

# BAPTIZED *in the Triune God*

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Beardstown, Illinois  
Ministers: All of God's People  
Pastor Gary Sproat  
Worship Assistant Aileana Rawlins

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost      August 29, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

***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.*

<b>Worship Participants</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>September 5</b>
Pastor/SAM	Gary Sproat	Gary Sproat
Worship Assistant/Reader	Aileana Rawlins	
Organist	Jill Roegge	Jill Roegge
Acolyte	Brennan Ramsey	Liv Brown
Ushers	Jim Hermetet Mary Ella Hermetet	Amber McGill Brian Pilger
Chancel & Communion Prep	Susan Rawlins	Carol Loughary
Video Recorder	Cami Coats	Marlee Brown
Tellers	Ashlee Schlueter Grace Hermetet	Ashlee Schlueter Pam Anderson

*The altar flowers are in honor of Reid and Tucker Wellenkamp's birthdays. Reid is 13 and Tucker is 6. Happy Birthday!*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

### 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**

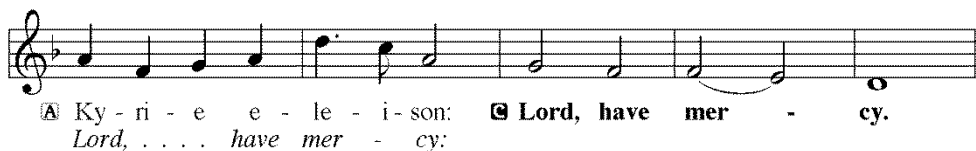
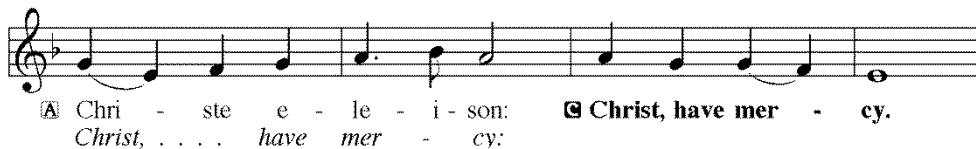
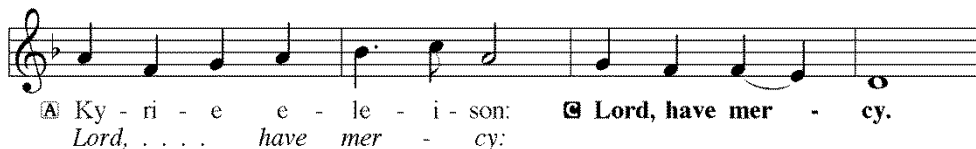
✧ **Opening Hymn – ELW (Red Book) 886 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

### ✧ **Greeting**

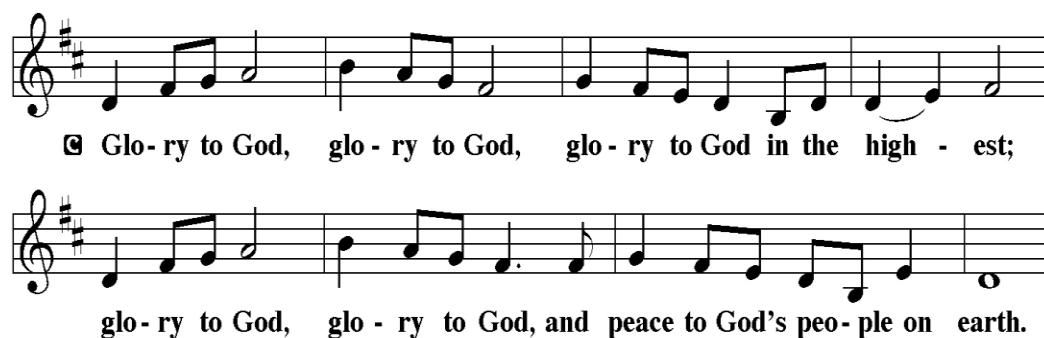
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### ✧ **Kyrie**



### ✧ **Hymn of Praise**





**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.



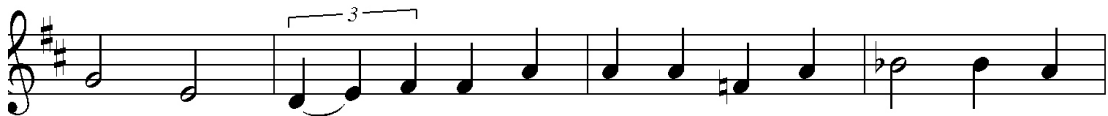
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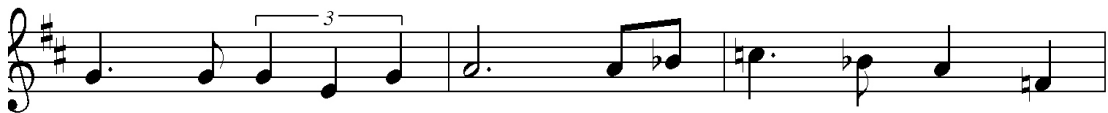
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**I** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,




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.

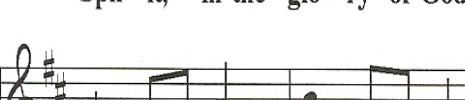
  
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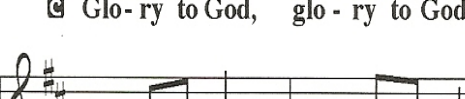
  
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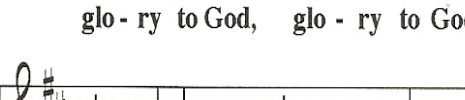
  
① For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
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you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

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

  
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## ✧ Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray,

C: **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

## WORD

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and neither to add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

R: A reading from Deuteronomy:

### **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

<sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 15**



<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

**<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>1</sup>back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes a- <sup>1</sup>gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup>overthrown.

## Second Reading

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

R: A reading from James:

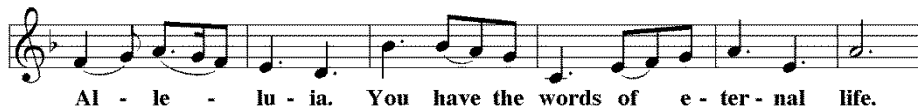
### James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ✧ Gospel Acclamation





## ✧ Announcement of the Gospel

### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” <sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

## Sermon

### Hymn Of The Day

✧ ELW (Red Book) 772 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

**HOLY BAPTISM  
OF  
Sylvie Looker**

**Presentation**

- P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- A: In Christian love you have presented Sylvie for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

**Parents/Sponsors: We do.**

- P: People of God, do you promise to support Sylvie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- C: **We do.**

**Profession of Faith**

- A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- A: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Parents/Sponsors: I renounce them.**

- A: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Parents/Sponsors/: I renounce them.**

- A: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Parents/Sponsors/: I renounce them.**

- A: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come again to judge the living and dead.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, we give you thanks for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Baptism**

P: Sylvie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized.**

### **Prayer for the Holy Spirit and Sign of the Cross**

- P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising us up to a new life through this holy sacrament.  
Pour your Holy Spirit upon Sylvie, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C: **Amen**
- P: Sylvie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

### **Welcome**

- A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### **Prayer for the Parents**

- A: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Dustin and Mattie. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their family. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with Sylvie the salvation you have given her, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen**
- A: Through Baptism, God has made Sylvie a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

✧Hymn ELW (Red Book) #884 **“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## ✧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

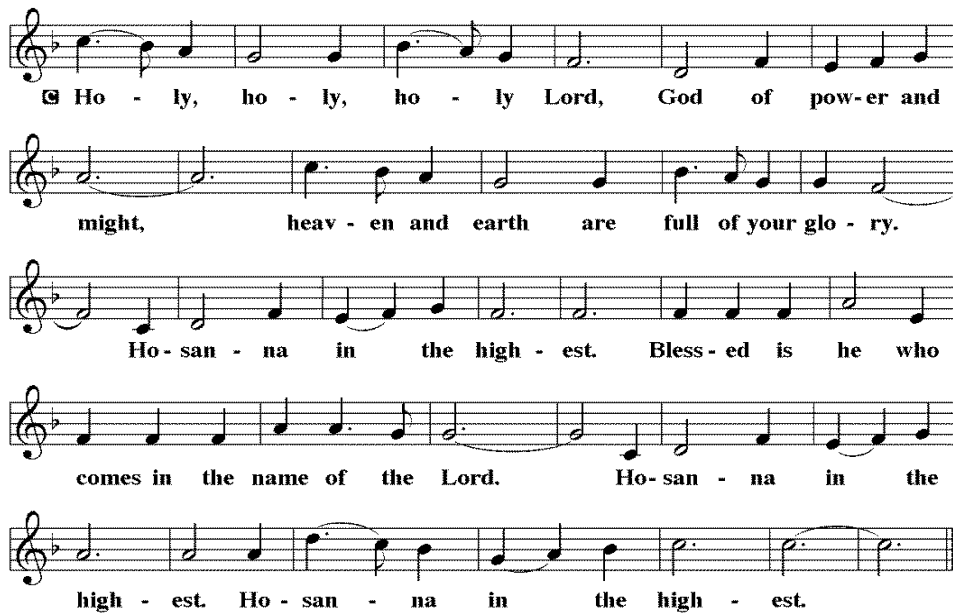
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

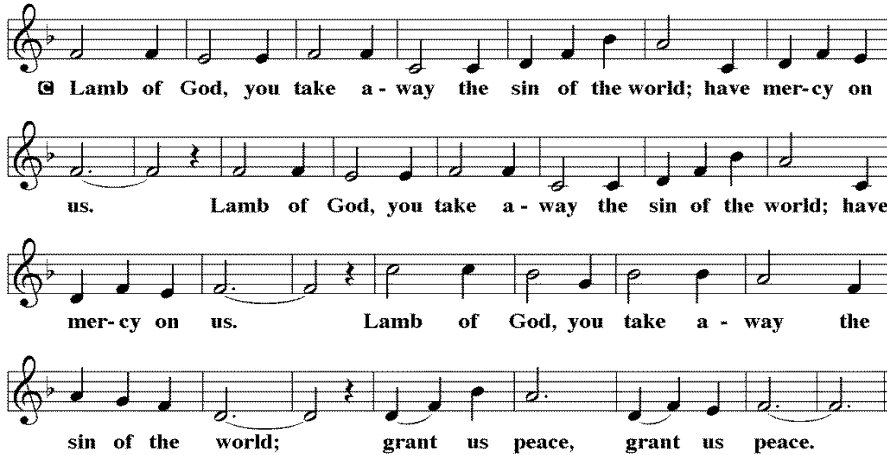
C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

## Communion

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## 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) 824** “This Is My Father’s World”

**ELW (Red Book) 574** “Here I Am, Lord”

**ELW (Red Book) 674** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”




✧ **Table Blessing**

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

C: Amen

✧ **Post Communion Cantic**



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - 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) 879** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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

**Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEBSITE UPDATED/PHOTO ARCHIVE

Our website has undergone a much-needed update! Go to [firstlutheranbeardstown.org](http://firstlutheranbeardstown.org) to see the changes.

We would like to create a “photo archive” on the website. If you have any pictures you want to add, please bring them on a flash drive to the church office or email them to [frstluth@casscomm.com](mailto:frstluth@casscomm.com).

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

We are returning to our normal worship participant schedule. If you would like your name removed from our participant list, please contact the church office.

We need worship participants. If you are willing to help, please check with the office to make sure that you are on the list.

Current worship participation lists were compiled using our 2019-2020 time and talent sheets. We are planning on sending out new time and talent sheets in 2022.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are searching for Sunday School teachers. Please reach out to the church office or Sara Brockschmidt if you would like to share your time and talent with the youth of our church.

### 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, Gabby Galvan, Roger Hale, Sue Hale, Tari Hale, Wendell Harbin, Linda Hendricker, Dave Krohe, Leo Leonhard, 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 (Rushville) Irene Lankin

**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 August 29-September 5**

**Sun. Aug. 29** – 9:00 a.m. Catechism Orientation

**Sun. Aug. 29** – 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Sun. Sep. 5** – 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

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