



Time After Pentecost

October 1/2, 2022
6:00 PM & 8:45 AM
Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

8:45 PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Collins Akerson	Shaden Banzhaf	Beckett Bauer
Chase Brown	Finley Davis	Bergen Dutcher
	Magdalena “Lena” Denton	
Jaxon Fehringer	Lincoln Lambert	Laiken Lintz
Aven O’Connor	Brynlie Ostrander	Cruz Peterson
Brycen Placzek	Mae Reece	Tilly Reece
Emery Sheldon	Brynlee Stolcpart	Jaxon Vickers
Bennett Shipp	Jovie Weaver	Seth Williams

Pastor Rick: At this time we are delighted to invite forward those who are participating in the Bible presentation. We encourage them, and all of us, to learn more about the faith practice of caring conversations, devotions and service to build rituals and traditions in all our homes as a way of life.

Pastor Michelle: Children, your family will place in your hands the Bible, the Holy Scriptures, to nurture your lives in faith and in prayer, to share with others the message of Christ through word and deed, to care for others and all that God has made, and to work for the mercy, justice and peace of God wherever you are. Our congregation will help you and your family in this endeavor.

Pastor Rick: This is a special time in your life. - You are in elementary school now. - Reading has become part of your daily life and you are getting old enough to read the Bible, talk about it with your families, friends, and teachers in the congregation, and learn from the Bible what it means to live as children of God. The Bibles that you are about to receive are

gifts from the congregation. These Bibles are yours to read, use and mark up. During Sunday School time this morning, you will begin to learn how to use them.

Pastor Michelle (hands Bibles to family members): Please give your children their Bibles, saying, “This is the Word of the Lord.”

Pastor Rick: Children, please respond, “Thanks be to God!”

Pastor Michelle: Families, please place your hands on the heads of your children.

Pastor Rick: Let us pray. Gracious God, your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Bless these Bibles, those who give them, and the children who receive them. Speak your word to them, so that they may know the promise of your love, trust the goodness of your grace, follow the way that leads from darkness into light, and live as your children, now and forever. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRELUDE

“All Nature Sings!” arr. L. Smith

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

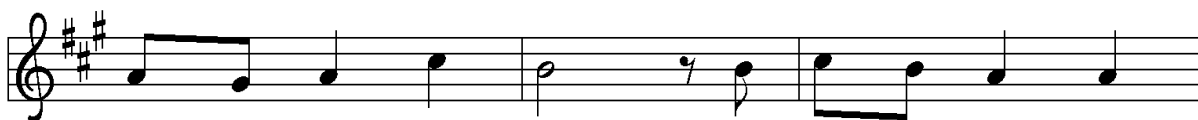
C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“We Walk by Faith” ELW #635



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
we re - joice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

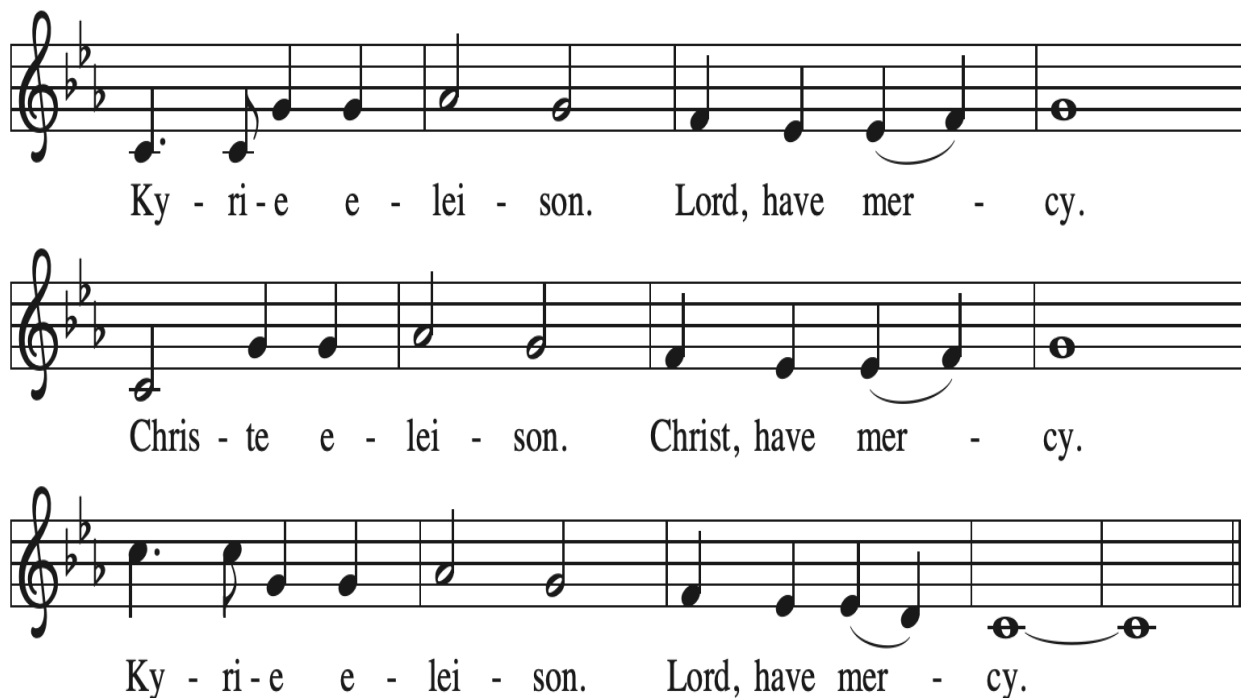
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

8:45 ANTHEM

“Jesus Messiah” Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves, arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

WORD

A Reading from Habakkuk the First and Second Chapters

L: Chapter 1

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous —therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

Chapter 2

¹I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

(Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke the Seventeenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

(Luke 17:5-10)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

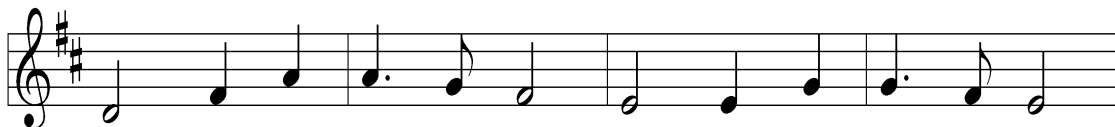
SERMON

Pastor Rick Carlson

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

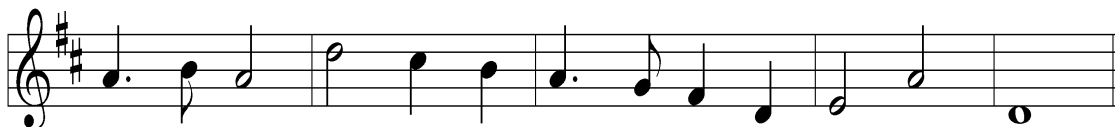
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ELW #759



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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APOSTLES' CREED

L: With the whole church, let us profess our faith.

C: 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 power of 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

L: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence for reflection

L: We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. We pray especially for....

Brad Bigelow
Bernie Bliefernich
Roxanne Boyd
Terry Buschelman
Frannie Carnell
Janice Carnell
Gregory Corrico
Heather Dederman
Wayne Deterding
Diane Drabek
Tammy Edwards
Lana Feltman-Dorn
Beth Hanson Ericson
Karen Hiskett
Linda Holsten
Tom & Jody Jochen
Lu Krueger
Talia Krumbach

Arla Jean Landholm
Lil Larson
Paige Liess
Loren.....
Linda Miles
Giana Mueller
Elizabeth Muller
Brenda Rae Peterson
Joe Rall
Charlotte Sitorus
David & Alli Suing
Della Wallace
Donna Waterbury
Carl Weber
Jill Weiser
Patty Welch
Misty White
Marilyn Willison

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein and family on the death of her friend, Carole Overgaard
- Jack and Diane Caufield and family on the death of Diane's mother, Bernice Carlson

L: God of grace,
C: **hear our prayer.**

L: In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERTORY

"Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Joel Raney

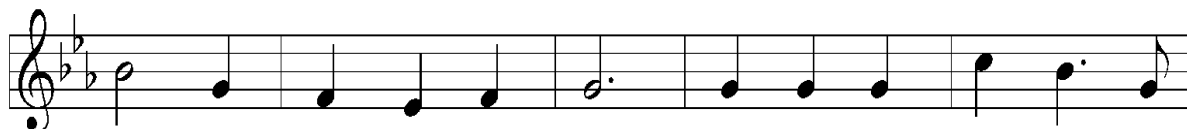
OFFERING RESPONSE

Please stand as you are able.

“All That We Have”



All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a



heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and



give what we need, all done in your name.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

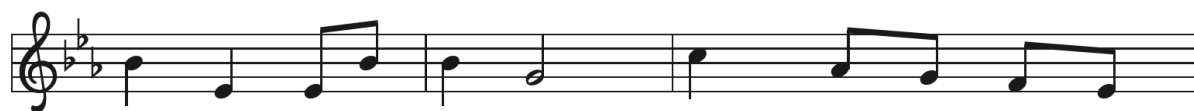
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements at the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS
If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Like a River Glorious” J. Mountain

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: O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our siblings who are sick and homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #538

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics in Spanish and English. The lyrics are:
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do_a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a_ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah, Amen!" J. Kimball



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Rev. Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman, Presiding Pastor
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**8:45 Jerry Schroeder, Assisting Minister
11:00 Grace Weber, Assisting Minister**

Janet Welch, Organist

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