

*This Week at First Lutheran*

Sunday, July 5th ~ 5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.      Worship w/Holy Communion  
11:15 a.m.      Fellowship

Tuesday, July 7th

11:45 a.m.      Men's Lunch @ FLC

Wednesday, July 8th

7:00 a.m.      Worship on Wednesdays  
9:00 a.m.      Quilters

Sunday, July 12th ~ 6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.      Worship w/Holy Communion  
11:15 a.m.      Fellowship

Scripture Readings for Sunday, July 12th:

Isa. 55:10-13  
Ps. 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Rom. 8:1-11  
Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

**Attendance last Sunday was 10  
zoom log-ins and 31 in person**

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# 5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lutheran Church ~ July 5, 2020

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*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather this day to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens." In the Christian community gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

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**Welcome to All Our Guests and Visitors:** The people of First Lutheran Church extend a very sincere welcome to you. For this morning's worship we will be using the Red Book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)). Ushers are available anytime for your assistance.

**P:** Pastor      **A:** Assisting Minister      **C:** Congregation      \* Please stand as you are able

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## PRELUDE

**\*GATHERING SONG:**

*"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

**ELW #765**

*"The Church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead"*  
(Fred Pratt Green, 1969).

Dear church,

Words matter. Words matter in our Scripture, in our hymns, in our governing documents, and beyond. Fifty years ago, on June 29, 1970, the Lutheran Church in America voted to change the word "man" to "person" in its bylaws and opened the door for the ordination of women. The American Lutheran Church achieved the same thing by resolution a few months later. The church was led by the Spirit to change. At the time it was scary for some. Fifty years later, it is now part of our heritage.

Fifty years later we celebrate the anniversary as a whole church. The influence of those decisions 50 years ago is not merely the impact on women. This is a celebration for the whole church, because the whole church has been strengthened by the gifts of ordained women in its leadership. We celebrate how these pastors have shared the Word, including with words of compassion, conviction, and curiosity. We also give thanks for the moments when there are no words, but they have offered their presence.

We also know that women who are pastors have struggled in ways men who are pastors have not. They deal with sexual harassment, disrespect, and often lower pay due to gender-based discrimination. The first women of color in our predecessor bodies weren't ordained until 1979. And it wasn't until 2009 that barriers to ordination were removed for LGBTQIA+ individuals in committed relationships. We know that racism and heterosexism complexify and intensify these problems. This discrimination is also part of our heritage, and something that we need to continue to work to eliminate.

In recognition of this 50th anniversary on June 29th, I invite you to express gratitude to a pastor who is a woman for how she has influenced your life. It could be by letter or email, or by other means. If you post on social media, please use the hashtag **#thankyoupastor**. If you would like more resources for celebrating this year, go to [elca.org/50yearsfordainedwomen](http://elca.org/50yearsfordainedwomen), which has an adult forum, Bible Study, video, and worship materials.

Fifty years after 1970, we also live in a world beset by change. I am grateful for the Spirit who continues to lead us and for the women God has called to minister to us.

I thank God for all of you who minister so faithfully.

In Christ,

### How Many Ways can I give my Offering?

1. Normal Sunday morning offering or mail it in, or drop it by the church office Monday-Thursday 9-noon.
2. Use the online bill pay through your bank.
3. Set up an electronic fund transfer from your savings or checking account using the Vanco Simply Giving program. Forms are located on the board to the right of the doors going into the sanctuary.
4. Use the Vanco Give Plus app that can be downloaded to your phone and make a contribution using your credit/debit card or savings/checking account any day or time. Once the app is installed search zip code 98926 and select First Lutheran Church. More info can be found on the board to the right of the doors going into the sanctuary. If you want to give to a fund that is not listed, let the church office know and it can be added.

See James Stolte if you have questions on the Simply Giving or the Give Plus programs or email the church office at flceburg@yahoo.com

#### Budget amounts:

May only:                   +\$3,995.89  
January-May:               +\$10,475.98

## ‡ GATHERING ‡

### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**C** **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

**P** Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### **\*GREETING:**

**A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:**



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!

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- A** You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.



## Prayer Requests

The family of Ann Ringe at her passing, Suzanne Ponchene, Joan Nesland, Wanless' great granddaughter Rae Lynn Martinez (preemie), Estelle Johnson at the death of her husband Al Johnson, Geraldine Childress, Fred Watterson, Katie & Kalan Hope Klosterman (Debbie Butler niece & baby), Jan Riggs, Lani Maier, Ken Hunter, Erleen Beckley, Brooklyn Dawson, Samuel Herron, Yang-ae-Kim (Min's mother, dementia), Shane Williams, the people in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Jake Ferris, Micah Barnhart, Tim Hurson, Erik Hurson, leaders of all nations, Immigrant families, and for peace in our world and in our families.

We pray also for our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bread for the World, and FISH Food Bank.

*~Please update Pastor Dennis about people on the prayer list~*

*If you have a prayer request, fill out the blue prayer request sheet located in the pew in-between the pencils and hand it to an usher.*

*(Please remember that our Service is broadcast live on KXLE radio.)*

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## FLC Announcements

Thank you to Judy Ragland for playing the organ today.

FISH Food Bank is in need of volunteers. Youth are welcome also; 12 and over need adult/parent, 16 and over can be on their own. This can be as little as 2 hours up to 30 hours a week, you let them know what you are available. Please contact JulieAnna at the food bank 925-5990 ext 802 or email [volunteering@kvfish.org](mailto:volunteering@kvfish.org).

Congrats to the Holcomb family on the birth of their daughter Lotte Sabol Holcomb. She was born on June 22nd 6lbs 5oz 19in. Mom and baby are doing great.

Weekend Nutrition would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of this program we were able to supply kids with weekend meals until the official end of the school year. Lots of happy kids and grateful parents!

† ~Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church~ †

*God's love inspires us to unite in worship, grow in Word and Sacrament,  
and serve the need of others as the Holy Spirit empowers us.*

*To this end, as members of First Lutheran Church, we believe we are  
each called to proclaim, share, and daily live Christ's Gospel of Love.*

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PARISH STAFF

*Pastor - Dennis Hickman, Ministry Associate - Carla Bergman  
Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant  
Choir Director - Tor Blaisdell, Office Administrator - Christine Rice*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

*Assisting Minister: Jeff Snedeker  
Reader: Ida Malde ~ Ushers:  
Sound Operator: Bruce Palmquist  
Altar Guild: Carla Bergman*

† WORD †

**FIRST READING:**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**PSALM:**

**Read Responsively**

**Psalm 145**

*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)*

The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works.**  
<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.  
<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**  
<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**  
**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

**SECOND READING:**

**Romans 7:15–25a**

*Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**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.

*from which it came. (Don't throw it in the garbage.)*

**OTHER HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

ELW #742

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**A** God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

**C** Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

**\*BLESSING:**

**P** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C** Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*SENDING SONG:**

*“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*

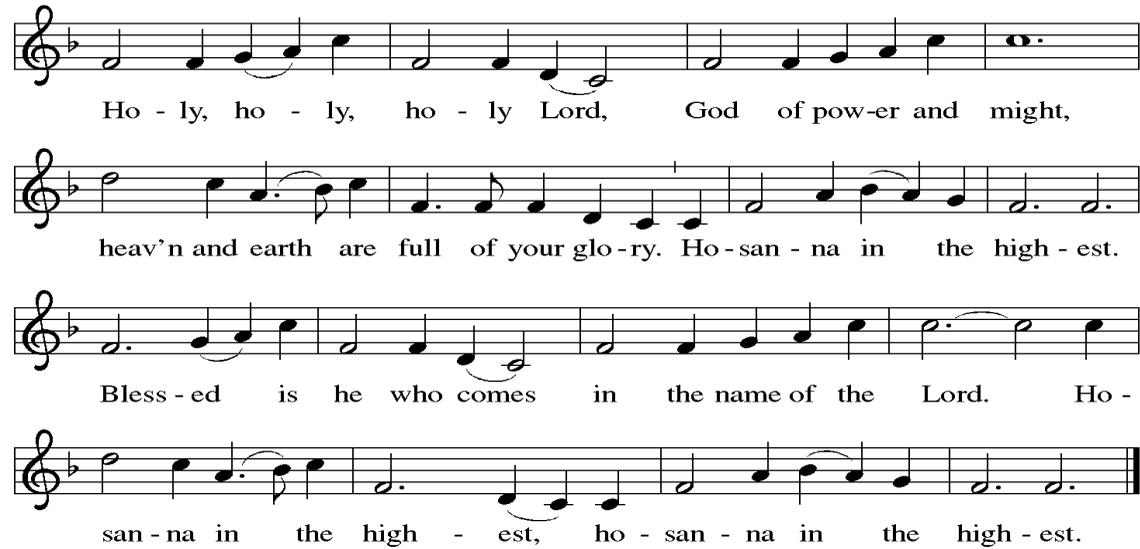
ELW #888

**\*DISMISSAL:**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*POSTLUDE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

**THE WORDS of INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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**

**\*COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:**

For in person worship: The bread and wine are in individual serving cups on tables up front. The wafer is on top and juice beneath, peel back the clear plastic and consume the wafer. Then peel back the foil and drink the juice.

*For those who are taking part in the Lord's Supper at home; Please give the bread to one another or yourself with the words "The body of Christ given for you." Then give the wine or grape juice to one another or yourself with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." If you have children please lay your hands on their heads and bless them with words such as "The risen Jesus loves and saves you." (Or similar words)*

*After worship please consume any remaining bread and wine/grape juice or return it to the ground*

**\*HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord**  
*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd, saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,  
<sup>17</sup>We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
 we wailed, and you did not mourn."  
<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."  
<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.  
<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

**SERMON:**

*Pastor Dennis Hickman*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"*

**ELW #399**

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*\* catholic means universal*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.")*

**OFFERING**

*(Download Vanco Give Plus app to give via your phone.)*

**\*OFFERTORY:**

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

**ELW #686 vs 1**

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, O Lord, a trust from thee.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**A** God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**C** Amen.

† **PRAYERS** †

**A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

† **THE LORD'S SUPPER** †

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn: