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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Time After Pentecost

I've been meaning to ask... what do you need?



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Family of faith, this must be the place.

C: This is the place for connection and growth, for community and hope.

L: This must be the place for questions like, "Where are you from?" and, "What do you need?"

C: For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you," and "I've been meaning to ask..."

L: This is the place, because we all belong here. We are all welcome here.

C: All hurt and joy, needs and prayers, dreams and love, are welcome here.

L: God is near. Let us worship Holy God.

GATHERING SONG: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW # 733 vss. 1 & 2

1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

REFRAIN **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

2 **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. REFRAIN**

CONFESSION—TRUTH TELLING & FORGIVENESS

P: How many of you have ever had a bad day and found someone offering you unsolicited advice? How many of you have ever had a bad week and had someone rush in with dozens of suggestions for how you might fix things, as if you hadn't thought of that before.

C: We have all been there and we have all done that. It is part of our humanity.

P Scripture reminds us today that often in the face of hurt, what people really need is not a list of advice or solutions, but the simple presence of love. Let us pray to God today, acknowledging that we are works in progress, and that relationship always come with mistakes. We confess...

C: Gracious God, sometimes life feels like cooking with flour- it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess. This is true when it comes to our relationships. We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, that we overstep the line. Forgive us for assuming the place you fill. Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world. Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it. You are God. Teach us how to be a friend. Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?" Teach us how to point to you always. Amen.

P: Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting – you are forgiven. God knows your desire and your intent. God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace.

C: Every day is a new day for love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are invited into relationship. Thanks be to God for growth and grace that knows no end. Amen.

P: Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

God of long winters and sometimes short summers, in the words of Paul, do your best to come to us quickly. Come to us with loud praise and joy, or appear to us in the still, small voice. Come to us through friends or come to us through strangers. We are seeking you. We are always seeking you. With grateful hearts cracked open by love. Amen.

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A READING FROM JOB 2:11-13

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home. They met together to go and console and comfort him. ¹² When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. ¹³ They sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great. HERE ENDS THE READING.

A READING FROM: 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-18

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, ¹¹ Titus to Dalmatia. ¹² Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹³ I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹⁴ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁵ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁶ You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁷ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁸ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁹ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

P. Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Pastor Julie Rogness

STAND

HYMN *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* ELW #808 vss. 1,2,4

- 1 **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

- 2 **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

- 4 **I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in relationships. We believe in asking hard questions, in showing up for one another, and in sitting together through the pain. We believe in listening with grace leaning with curiosity and apologizing with sincerity. We believe in asking for help, saying what we need, and trusting that no degree of vulnerability could strip us of God's love. We believe in trying our best and offering grace when our best is not enough. And we believe that God is in all relationships – modeling for us the value of community through the relationships of Trinity. So we strive to love even more today and tomorrow. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.
Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

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OFFERING OF GIFTS & OFFERING PRAYER

P. Faithful God,

All: thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We are never alone, especially when we gather to worship God as the people of God. When someone is hurting in this community, you show up with food. When COVID forces us out of the sanctuary, you show up online. When it comes time to set the church budget each year, you show up with generosity. Our hardest days and our longest nights, we are never alone. Job needed his friends. Paul needed Timothy. Jesus needed the disciples. We need each other. There is something special here. We need each other, and we are all invited – together. So come to the Table. You are not alone.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION — COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: Family of faith, as you leave this place may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak the truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG *Lord of All Hopefulness* ELW #765 vss. 1,3,4

1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

RINGING OF BELL

DISMISSAL

L: In the name of the Great Connector – Love itself – go in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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C A L E N D A R

Sun/Aug 8	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/Aug 8	7 pm	AA
Tue/Aug 10	9 am	KW Cares
Tue/Aug 10	6:30 pm	Worship & Evangelism (zoom & in-person)
Wed/Aug 11	6 pm	WED WORSHIP – outdoors, weather permitting
Wed/Aug 11	6:30 pm	Ed/Youth
Thu/Aug 12	1 pm	LOVE DAY
Thu/Aug 12	6:30 pm	Stewardship
Thu/Aug 12	7 pm	AA
Sun/Aug 15	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/Aug 15	1-3 pm	Mini-Vacation Bible Camp

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