

He called  
the twelve  
and began  
to send  
them out  
*two  
by two.*

MARK 6:7

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Beardstown, Illinois  
Ministers: All of God's People  
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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
10:30 a.m.

July 4, 2021

***Welcome Everyone! We are glad to have you with us today.***

**Restrooms are found** in the fellowship hall to the right as you enter the fellowship/gathering area.

**Prayer is an important part of life of our congregation.** Each week we attempt to gather your prayer concerns for inclusion in the prayers during worship. If you know of prayer concerns that should be included today, please add them to the Prayer Request Sheet located on the stand in the back of the church.

**Communion** – All baptized Christians who believe that the body and blood of Christ are present in this meal are invited to commune. The ushers will direct you forward. Extend your hands with your palms up to indicate you wish to receive. You may also come forward with your hands folded palms down to receive a blessing. If you desire grape juice instead of wine, please point to the tray to indicate that you desire grape juice. The wine is red and the grape juice is white.

*If you have any needs or any questions, please feel free to ask an usher, or any congregational member. You may also contact the church office at 217-323-1770.*

**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Tom Loughary, especially Betty Loughary, his beloved wife of 29 years.**

The funeral will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Beardstown on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Family will visit with friends at the church at 10:00 a.m.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

### PREPARATION

The Prelude

Jill Roegge

(♠ Indicates to stand as you are able.)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

## **GATHERING**


✧ **Opening Hymn – ELW (Red Book) 408 “Come Thou Almighty King”**

### ✧ **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.**

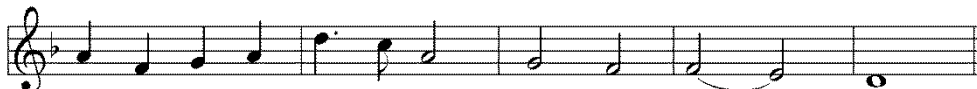
### ✧ **Kyrie**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

### ✧ **Hymn of Praise**



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



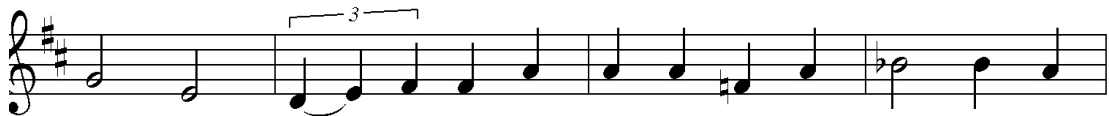
**G** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



**I** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## ✧ Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray,

C: **God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

## WORD

*In 597 B.C. the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

R: A reading from Ezekiel:

### **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 123**



<sup>1</sup>To you I lift <sup>|</sup> up my eyes,  
to you enthroned <sup>|</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand <sup>|</sup> of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,  
until you show <sup>|</sup> us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O <sup>|</sup> LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough <sup>|</sup> of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the in- <sup>|</sup> dolent rich,  
and of the derision <sup>|</sup> of the proud.**

## Second Reading

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

R: A reading from 2 Corinthians:

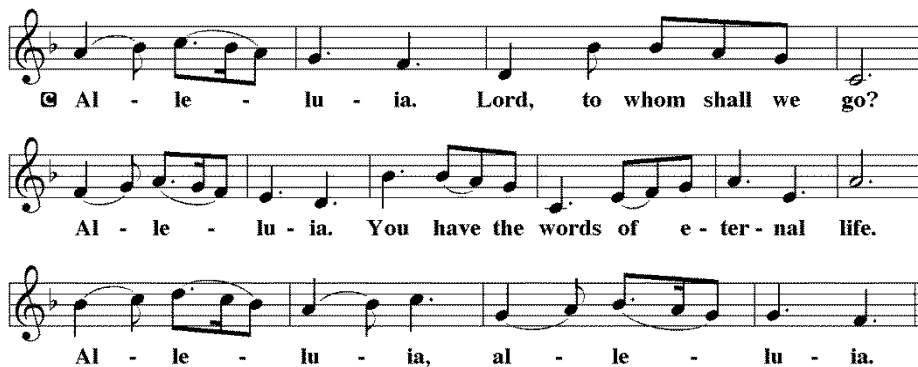
### 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ✧ Gospel Acclamation



### ✧ Announcement of the Gospel

#### Mark 6:1-13

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

## Sermon

## Hymn Of The Day

✧ **ELW (Red Book) 396** “Spirit of Gentleness”

✧ **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 again 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 the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## MEAL

### ✧ Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

A: Let us pray,

C: **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### ✧Great Thanksgiving

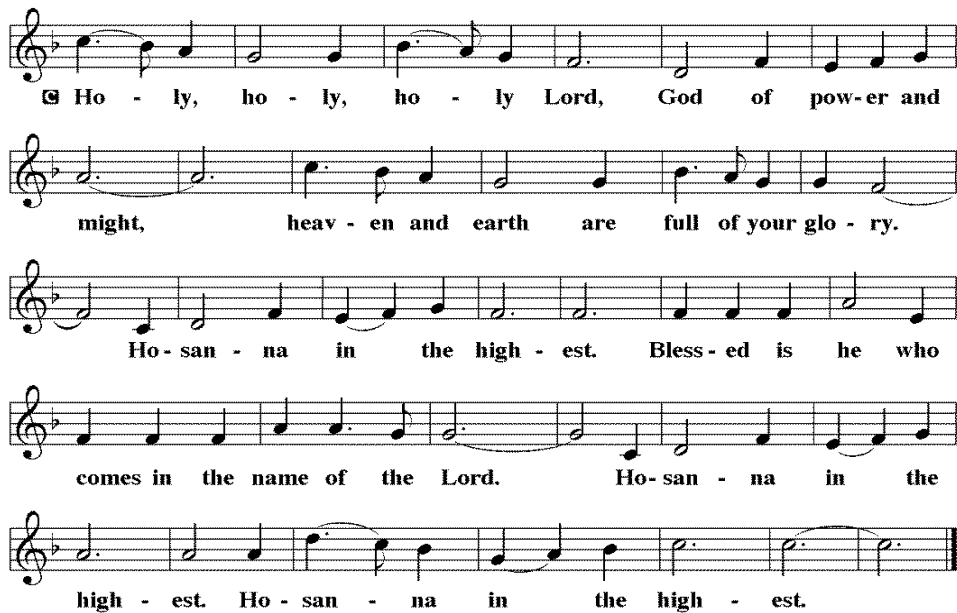
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise their name and join their unending hymn:



**P:** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



#### ✧ Lord's Prayer

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**

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

## Communion

*All baptized Christians who believe that the body and blood of Christ are present in this meal are invited to commune. The ushers will direct you forward and you may kneel or stand. Extend your hands with your palms up to indicate you wish to receive. You may also come forward with your hands folded palms down to receive a blessing. If you desire grape juice instead of wine, please point to the tray to indicate that you desire grape juice. The wine is red and the grape juice is white.*

## Distribution Hymns

**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.**

**ELW (Red Book) 471** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**ELW (Red Book) 592** “Just As I Am”

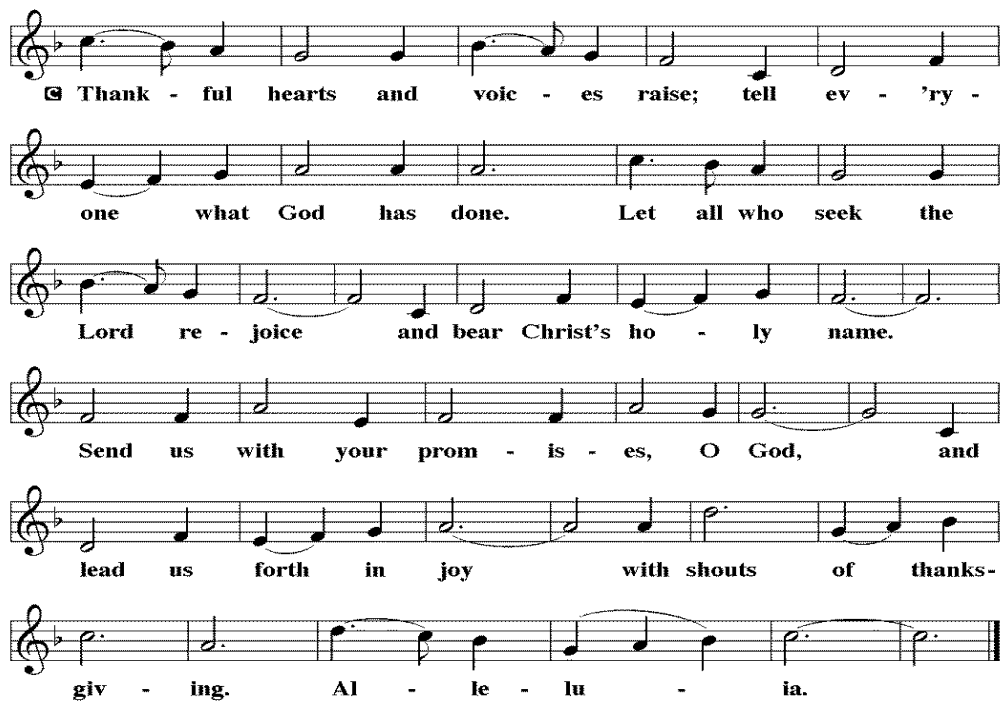
**ELW (Red Book) 838** “Beautiful Savior”

## ✧ Table Blessing

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

**C:** Amen

## ✧ Post Communion Canticle



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voice - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## ✧ Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. (*Response after the prayer*) C: Amen

## SENDING

✧ Benediction (*Response after the prayer*) C: Amen

✧ Closing Hymn - ELW (Red Book) 537 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

✧A: Go in peace, serve the Lord, C: **Thanks Be To God!**

## Postlude

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** This year VBS will be held here at the First United Methodist Church, Beardstown. Dates will be from July 26-30. There will be a pool party on the final day.

### **VBS PLANNING MEETING**

There will be a planning meeting for VBS at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, at the First United Methodist Church, Beardstown.

### **THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR**

**WEEKLY PRAYERS**: Those who are facing long-term illness or for whom we offer our weekly prayer support: Alaria Bell, Joe Blakeman, Betsy Brown, Alayna Capps, Robert Coats, Robin Days, Ulinda Eilers, Gilbert Ellis, Daryle Fair, Gabby Galvan, Roger Hale, Sue Hale, Tari Hale, Wendell Harbin, Linda Hendricker, Dave Krohe, Leo Leonhard, Tom Loughary, Dick Piehler, Caitlyn Rous, Ethan

Rous, Sherry Ross, Garry Shaw, Marge Shaw, David Thompson, Jennifer Wedeking, Rosemary White

**Those whose mobility is limited and whom we remember in prayer as a part of our community of worship: In Nursing Homes:** (Heritage South) Rob Cooper, Peg Rink

**In the Military:** Makenna Brockman, Brian Collison, Levi Collison, Marcus Collison, Marcus Couch, Johnathon Fishel, Chad Hale, Benjamin Raney, Doug Ross, Jakob Stover, Courtney Thompson and Quentin Thompson

If you put someone on the above list and they no longer need our weekly prayers, please let us know so that we may remove their name. Also, please let us know if you would like to have someone added to the list.

### **Calendar for July 4-July 11**

**Sun., July 4** - 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Tues., July 6** – 10:00 a.m. Visitation for Tom Loughary; Funeral at 11:00 a.m.

**Tues., July 6** – 1:30 p.m. VBS Meeting; at First United Methodist Church, Beardstown

**Sun., July 11** - 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

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