



# *First Evangelical Lutheran Church*

A Congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship & Communion

*We welcome all people into  
grace through faith as we  
belong, behave and believe in  
Jesus Christ.*



**Welcome! Your presence at worship is a gift. Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. If you are a visitor to First Lutheran, we invite you to fill out the tear off card on the back of the service folder and place it in the offering plate.**

# 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday

August 2, 2020

10:00am

VIRTUAL HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

***Please stand as able.***

## Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**All Amen.**

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

*Please kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor Reconciling God,

**All 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.**

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
- 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed;  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Pastor 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.

**All Amen.**

## **Gathering Song**

**ELW #712**

***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***

## **Greeting**

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

**All And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***Please be seated.***

## **Children's Message**

### **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Lector Word of God, word of life.

**All Thanks be to God.**



The hand of the Lord — feeds us; he an-swers all our needs.

Cantor The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. **Antiphon**

Cantor The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. **Antiphon**

Cantor The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call upon him in truth. **Antiphon**

### Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Lector Word of God, word of life.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Pastor The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor The gospel of the Lord.

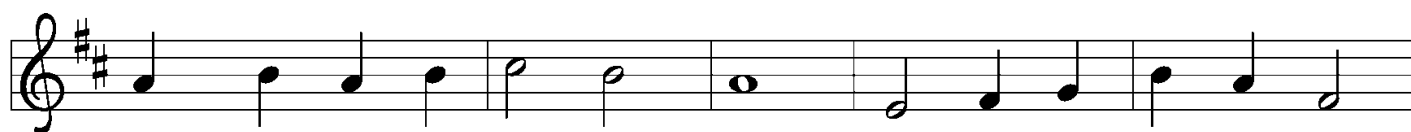
**All Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

***Break Now the Bread of Life***

**Creed**

Asst With the whole church,  
we join in professing the Christian Faith.

**All 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**

Asst Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray  
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Asst You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. Inspire your church to trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Asst Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Asst You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Asst You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind including Ann, Susan, Barbara, Claudia, those on our sustaining prayer list, those affected by COVID-19, and those we name now... . Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Asst You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our First Lutheran such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Asst You expand our horizons to see friends in far off places. Bless Bishops Eaton and Rinehart, the seminaries of the church, our synodical partners in the Central African Republic and Peru and our Massai friends in Tanzania. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Asst You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known including Lily Merl Carrio Mantzel Stevens who died of COVID-19 this past week. Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Pastor In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**Passing the Peace Beyond church walls**

## **Offering Prayer**

Asst 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.

**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

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 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 Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise,  
call us to your table,  
grant us your life.  
When the earth was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.  
You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 death, we cry out Amen.

**Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,

the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All 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**

Pastor Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

## Reception of Holy Communion

*Music during the reception of Holy Communion*

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝  
strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Prayer

Asst 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.

**Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

Pastor 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.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

**ELW#843**

***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

## Dismissal

Asst Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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*We are fishers of men, not keepers of the aquarium.*

- The Evangelism Team



## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## **This Week at First Lutheran**

Sunday - Virtual Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00am

Monday - Worship Team Virtual Happy Hour, 6:00pm

Tuesday - Evangelism Team Virtual Happy Hour, 6:00pm

**Prayer Concerns:** Ann Reiser, Susan Schultz, Barbara Austin, Those with COVID-19

**Christian sympathy** is expressed for the family of Lily Merl Carrio Mantzel Stevens who died on Tuesday, July 28, of COVID-19. Prayer also for her daughter Leslie Mantzel Blacketer as she is quarantined at home with COVID-19.

**Sustaining Prayers:** Jeanie Doreck, Herbie Doreck, Pat Henderson, Gene Nelson, Antia Katz, Milton Barnum, John Doreck, Lee King, Susan Schultz, Bernice Klyng, Cheryl Jaynes, JW Snyder, Darrell Brooks, Christina Muehe, Tina Pereboom, Nicole Cheramie, George Badger, Donald Gangl, Earl Gilmore

**Virtual College Devotion:** Friday at 7PM, all current college students (and recent high school grads on their way to college) are invited to join us for a devotion and games. For more information, contact [emily@firstlutherangalveston.com](mailto:emily@firstlutherangalveston.com)

## **Pass the Peace: Beyond Church Walls**

Although we cannot shake hands and greet each other in our traditional way, we invite you to participate in true passing of the peace, this week and every week. Take God's peace and share it beyond the church walls in phone calls, texts, and letters. Join with your community to meet the spiritual reasons this tradition was started: to reconcile with others before dwelling with God (Matt 5:23-24), to express love to your church family (John 15:12), and to echo Jesus's greeting (Luke 24:36). You will find an insert in your bulletin with scripture to inspire you, ways to share the peace, and an optional script. Peace be with you!

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, *Messiah*, is a setting of scriptural texts.

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221**

**Saturday, August 8, 2020**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.



