



## Sunday, August 27, 2023

### Lectionary 21, Year A

*Ringling of Bell*

PRELUDE *Praise God (DOXOLOGY) - 10,000 Reasons*

HYMN OF THE MONTH *O God You Search Me*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 138

- L: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- C: **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- L: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- C: **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- L: They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
- C: **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand  
against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- C: **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

#### HYMN: Gather Us In

No. 532 vss 1,2,3

- 1 **Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 **We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 **Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING *Tom Ersland*

A READING FROM: ROMANS 12:1-8 *One Body in Christ, with gifts that differ*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

WORD GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: Matthew 16:13-20 *The profession of Peter's faith*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

**HYMN: *Build a Longer Table* vss 1,3,4**

*Tune #379 'Now the Green Blade Rises'  
Hymn Source: ALL CREATION SINGS #1062*

- 1 **Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**
- 3 **Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**
- 4 **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

## APOSTLES CREED

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 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.

## INVITATION TO PRAYER – PRAYERS

SHARING OF PEACE – *The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

## GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – *The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and eat what is good..*

## DISTRIBUTION -and- HYMN      *Now Thank We All Our God*

**No. 840**

- 1 **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**COMMUNION BLESSING** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: Amen.

**THANKSGIVING AT CONCLUSION OF INTERNSHIP** *Leader Addresses Assembly:*

- L. People of God, members and friends of First Lutheran,  
do you release Intern Kris from service as your intern?
- C. **We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

**BENEDICTION** P: The Lord bless and keep you,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up  
his countenance upon you, and + give you peace.  
C: Amen.

**HYMN** *God Be With You*



1 God be with you. God be with you. In the morn- ing when you  
2 God be with you. God be with you. When you trav - el far a -  
3 God be with you. God be with you. And wher - ev - er you may  
4 God be with you. God be with you. As you list - en, teach, and



wake, and with ev - 'ry breath you take, God be with you.  
way, in your dai - ly work and play, God be with you.  
go, as the spir - it winds will blow, God be with you.  
learn, and then safe - ly home re - turn, God be with you.

*Ring of Bell*

**DISMISSAL** P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *May the God of Hope Go With Us*

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## PARTICIPANTS

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## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN/AUG 27	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & live-streamed
	7 PM	AA
WED/AUG 30	6 PM	OUTDOOR WORSHIP – BYO Chair
THU/AUG 31	7 PM	AA
SUN/SEP 3	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & live-streamed
	10 AM	COFFEE
	7 PM	AA

## Worship Assistant Needed - SEPT 3 and SEPT 10

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday Sept 17 - No Worship – No Sunday School @ First. WE GATHER WITH AREA CHURCHES -- 10:30 AM God's Work Our Hands Community Worship – @ Holden Community Park** WORSHIP, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVICE PROJECTS – Collecting School Supplies for K-W Schools, & Personal Care Items for Lutheran World Relief.

See more details in Sept Newsletter.

**Usher Volunteers still welcome...** Give your name to Don or Harris; or to the Church Office by -- Phone 789-5261 Email: [firstlutherankenyon@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutherankenyon@gmail.com) or USHER SIGNUP clipboard.