwald 717-264-4759 tgotwald@embarqmail.com

SCAN PROGRAM volunteer to help a school district child with specific clothing needs. Contact Kim Martin to sign up and for information. Kim's phone 717-446-0842 or email her at kmartin_898@hotmail.com

KAYAK, FISHING and PICNIC The Middle School youth will be meeting on Wednesday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Caledonia State Park Reservoir. E-mail Pastor Nicholson by August 5 to let her know you will be attending so we know how much food. flcpastor@outlook.com

100% CHANCE OF RAIN with delightful moments of music and humor, Mrs. Noah (Karen Knight from Sight and Sound Theater) will tell the story of coping with an overwhelming task in an unusual situation while finding the faith to overcome her life's unexpected storms. Mrs. Noah's message in story and song will make you laugh...move you to tears..... & leave you inspired in your faith. Join us at worship on August 11 as the Women of the ELCA provide leadership for our worship together. Feel free to invite friends.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP Please consider a **monetary donation or a purchase of underwear and /or socks** for the neighborhood children to get their school year started with confidence. The team is far behind what we need to serve 100-140 elementary children. **Specifics on monetary support:** check made out to First Lutheran Church with Back to School Event in the memo line or place cash in an envelope with Back to School on the front. Envelopes are provided at the entrances to the sanctuary. **Specifics If you choose to purchase underwear and/or socks:** small, medium and large boys and girls "briefs". For sock purchases please purchase "low cut" (sneaker socks). If you are willing to **volunteer** for this event on August 24, please contact Beth Fairchild at 717-816-8122.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>July 21</u>	<u>July 28</u>	<u>August 4</u>
Lector:	Ralph Burdick	Sally Herritt	Joyce Ray
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Rose Wilson	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:	Deb Fleegal Tom Kriner Jim Brown		Tom Kriner Karen Maclay Marlin Maclay
Greeters:	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Martha Carbaugh
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Rick Gates Denny Love	Rick Gates Denny Love	Rick Gates Denny Love