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BLESSES

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

June 19, 2022: Second Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Laurie Neill
Minister of Music	Michael Olson
Cantor	Marla Fogderud

PRELUDE:

Gospel Hymn Preludes — Wilbur Held
Michael Olson, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Amen.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

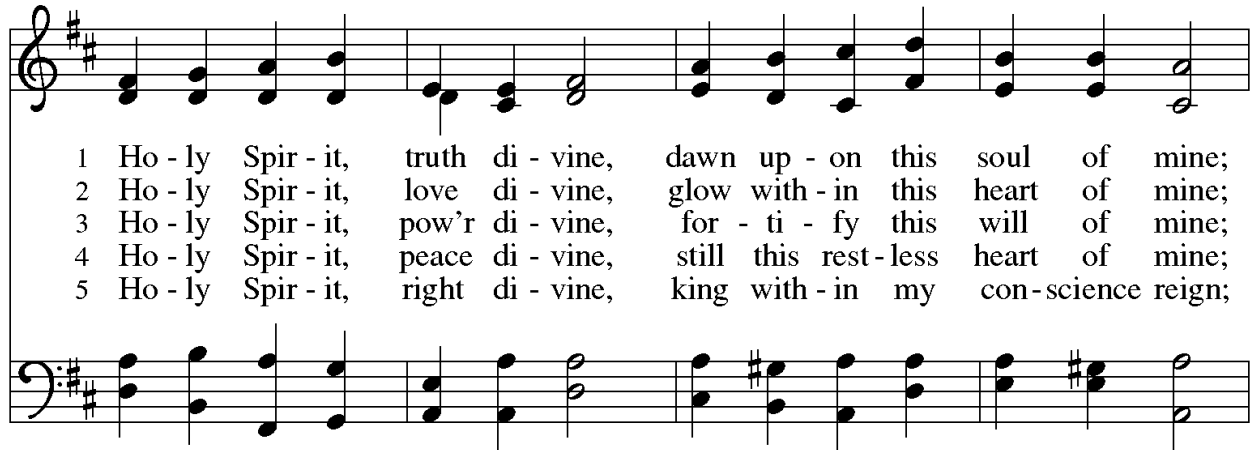
C: Amen.

(please stand as you are able for our gathering song)

GATHERING SONG:

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

(LBW 257)



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

(please be seated)

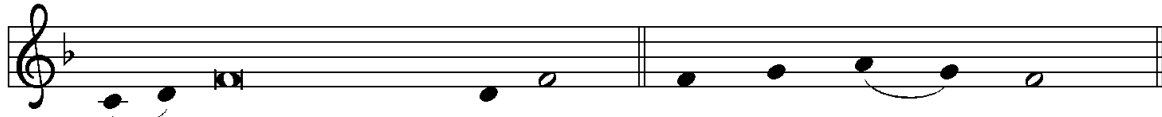
GREETING:

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

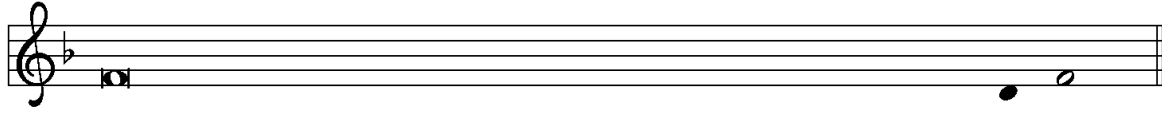
C: **And also with you.**

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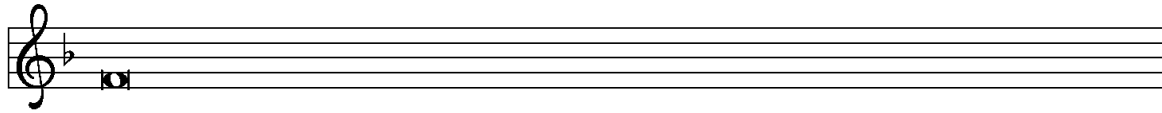
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



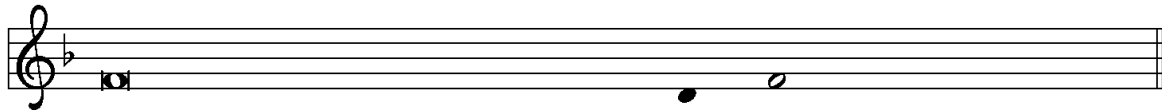
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



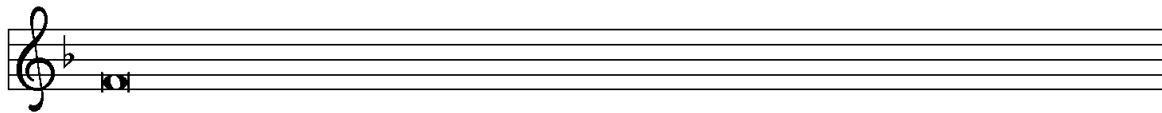
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



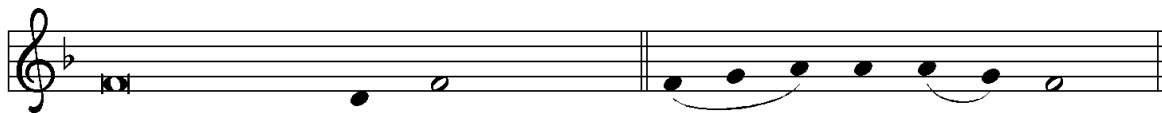
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



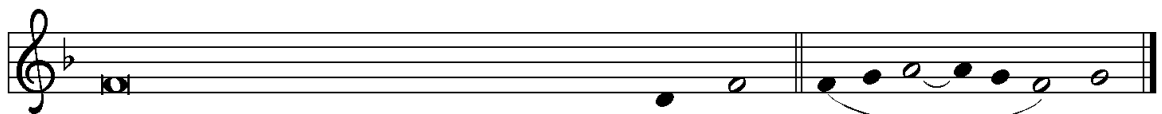
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



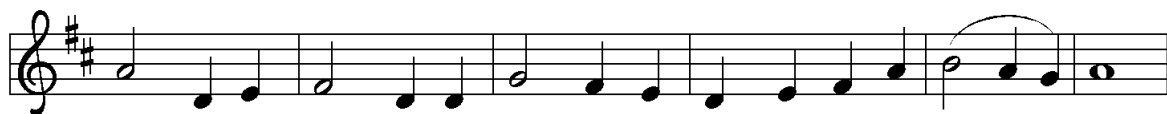
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray:

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 143:1, 7-10 (sung responsively)

Refrain:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Leader:

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails. **Refrain**

Leader:

Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. **Refrain**

Leader:

Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. **Refrain**

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13

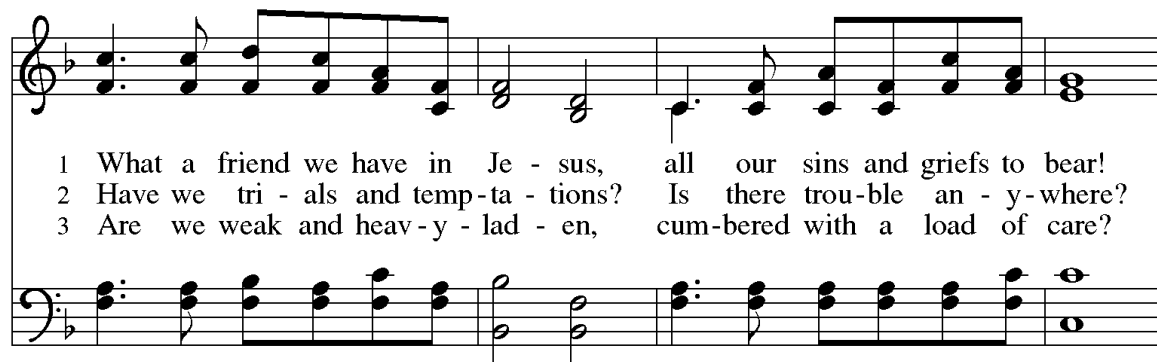
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MESSAGE: Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(LBW 439)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

APOSTLES' CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

**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.

(please be seated)

OFFERING INVITATION:

OFFERING OPTIONS

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. In-person offerings may be dropped in the offering plate during worship. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office and we encourage you to use our online giving and texting options.



ONLINE GIVING: www.flcfargo.org (from the Quick Links banner select "Donate Now")



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MUSICAL MEDITATION:

Prayer of the Norwegian Child — Richard Kountz

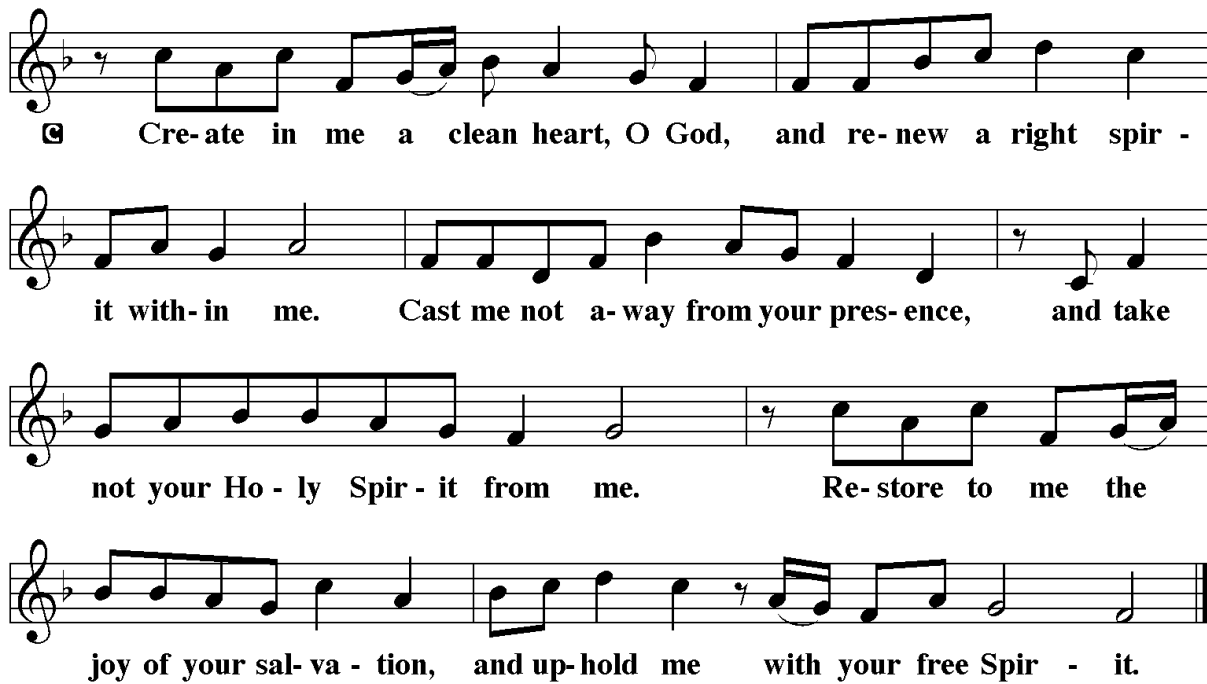
Marla Fogderud, vocalist

Michael Olson, accompanist

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERING HYMN:

Create in Me a Clean Heart



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.

(please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF PROMISE

The communion table is open to all people. If you prefer grape juice instead of wine or require gluten-free wafers, please let your server know in order to accommodate you.

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN:

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

(LBW 486)

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

(LBW 481)



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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COMMUNION HYMN: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
2 *Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear*

1 And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish-es known:
2 *To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:*

1 In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has oft - en found re - lief,
2 *And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word, and trust His grace,*

1 And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
2 *I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

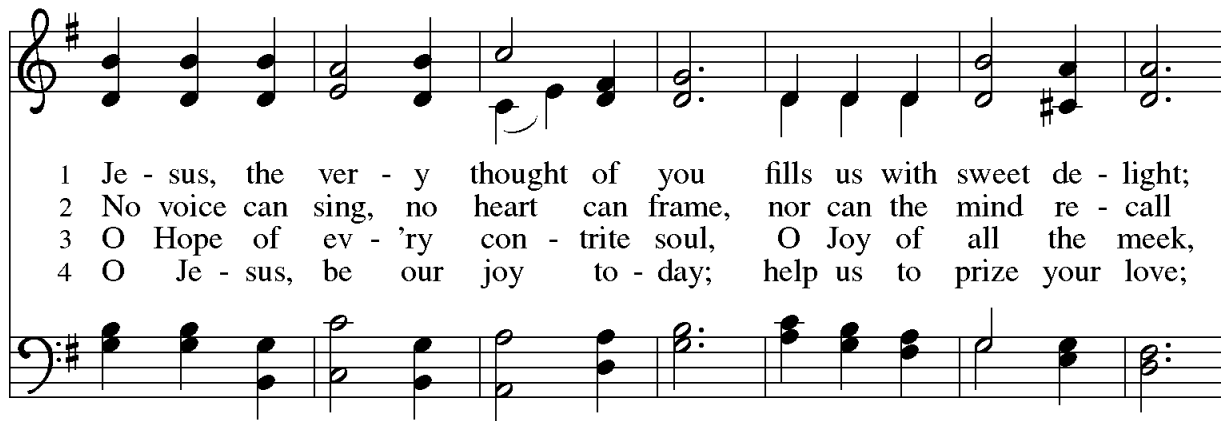
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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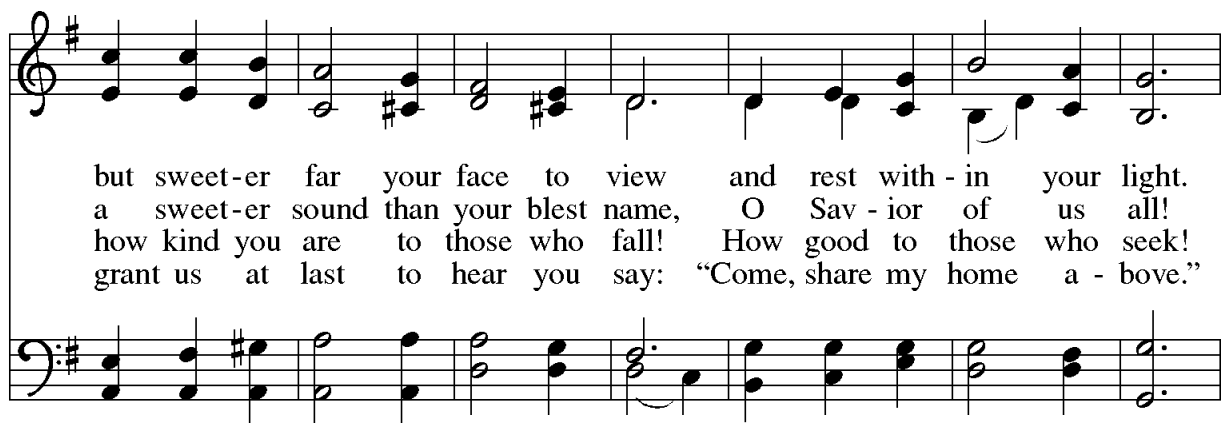
BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

(LBW 316)



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

SENDING:

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

I Surrender All — Jon Spong
Michael Olson, organist

NEWS & EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information and to register, flcfargo.org.

SUMMER EVENTS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Visit flcfargo.org for more details

Join us for fellowship, entertainment, music, and learning throughout the summer! Local and regional tours/trips/events: *The Sound of Music* theatre show, a Minnesota farm/creamery/cheese curds visit, art/murals, canoe the Red River, rock climbing and rafting, RedHawks baseball, summer reading series, and more... Contact Babs Coler, bcoler@flcfargo.org, with any questions.

SUMMER DAY CAMP (GRADES 1-4)

Wednesday, July 27, \$50/camper, Luther Crest
Drop off 7:15 a.m. at First Lutheran
Pick up 5:30 p.m.; register at flcfargo.org

Kids entering grades 1-4 are invited to spend the day with us at Luther Crest learning about Jesus through wonderful camp activities. The day camp is limited to 30 campers. Sign-up now to reserve your spot.

Questions?: contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org

BIG SUMMA BLOWOUT MINNEAPOLIS TRIP

August 9-10, \$75 (OR 2 youth for \$100 (friend incentive))

Al O'Connell invites our youth entering 7th through 12th grades to celebrate summer and join him for a trip to Minneapolis in August for summer fun. Valleyfair, MN Science Museum, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Cossetta's Italian Market, and more. Register online at flcfargo.org. Camperships are available.

Questions?: Al, aoconnell@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389, info@flcfargo.org

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, WEDS, THURS 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

FRI 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

SUN 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

Wi-Fi: FLCGuest, password: FirstLutheran619

CELEBRATE PRAYER

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following individuals and their families who have asked to be prayed for publicly:

Kylene Milligan, Wayne Hole, Augustus Nicklay, Tim Walvatne, Russ McCurdy, Sheila McCurdy, Chet Levenson, Lee Geer, Brian Winter, Curt, Shannon, Jeffrey, Lloyd, Aubree, Julia, Elliot, Kris, Joan, Sue Wild, Bonnie, Ronnie, Houston Hill, Arnie Ellingson, Suzanne Spiese, Janice Ames, Anna Shirley, Paul Hulberg, James Tjon, Kay, Bev Hoff, Goodwin Hoff, Doug Aaseby, Connie, Judy Loewen, Susan Syverson, LaVern Hoganson, David, Brenda Cummins, and Pam Burley.

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Arlene Miller**, mother of Michelle Aarsvold.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

BELONGING Each quarter, we host a new member BELONG class to introduce and welcome new members to First Lutheran. The next class will be held on **September 25**. Contact Babs Coler, bcoler@flcfargo.org, for details.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Christian Ed classes run September-May for 3-year old through high school. See summer events noted to the left.

- **Nursery** (0-5 yrs): Open during worship
- **Kids at First** (age 3-4th grade): Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
- **56ers** (5-6th grade): Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
- **Confirmation/Servant Leadership Academy** (7-8th grade): Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- **Amplify - High School Youth Group** (9-12th grade): Sundays at 7 p.m.

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 19 - Communion Sunday, Father's Day

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café
- 4:45 p.m. Salvation Army Supper, 304 Roberts St N

Monday, June 20

- 9 a.m. Quilters Ministry Meeting, Adult Ed Room

Tuesday, June 21

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- 1 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Bethany on 42nd
- 5:45 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, offsite at Island Park

Wednesday, June 22

- 8 a.m. Meal Prep for Churches United, Kitchen
- 12 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, Luther Room
- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 2 p.m. Blood Pressure Screenings, Health Consultation Room (by the nursery)
- 6 p.m. Summer Outdoor Concert Series featuring Kat Perkins (5 p.m. food trucks), 6th Ave N and Broadway

Thursday, June 23

- 11 a.m. Foot Clinic, CrossTalk Cafe
- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, CrossTalk Rm #2
- 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering, Great Hall

Friday, June 24

- 8-11 a.m. First in Mission Friday Lunch Pack, Kitchen/Great Hall
- 12 p.m. Church Office Closes

Saturday, June 25

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, June 26

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES: BLESS

Begin with prayer. Listen. Eat. Serve. Story.

The summer preaching and teaching series at First Lutheran is entitled **BLESS**. We will explore ways, as a community of faith, to share our blessings with our neighbors on Broadway and beyond. Through the study of Scripture and reading the book, *B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love your Neighbor and Change the World*, we will practice the principles of blessing as featured in the book by Dave Ferguson and Jon Ferguson. A limited number of book copies are available for purchase at the Welcome Desk.

Join the movement to BLESS others! Sign your own B.L.E.S.S. Pledge (Find and cut out a pledge card from your Summer Newsletter or visit the front desk or coffee shop for additional copies.) Pledge with us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays, June 8-July 27 (no concert July 6)
5 p.m. food trucks; 6 p.m. music
6th Ave N and Broadway (southwest corner FLC)
This week's concert, June 22: Kat Perkins

We are blessed to be a blessing in downtown Fargo. Join us for summer fun on Wednesday nights! After a successful summer last year, we are bringing back the summer concert series. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us! Bring your lawn chairs. The concert series is made possible by support from the First Lutheran Foundation.

SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

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- **Online:** Sundays 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays 12 p.m., flcfargo.org, Facebook, and YouTube.
- **Radio:** Sundays 9 a.m., 970AM and 93.1FM.
- **TV:** Fargo: Sundays 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. (channels Midco 68, Sparklight 1068); Moorhead: Sundays 5 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Thursdays 2 a.m. and 10 a.m., Fridays 10 a.m. (channels Midco 99, Sparklight 69).