



First Lutheran Church

“Connecting Hearts, Discovering Purpose in Christ”

June 9, 2024

Regarding Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a family meal. We invite you to join us in this meal. If you are our guest this morning and have any questions regarding the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor Bart Loos before the service. As you prepare to receive this family meal, it is helpful to ask yourself these questions:

- Am I a baptized Christian who trusts in Jesus Christ alone for salvation?
- Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do I believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- Do I desire to live in the strength of the Holy Spirit and walk in the path of righteousness as revealed by God's holy laws?

If you have not spoken with Pastor Bart, we still encourage you to come up during communion and cross both arms over your chest to receive a blessing of forgiveness.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733 Vv. 1-4



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING WORDS

Pastor: O Children of the Living God, what is Your Father’s greatest desire for you this day?

All: That we should love our eternal King with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength.

Pastor: And how would you should this love?

All: By remembering Him at all times, by cultivating thankfulness for His many blessings, and trusting His good providence for the meeting of our needs. By loving all whose lives intersect our own. By choosing to serve rather than to be served, to be wounded rather than to wound, and by bearing patiently with the failings of others, extending the same kindness mercy, and compassion that God in Christ has so graciously offered us. We would also love Him by serving with faithfulness and due passion in our various vocations, by delighting in all things He has created for our benefit and pleasure, and by caring well for all He has given us to steward.

Pastor: O children of the Living God, you would do well to practice your love in these ways today! Do you now possess the needed strength to perfectly accomplish such holy requirements?

All: We do not. We are weak and inconsistent, and often buffeted by fear and pride and selfishness. But being impoverished and ill equipped as we are, we will look to the mercy and grace of God in Jesus. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy!

Pastor: Children of the Living God, hear these words and receive them in faith— You are forgiven in the Name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit! You are made new!

All: Amen! And we will look to the sanctifying work of the Spirit to accomplish His purposes in and through us this day, as we, in grateful response, seek that which pleases Him.

Pastor: We open our hearts anew this morning that the love of the Father and the life of Christ and the breath of the Spirit would quicken within us a greater affection for God's ways.

All: Work Your will in us, Lord Christ!

PROMISE OF THE CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you. Amen!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 46:1-5

Reader: ¹God is our refuge and strength,

All: a very present help in trouble.

Reader: ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

All: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Reader: ³though its waters roar and foam,

All: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Reader: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

All: the holy habitation of the Most High.

Reader: ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

All: God will help her when morning dawns.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

James 1:2-8

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

Elder: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ!

Elder: Now may all these words of God bring to each of us conviction, challenge, and comfort as our lives this week require.

All: Shape us, O Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

On Screen



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

MESSAGE

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Deacon: Let us now bring our petitions before our gracious God.

All: O Lord, hear our prayers.

At the end of each petition:

Deacon: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Conclusion:

Deacon: O children of God, casting Your cares upon His strong shoulders, now surrender your own agendas for this day and week, and instead be led by the workings of His Spirit!

All: Open our eyes and our hearts, O Lord!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION FAMILY PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

On Screen

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

Pastor: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

All: Amen!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of our Lord is with you now and always.

All: And also with you. Amen.

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT THIS TIME.

Please return to your seat before the first table comes to communion.

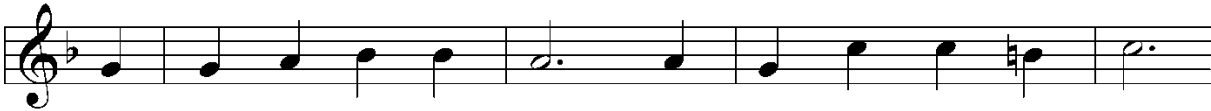
RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

CLOSING WORDS:

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God and received Christ's Body and Blood this morning, we are now prepared for the labors of this week.

All: O God, give us continued strength and health to complete them.

Pastor: O Lord, sustain us and prepare our minds for the demands of this week.

All: Grant us clarity, creativity, and discernment.

Pastor: Faithfully prepare our souls for those sorrows and joys and celebrations and disappointments we will encounter, that every circumstance would serve only to draw us nearer to You.

All: May our words, our choices, and our actions this week be offered as true expressions of worship.

Pastor: Now you who are loved of God, step forward into this new week appointed by Him, that you might journey through its days and hours in the peace and the grace and the love of your Lord.

All: Lead us this week, Lord Christ, that we might walk its paths in the light of the hope of our coming redemption. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

LSB 919



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTRIBUTIONS

- Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
- Liturgy adapted from “Every Moment Holy Vol. 1”
- “O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST” Lutheran Service Book #733, Public domain; Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.; Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941
- “O CHRIST, WHO CALLED THE TWELVE” Lutheran Service Book #856, © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission. Public domain; Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007; Tune: English; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930; setting: Stanley Oliver, 1892-1964
- “O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD” Lutheran Service Book #696, Public domain; Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; Tune: *Neu-vermehrtes...Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941
- “ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS” Lutheran Service Book #919, Public domain; Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588-1632; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.; Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1616; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

Volunteers Serving Our Lord Today (Please contact the office to sign up for Children’s Messages or to be an Usher. Please see Nancy Peterson to be a Reader.)			
Elder	Roger Hennies	Pro Presenter	Tess Alfama
Reader	Steve Schwarzbek	Altar Guild	Nancy Peterson
Children’s Message	Deacon Paul Lang	Editors	Nancy Peterson James Fearn
Flowers	“Happy Anniversary Kit & Leah!” <i>Given by the Boyers</i>		

First Lutheran Staff			
Pastor	Rev. Bart Loos	Deacon	Paul Lang
Preschool Director	Nancy Durkovic	Admin. Asst.	Sophie Killian
AV Lead	Justin Alfama	Organist	Laura Dickey
Contemporary Music Leader	Erin Lewis		

FIRST LUTHERAN CONTACT INFORMATION:
1100 North Poinsettia Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Phone: 310.545.5653 ✠ www.flcmb.org

SOCIAL MEDIA:
<https://www.facebook.com/flcmb/>

Activities This Week

June 9th, 2024 – June 16th, 2024

For details on the church calendar, please visit <http://www.flcmb>

Sunday 6/9	8:45am 10:00am 11:30am	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gospel of John (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i> <i>Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i> <i>COL School Board Meeting post worship</i>
Monday 6/10	8:00am 10:00am	<i>Staff & Leadership Prayer w/ Holy Communion</i> <i>First Ladies Prayer Group (Contact Maria Austin for Location)</i>
Tuesday 6/11		
Wednesday 6/12	12:00 – 1:00pm	Midweek Holy Communion
Thursday 6/13	5:45pm 7:00pm	New Testament Praise Band Rehearsal Council Meeting
Friday 6/14		
Saturday 6/15		
Sunday 6/16	8:45am 10:00am	<i>Adult Bible Study – Gospel of John (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i> <i>Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>

June 2nd		April Totals:		Fiscal Year (Sept-Apr)	
Offering	\$5,094.50	Income	\$20,501	Income	\$185,455
Other	\$150	Expenses	\$24,600	Expenses	\$195,176
Total	\$5,244.50	Over/(Under)	\$(4,099)	Over/(Under)	\$(8,721)
		M&M Plan	3,116	M&M Plan	(8,003)

Our June Monthly Mission is:

Osteosarcoma Institute

The mission of the Osteosarcoma Institute is to dramatically increase treatment options and survival rates in osteosarcoma patients like our own Lukas Lubs.

Our May Monthly Mission was:

The Hutton Family

\$355

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Birthdays	9: Elvia Ocampo; 10: Alice Hodgeon; 11: Paul Lang; 12: Ruby Kerr; 13: Liam O’Leary; 14: Callista Loos; 15: Finn Stoddard
Anniversaries	10: Kit & Leah Boyer
New Prayer Requests <i>(If your prayer request has exceeded two weeks, and you would like it continued, please resubmit your prayer request via our website or yellow Welcome Connection cards.)</i>	Submitted last week: Prayers for peace in the Palestinian – Israeli Conflict + Lucy Santana, struggling with cancer + Dr. Kit Hittinger, Principal of Pacific Lutheran, recovering from successful gall bladder surgery Submitted two weeks ago: Mario Sandoval, having heart issues + Prayers for recovery for Laurie Patrick + Norma Iaia, undergoing knee surgery on June 28 th
For Homebound Members	Pastor John Durkovic, DeeDee Sutton, Bonnie Stull, Terry Hlebasko
For those suffering from cancer	Andrea Conrad (former member), Cristy (Ken Redeker’s niece), Tyler Barajas (Dane Kennedy’s friend), Lucy Santana, Amy (Morgana Kennedy’s friend), Karen Bearns, Annuka (Cheryl Vanick’s friend), Julie Arciaga, Zoey (Kay Wells friend), Betty Long, Justine (Lynn Imamoto’s sister-in-law), John Durkovic, Carol Bermans husband’s aunt, Karen, Michelle (Julie Fellows’ friend), Anna Baker’s friend Gail Chambers, and Diana (Becca Itow’s aunt).
For those mourning (past year)	The Mosha Family, The Fitzgerald Family, The Patrick Family, The Lubs Family, The Hlebasko Family, The Aguirre & McAllister Family, The Berman Family, The Lewan Family, The Jaeger Family, The Glassford & Allen Family, The Schaller Family, The Redeker Family, and The Kennedy Family.
For those suffering from Ongoing, Chronic Illnesses (autoimmune diseases, etc.)	Linda (Bob Badaway’s friend), Debbie Pifer, Maxine Loos, Avery & Finley Boyer, Lucy Santana, Hannah Rose, Emily Mendez, Bryana Haas
For Ongoing General Prayers	The ministries of First Lutheran Church & Circle of Love Preschool, Concordia Irvine, Pacific Lutheran Junior/Senior High School, the South Bay Community, elected officials, our nation, unemployed and underemployed, Armed Forces, medical professionals, those who suffer from natural disasters, police, and firefighters, those who are traveling, and for all persecuted Christians.