

# **First Lutheran Church**

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

**August 18, 2024**

PRELUDE "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" setting by Daniel Burton

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten" LSB 914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the  
2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed  
3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,  
4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us  
all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed  
dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:  
work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our  
With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst  
"Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will  
Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.  
from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!  
shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."  
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

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

All: Amen.

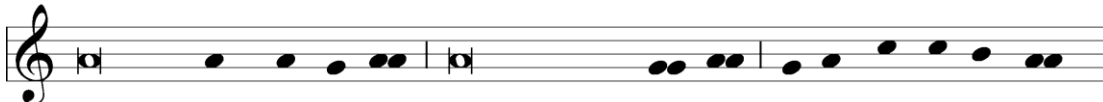
KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



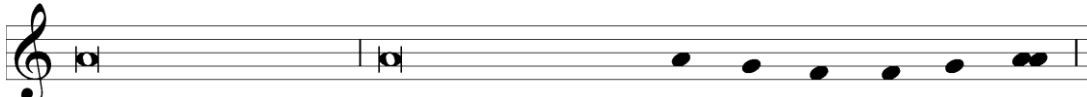
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



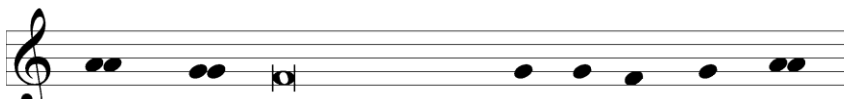
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”



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



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PROMISE OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elder: The Lord is with us.

All: Amen.

**Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

*Proverbs 9:1-10*

Wisdom has built her house;  
 she has hewn her seven pillars.  
 She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
 she has also set her table.  
 She has sent out her young women to call  
 from the highest places in the town,  
 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"  
 To him who lacks sense she says,  
 "Come, eat of my bread  
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
 Leave your simple ways, and live,  
 and walk in the way of insight."  
 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
 and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.  
Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.  
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 5:6-21*

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 6:51-69*

[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

“Nicene Creed”

*Presented on the screen*

HYMN OF THE DAY "You Are the Way; through You Alone" LSB 526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

MESSAGE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Elder: Having heard the Word of God, and it taught and preached to us, we bring to the throne of Grace all that which we are in need for forgiveness.

**All: We have confidence before God's throne! If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Moment of Silent Reflection and Prayer*



Elder: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**All: Most merciful God, upon the conviction of Your Word, we have learned more clearly where we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

Elder: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

OFFERING

*Andante by Edward Elgar*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Elder: Lord, in Your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

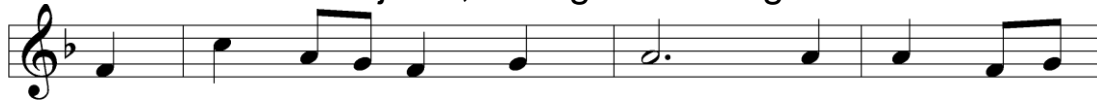
THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

LSB 813



1 Re - joi - ce, O pil - grim throng! Re - joi - ce, give  
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

*Refrain*



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,  
 Still march in firm array,  
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend  
 Till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

6 At last the march shall end;  
 The wearied ones shall rest;  
 The pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The Lord whom we adore:  
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 One God forevermore. *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Dorian Echo Fantasy by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck*

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### 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.)

Elders	<b>Roger Hennies</b>	Chanter	<b>Shawn Baker</b>
Reader	<b>David Jaeger</b>	Pro Presenter	<b>Connie Chandler</b>
Editors	<b>Nancy Peterson James Fearn</b>	Altar Guild	<b>Nancy Peterson</b>

### First Lutheran Staff

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

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**\*\*Pastor on Vacation\*\***

<b>Sunday 8/18</b>	10:00am	<i>NO Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
<b>Monday 8/19</b>	8:00am 10:00am	<i>Leadership Staff &amp; Prayer (NO communion) First Ladies Prayer Group (Contact Maria Austin for Location)</i>
<b>Tuesday 8/20</b>	9:40am	<i>COL Chapel</i>
<b>Wednesday 8/21</b>		
<b>Thursday 8/22</b>		<i>COL Closed</i>
<b>Friday 8/23</b>	7:00pm	<i>COL Closed Ladies Bunco @ Nancy Peterson's</i>
<b>Saturday 8/24</b>		
<b>Sunday 8/25</b>	8:45am 10:00am	<i>Adult Bible Study – The Chosen Season 4 Episode 4 Discussion Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>

<u>August 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<b>July Totals:</b>		<b>Fiscal Year (Sept-July)</b>	
Offering      \$3,906	Income	\$17,823	Income	\$250,092
Other            \$	Expenses	\$21,450	Expenses	\$268,621
<b>Total</b> \$3,906	Over/(Under)	\$(3,627)	Over/(Under)	\$(18,529)
	M&M Plan	\$2,646	M&M Plan	(16,441)

Our August Monthly Mission is:

**Pacific Lutheran Junior & Senior High School**

*PacLu, located in Gardena, provides a Christ-centered and college preparatory education to junior and senior high school students.*

Our July Monthly Mission was:

**Pastor Tom Park**