

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 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.*

Thankoffering



*"... gifts from individuals in
gratitude for blessings."*

—Women of the ELCA Constitution

As we give our offerings today, we share in a tradition that goes back at least to the 1800's, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support the mission of the church. When others said there was not enough money to carry out the church's work, the women believed otherwise and acted together. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and make their offerings with thanks and praise.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Together we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, you are invited to mail any Thankoffering Gifts to the church office by the end of November. Please make checks payable to "Women of the ELCA."

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Air II (Water Music)

by Handel

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.**

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

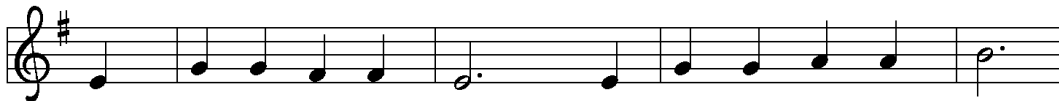
The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith, as you did with Noah and his family, to go out with good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Parts of Genesis 6 through 9

6 ⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created — people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch."

7 ¹Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." ⁵And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. ⁷And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. ¹⁹The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; ²¹And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred fifty days.

8 ¹But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ²the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³and the waters gradually receded from the earth.

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth.

So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

¹³In the six hundred first year, ¹⁴in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." ¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹And every animal went out of the ark by families.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind."

9 ¹God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ⁹As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

100% CHANCE OF RAIN

Presented by Karen Knight as Mrs. Noah

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING

During the summer months, please place your offering in the plates at the entrances to worship. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.



Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, 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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Text & Music: William Williams, 1717-1791 CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso (Water Music)

by Handel

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*Thank you to Karen Knight and her assistant
from Heartsongs Ministry, Inc.
for being with us this morning to bring Mrs. Noah's
testimony of faithfulness to us.*

*It is through memorial gifts from the family and friends of Celena Casseday
along with contributions from the Women of the ELCA
that this special worship message
was able to be presented on this day.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

August 11 –August 18

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship Mrs. Noah (Karen Knight)
Monday	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Council Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday		FNF Deadline
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion Blessing of the Students, Teachers, and Backpacks



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

Wellness: Rachael & Colby Sechrist (8/9)

Healing: Bonnie (9/9), **Julie Diehl** (8/23), **June Diehl** (8/14), LaVonne Dorseth (9/15), Joanne Fisher (8/22), Destinee Gray (8/17), **Ann Hoffman** (9/6), **Becky Hoover** (8/17), Joyce Morschhauser (8/9), **Dalton Paul** (8/22), **Bev Rebok** (8/21), **Dia Schumacher** (8/25), Steven Schumacher (9/6), **Garry Shatzer** (9/3), Juanita Shaw (8/13), **Connie Wilkins** (8/16)

Grief: Family of **Nancy George**

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

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold and Parker Brown

ATTENDANCE August 4 61 in person 26 online

Thank you to Ferree LeFevre for accompanying our music today.
Thank you to the Women of the ELCA for their leadership in our worship today.



TEACHERS AND STUDENTS we will be having our annual blessing of Students, Teachers, and Backpacks on Sunday, August 18 at our 9:30 worship.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS First Lutheran will be receiving new members on Sunday, August 25. If you or someone you know has an interest, please talk with Pastor Nicholson.
flcpastor@outlook.com or 717-264-2015.



LUTHERAN WORD RELIEF KITS We are in dire need of 4 oz. bars of soap for our kits. Please place bars in box outside of office door. Thank you!



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:** Make checks 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.

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.

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

ST. PAUL UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH is sponsoring a giant yard sale to benefit missions on Thursday, September 5, from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Friday, September 6, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and Saturday, September 7, from 8:00 AM – noon. The sale will be held in the Family Life Center of the church located at 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. Yard sale proceeds will be distributed to many local missions and other missions administered through the United Women in Faith organization.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>August 11</u>	<u>August 18</u>	<u>August 25</u>
Lector:	Nancy Fricke Joyce Ray	Nancy Fricke	Jane Love
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:		Karen Maclay Marlin Maclay Kristy Nienstedt	
Greeters:	Jean Reed Nancy Hamilton	Martha Carbaugh	Martha Carbaugh
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
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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.