



# First Lutheran Church

**“Connecting Hearts, Discovering Purpose in Christ”**

**July 28, 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 Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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 show 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 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, often buffeted by fear, 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, and of the 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 so 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!**

## FIRST READING

*Joshua 1:7-9*

“Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Hebrews 10:19-25*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 13:31-35*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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 even now, O Lord.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*On Screen*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

*LSB 857*



1	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way	Wher -
2	You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,	But
3	No	gold -	en	scep -	ter	but	a	towel	You
4	You	bid	us	bend	our	hu -	man	pride	Nor
5	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way	Wher -



ev -	er	love	may	lead	And,	bend -	ing	low,	for -
pow'r	You	laid	a -	side.	You	lived	Your	years	in
place	with -	in	the	hands	Of	those	who	seek	to
count	our -	selves	a -	bove	The	low -	est	place,	the
ev -	er	love	may	lead	And,	bend -	ing	low,	for -



get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.
ser -	vant -	hood;	In	low -	li -	ness	You	died.
fol -	low	You	And	live	by	Your	com -	mands.
mean -	est	task	That	waits	the	gift	of	love.
get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.

MESSAGE

OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

**All: O Lord, hear our prayers.**

*At the end of each petition:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Conclusion:*

Pastor: O Children of God, casting your cares upon His strong shoulders, now surrender your own agendas for this day, 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: Amen!**

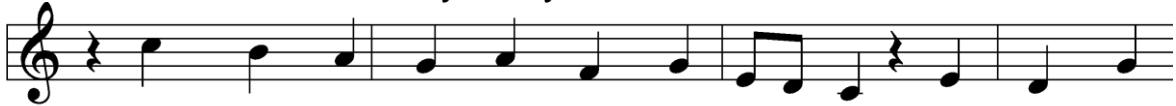
***WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT THIS TIME.***

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!



## 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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LSB 842



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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<b>Volunteers Serving Our Lord Today</b> (Please contact the office to sign up for Children’s Messages or to be an Usher. Please see Nancy Peterson to be a Reader.)			
Elders	<b>Jack McAllister &amp; Ryan Hart</b>	Pro Presenter	<b>Sophie Killian</b>
Reader	<b>Tess Alfama</b>	Altar Guild	<b>Nancy Peterson</b>
Flowers	<b>“Happy Birthday, Granddaughter Judy!”</b> <i>Given by Kay &amp; Phillip Wells</i>	Editors	<b>Nancy Peterson James Fearn</b>

<b>First Lutheran Staff</b>			
Pastor	<b>Rev. Bart Loos</b>	Deacon	<b>Paul Lang</b>
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## Activities This Week

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

<b>Sunday 7/28</b>	8:45am 10:00am	<i>Adult Bible Study – The Chosen Season 4 Episode 2 Discussion Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
<b>Monday 7/29</b>	8:00am 10:00am	<i>Staff &amp; Leadership Prayer w/ Holy Communion First Ladies Prayer Group (Contact Maria Austin for Location)</i>
<b>Tuesday 7/30</b>		
<b>Wednesday 7/31</b>	12:00 – 1:00pm	Midweek Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 8/1</b>		
<b>Friday 8/2</b>		
<b>Saturday 8/3</b>		
<b>Sunday 8/4</b>	8:45am 10:00am	<i>Adult Bible Study – The Chosen Season 4 Episode 3 Discussion Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>

<b>July 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>June Totals:</b>		<b>Fiscal Year (Sept-June)</b>	
Offering	\$4,532	Income	\$24,249	Income	\$232,269
Other	\$	Expenses	\$24,081	Expenses	\$246,938
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,532</b>	Over/(Under)	\$168	Over/(Under)	\$(14,669)
		M&M Plan	\$(2,679)	M&M Plan	\$(19,087)

Our July Monthly Mission is:  
**Pastor Tom Park**  
*The Rev. Dr. Tom Park is our missionary in Taiwan.*

Our June Monthly Mission was:  
**Osteosarcoma Institute**  
**\$530**

## ***Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks***

<b>Birthdays</b>	31: Patricia Wickwire; 3: Alec Bailey
<b>New Prayer Requests</b> <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>	<p><b>Submitted last week:</b> Prayers for pain management and successful upcoming surgery for Christaline Loos' aunt Melina, broken leg + Continued prayers of comfort for the Baker Family at the loss of Shawn's mother, Ruth</p> <p><b>Submitted two weeks ago:</b> Prayers for healing, comfort and answers for Avery Boyer &amp; Family + Karen Weise, friend of Jane Freudenberg, recently diagnosed with colon cancer; surgery performed and now awaiting start of chemo + Jacobo Flava, McAllister friend and grove Forman, fell on large rocks and landed on his side and hip and shoulder; laid up for next 8 weeks</p>
<b>For Homebound Members</b>	Pastor John Durkovic, DeeDee Sutton, Bonnie Stull, Terry Hlebasko
<b>For those suffering from cancer</b>	Andrea Conrad (former member), 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, Michelle (Julie Fellows' friend), Anna Baker's friend Gail Chambers, and Diana (Becca Itow's aunt).
<b>For those mourning (past year)</b>	The Baker Family, The Bailey Family, The Berman Family, The Redeker Family, The Mosha Family, The Fitzgerald Family, The Patrick Family, The Lubs Family, The Hlebasko Family, The Aguirre & McAllister Family, The Lewan Family, The Jaeger Family, The Glassford & Allen Family, The Schaller Family, and The Kennedy Family.
<b>For those suffering from Ongoing, Chronic Illnesses (autoimmune diseases, etc.)</b>	Linda (Bob Badaway's friend), Debbie Pifer, Maxine Loos, Avery & Finley Boyer, Lucy Santana, Hannah Rose, Emily Mendez, Bryana Haas
<b>For Ongoing General Prayers</b>	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.