

Seventh after Pentecost
July 7, 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 7 – July 14**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion Tree 4 Hope Sending for Youth Gathering
	5:00 p.m.	Baseball in Hagerstown
Monday	1:30 p.m.	NTT
	7:00 p.m.	Council
	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.**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Refrain
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 48

- ¹Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,
in the city of our God, on the LORD's holy mountain.
- ²**Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion,
the summit of the north and city of the great king.**
- ³God is in the citadels of Jerusalem;
revealed to be the sure refuge of the city.
- ⁴**Behold, the kings assembled
and marched forward together.**

⁵As they looked, they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in terror.

⁶**Trembling seized them there;**
they writhed like a woman in childbirth;

⁷with an east wind you shattered them like the ships of Tarshish.

⁸**As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts,**
in the city of our God—may God establish it forever!

⁹In the midst of your temple, O God, we meditate on your steadfast love.

¹⁰**Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth;**
your right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments.

¹²**Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it;**
count the number of the city's towers.

¹³Consider well its ramparts; examine its strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.

¹⁴**Mark this—God is our God forever and ever,**
guiding us even to the end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to 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.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Following the sermon silence is kept for reflection.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Following the pray, please stand as you are able.

Spirit of Gentleness

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

First Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran are sending our Youth to New Orleans to the ELCA Youth Gathering. They are leaving on Saturday and going by bus through the night to arrive next Sunday evening. On Monday they will be working on a service project to help the natural environment of Louisiana. The gathering then begins on Tuesday Evening and they will begin their journey back on Saturday, July 20 following worship.



Our appreciation goes out to Trinity Lutheran, their adult leaders, and youth for including our youth in with their group. The following persons will be attending:

Adults: Trinity: Erin Atherton, Mary Jo Frey, Heidi Hawbaker

*Youth: Trinity: Ben Atherton, Clark Diehl, Alison Ross, Hannah Ross
First: Kate Nienstedt*

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

Pastor: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, you are a brave community of disruptive disciples, called to be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you feel exhausted. Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times you wish you were in charge. Times when the Holy Spirit will show up in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

And so, I ask you: Are you ready to use your braveness for the sake of the Gospel as you step into the journey ahead? If so, respond “We are ready we ask God to help us.”

Are you ready to use your authenticity to enrich the gathering and the community of New Orleans? “We are ready and we ask God to help us.”

Are you ready to participate in the gathering and with the people of New Orleans with the compassion of Jesus? “We are ready and we ask God to help us.”

Are you ready to trust God as you strive for justice, working together in solidarity for the sake of your neighbors? “We are ready and we ask God to help us.”

Are you ready to be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind?
“We are ready and we ask God to help us.”

Pastor: And now, I ask the congregation –

Are you ready to pray for these youth and adult participants in your daily prayers, asking for the Holy Spirit’s guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you be ready to receive them and their stories/ experiences with love and openness? **We are ready and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

MEAL

OFFERING

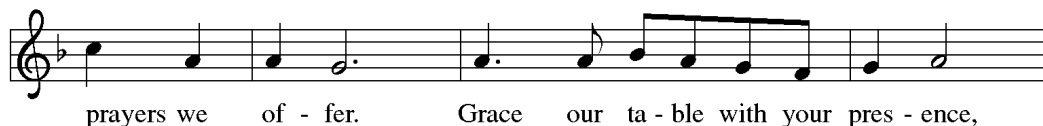
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code. During the summer months, please place your offering in the plates at the entrances to worship.



ANTHEM

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 pre-filled 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



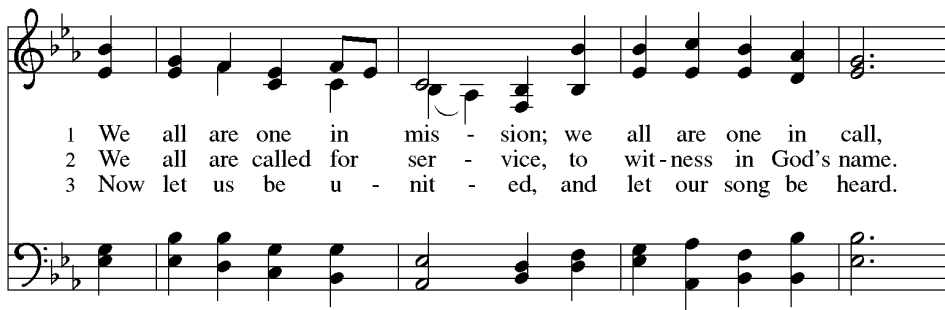
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the




sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We Are All One in Mission

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Music: KRORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

TABLE BLESSING

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Gracious God, in this season after Pentecost, as we sense the working of the Holy Spirit among us, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick or homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

UPDATE ON TREE-4-HOPE

Katie Nelson

Those planning to travel to Guatemala in January 2025 for mission work:

*First Lutheran: Gerry Wilson, Rose Wilson,
Cheryl Christman, Joyce Ray,
Mike Ross, Donna Ross,
Nancy Hamilton*

*Salem Lutheran: Susan Etter, Vicky Yeager,
Lorraine Yeager, Marissa Schmel,
Erica Hildebrand*

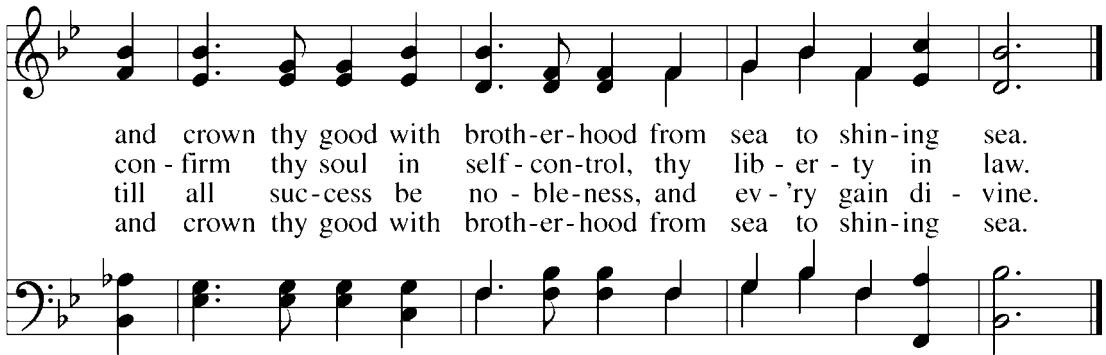
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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 pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 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:
a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness:
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! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



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

DISMISSAL

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

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
 Clarence Paul by Dalton and Julie Paul

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

Wellness: Brooklyn (7/24)

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

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

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

ATTENDANCE June 30 88 in person 12 online

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

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE wishes to increase its membership. Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. as needed. Usually there are 6-7 meetings annually, primarily to develop the budget and conduct mid-year reviews. Contact Tedd Sloan, Sally Herritt, Carol McCoy or Pastor Nicholson if interested

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at St. Luke's (2695 Luther Dr.) on July 7-11, 5:30-8:00 p.m., ages 4-12. Register at: www.stlukechambersburg.org/2024-vbs .

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. The **team's goal** is to support the children with these items as other agencies do not provide these. Thank you so much for considering support for this event. **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.

GIVE - N - TAKE to maintain a supply of non-perishable food please bring one food item with you when you come to church. A container will be in Memorial Hall for collecting. Blessings from the Neighborhood Task Team.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>July 7</u>	<u>July 14</u>	<u>July 21</u>
Lector:	Kate Nienstedt	Doris Burdick	Ralph Burdick
Soundboard:	Mark Nicholson	Marlin Maclay	Scott Carbaugh
Communion	Jane Love		Deb Fleegal
Assistants:	Deb Fleegal Karen Sloan		Becky Hoover Kristy Nienstedt
Greeters:	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy
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



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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

Worship at 9:30 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.