



# **TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

July 31/August 1, 2021

6:00 PM & 8:45 AM

Holy Communion

*First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* arr. Douglas Wagner

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed by the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P:** God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

**P:** Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **C: Amen.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Let us pray,

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Ephesians the Fourth Chapter**

**L:** <sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the

heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*(Ephesians 4:1-16)*

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

**P:** A Reading from St. John the Sixth Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**P:** <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to

perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."  
<sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*(John 6:24-35)*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON AND "NOISY" OFFERING**

*"Noisy Offering" will be going to Care Portal*

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Our Peace” (Sing Twice)

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**L:** Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence for reflection*

**L:** You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided and where the church is unsure of its way forward, knit us together and restore the unity of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You create all living things. Yet the earth still groans; forests fall, oceans rise, crops fail, wildfires burn. Free us from the powerful who destroy the air, water, and land. Pour out over the earth justice that rolls down like water to nourish the life of the world. Preserve the health of your beloved creation. Strengthen those who serve and protect the earth.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You bring order out of chaos and confusion. Your Holy Spirit breathes upon us, and we are able to hear one another with language we can understand. Pour out your Spirit upon us now and upon all who govern, that even when we disagree on the way forward for our community, our state, and our nation, we may remain united in Jesus Christ.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. Open our hearts to make space for those who are not like us. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Send down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Nourish us and all who suffer. We pray especially for....

Helgi Bloom	Gene Knaus
Darrel Brown	Don Koller
Roland Carlson	Talia Krumbach
Jessica Cooper	Doris Maurer
Jim Darbi	Kerry McCormick
Wayne Deterding	Betty McMaster
Yvonne Deyle Barth	Rev. Dave Nordstrom
Frank Dineen	Walter Peden
Dennis Drabek	Brenda Rae Peterson
Bobbi Gerdes	Janet Pohlmann
Nicole Gordon	Janiene Rewerts
Ruth Gregg	Ignacio Sanchez
Phyllis Handwerk	<b>David and Zolee Suing</b>
Ryan Heywood	Kristy Triplett
Marv Hilton	Della Wallace
Karen Hiskett	Carl Weber
Bruce Holen	Misty White
Jackie Holscher	Colby Wiesler (Weesler)
Rod Jensen	Marilyn Willison
Wayne Karschner	Judy Workman
	Frank Wright

**L:** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great**



**P:** We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **MEAL OFFERING**

*"We Are an Offering"* arr. Mark Hayes

*Offering boxes are located by the entrances and in the narthex or you may give online. We will not be passing the plate.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**L:** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C:** **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

**P:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. All are welcome to the meal. Come!

*(Please let the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The first chalice is wine, the second is grape juice).*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*"Nefeli"* Ludovico Einaudi

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE GRACE

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

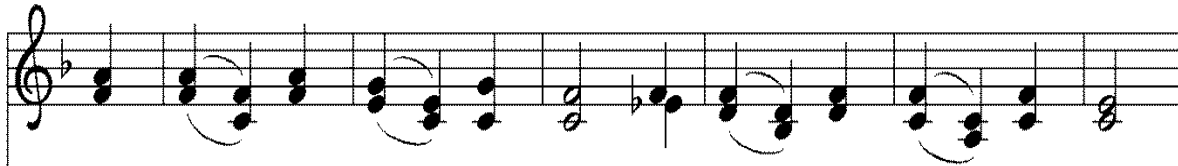
**L:** Gracious God,  
whose mercy endures from generation to generation:  
As Mary set out to visit Elizabeth before she gave birth to her  
son, bless those who go forth to share your word and  
sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are  
*sick or homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and  
strengthen those to whom we bring this communion,  
that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know  
the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

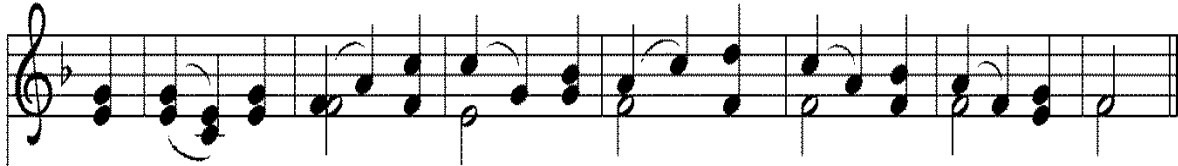
**P:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and  
journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.  
**C: Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

### *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* ELW #656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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## DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Blessed Assurance with No Other Name"* arr. Carol Tornquist



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**Rev. Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman, Preaching Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Co-Lead Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson, Co-Lead Pastor**

**6:00, John Love, Assisting Minister  
8:45 Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein, Assisting Minister  
10:30 Lori McArthur, Assisting Minister**

**Dorann Bartels, Organist**

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