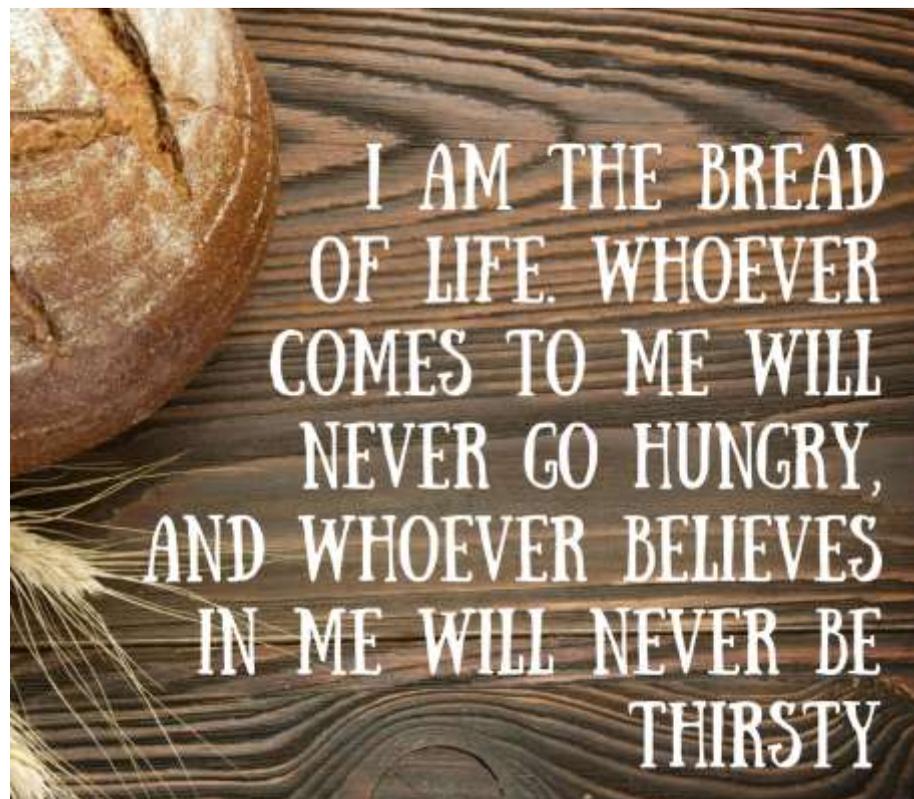


**First Lutheran Church**  
**300 West Third Street**  
**Prophetstown, IL**



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 8, 2021**

## Order of Worship

### **Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Ten**

*Introduction to the Day:* Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Congregation rises in body and/or spirit**

#### **Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" # 658

1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2. We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsting souls from you we fill.
3. For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
4. O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

#### **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

**P:** Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

#### **Canticle of Praise** pg. 204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and us in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### Psalm 34:1-8 *Read Responsively*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

### Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. Word of God, word of life. **C: Thank be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation pg. 205

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

### \*Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

P: The holy gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### Sermon:

Pastor Chelsey Weech

*Please rise.*

**\*Hymn of the Day: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 742**

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**  
**2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.**  
**3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

**\* The Apostles' Creed:** P: Let us join together in the Apostles' Creed.

**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 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Prayers of Intercession

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one, for all who are sick and we pray for especially... Arnold Frank, Stan Urban, Betty Lou Olsen, Marsha Rogiewicz, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Carole & Dick Minssen, Meghan Vogel granddaughter of Rosemary Sibley, Vivian Johnson grandmother of Jason Schanze, Paul Petersen cousin of Sally Johnson, Kathy Rae Deason and Lee Ann Trexler sisters of Kerry Meyer, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman, Scott Lyman son-in-law of Ken & Ellen Pannier. Community Member: Mark Sandrock. Serving in the Military: Charlie Davis grandson of Ken & Ellen Pannier, Brett Emery and Sean Pratt sons of Drew & Becky Emery, Donnie Appleman son-in-law of Larry & Lynda VanDyke, Lindsey Gardner niece of Gwen Gardner, Patrick Kelly grandson of Kathy Kelly, Anna Olsen wife of Kent Olsen, Madison Scace great granddaughter of Burdette & Dea Sandrock, Kyle Ullmark grandson-in-law of Glenda Sampson. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: 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.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Wave or saying hi, to share the peace with your neighbors.*

*Ushers will pass offering plates to you in each pew and then bring forward to the altar.*

*Please pass Welcome Pad to those sharing the pew.*

*Please rise.*

**\*Offering:**

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

**# 186**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your Spirit.**

**\*Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving. The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity.*

**\*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.**

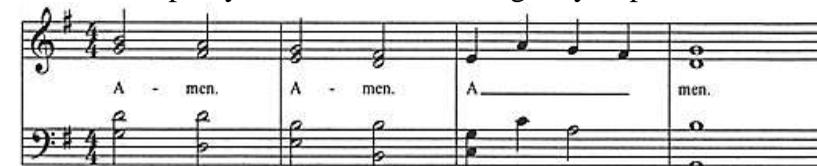
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**\*Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**\*Sending Hymn:**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**# 793**

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**
- 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 4. Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**First Lutheran Announcements**

**Brunch:** Today our council will be hosting brunch following worship. They will be serving breakfast casseroles, fruit and yogurt, pastries and other goodies. All are welcome. Just come as you are!

**Pastor Chelsey will be on vacation** (out of the country in Mexico) Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> through Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Our worship leader for Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> will be Rick Woolums and the sermon will be given by Cathy Hinrichs. For any pastoral care please call the church office.

**Welcome Pads:** We have returned the Welcome Pads to the pews. Please pass to those sharing the pew for our attendance taking.

**Special Community Offerings:** For the summer we are collecting for different agencies in town and FLC will match up to \$1,000 for each. For the month of August FLC is collecting for the Eclipse Square. Please make your check out to First Lutheran Church and we will send one check each month to the respective agencies.

**CDC Phase Five Guidelines** are still being followed. We advise you to social distance, but masks are optional if you are fully vaccinated.

**Assisting In Our Worship**

Pianist: Susan Gillespie

Cantor: Randy Roland

Reader: Hannah Schanze

**Stewardship Record Last Week**

Sunday Attendance - 70

Offering - \$ 4,460.00

Online Giving: July - \$ 2,902.00

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