

This is a home holy communion service. Toward the end of worship you can participate in holy communion. All you need is a little bit of bread and wine or juice. If you only have bread, that is fine. This is totally optional. If you want to take part go ahead and gather that bread and wine ahead of time and place them on the table. Light a candle if you want. If you have a small cross, that is always a good thing. Our Synod Bishop, Kristen Kuempel, has authorized and encouraged this practice as “Holy Communion in extreme circumstances.” COVID-19 cannot stop the risen Jesus! Stay well and safe my friends!

Pastor Dennis

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Wanless' great granddaughter Rae Lynn Martinez (preemie), Cathy Hickman (recovering from surgery), Estelle Johnson at the death of her husband Al Johnson, Pastor Neal & Tina Buckaloo at the death of their daughter Leslie, The Blaisdell family at the death of Tor's father and Gayla's mother, Ida Malde and family at the death of Bob, Geraldine Childress, Fred Watterson, Katie & Kalan Hope Klosterman (Debbie Butler niece & baby), Jan Riggs, Lani Maier, Ken Hunter, Ann Ringe, Erleen Beckley, Brooklyn Dawson, Alex Herron (Dee Linder's granddaughter) & little Samuel, 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.)*

FLC Announcements

Thank you to Ann Kivi for reading today.

Special Offering for FISH in April was \$1,225.00.

Women's Bible Study "Life Lessons from Imperfect Bible Heroes" by Jennifer Cowart. This is a 6 week study starting in May via Zoom.

All interested please either call or email the church office.

FISH Food Bank, is helping more families than usual. If you feel the call to help, financial donations or food is always appreciated. Financial donations can be sent into the church for FISH (write checks out to FLC, on the memo line "FISH") or mailed directly to 804 Elmview Rd or on their website <https://kvfish.org/donate/>

If you are interested in Lazy F Camp this summer, we do have a couple of coupons for new campers in the office for \$100 off. Please, contact the Church office if you are interested in these at 925-2844 or flceburg@yahoo.com

† 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 forgive. 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:



I Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

II Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

III Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

IV Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

✝ ~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.*

PARISH STAFF

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

OTHER HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

ELW # 597

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

† SENDING †

***BLESSING:**

P God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to life, both now and forever.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG:**

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

ELW #625

***DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

“We Know that Christ is Raised”

~ Cherwien



G Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



G Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

A Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

~ Solo by Tor Blaisdell

†WORD†

FIRST READING:

Acts 17:22–31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶"From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

PSALM:

Read Responsively

Psalm 66

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

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. 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.

P The Words of Institution

C Amen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

† **PRAYERS** †

- A** Rejoicing in the wonder of new life in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.
- P** Accept these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, O God, for the sake of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.
- 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:

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised | with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 3:13–22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***HOLY GOSPEL:**

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW #631

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:

"Medley"

~ Betty Kramlich

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

***OFFERTORY:**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

ELW #708 vs 1

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have form you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A Risen Christ, receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us, and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection.

C Amen.