



Lead a life
worthy of the calling ...
making every effort
to maintain the unity
of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:1-3

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

10th Sunday After Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

August 1, 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.

Worship Participants	Today	August 8
Pastor/SAM	Gary Sproat	Kristin Durham
Worship Assistant/Reader	Mike Dour	Aileana Rawlins
Organist	Jill Roegge	Jill Roegge
Acolytes	Mylee Tracey	Eli Brockschmidt
Ushers	Allen Fischer Kerry Loughary	Claire Schlueter Ava Schlueter
Chancel & Communion Prep	Carol Loughary	Janet Fair
Video Recorder	Claire Schlueter	Isaac Brockschmidt
Tellers	Ashlee Schlueter Tommi Schlueter	Ashlee Schlueter Debbie Large

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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

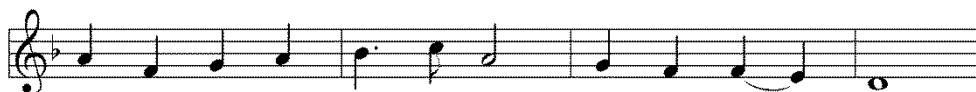
✧ Opening Hymn – ELW (Red Book) 423 “Shall We Gather at the River”

✧ Greeting

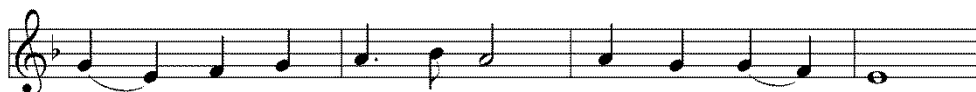
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

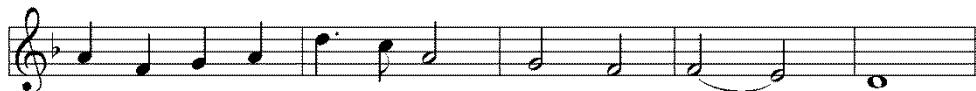
✧ Kyrie



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



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



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

✧ Hymn of Praise



Ⓢ 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.



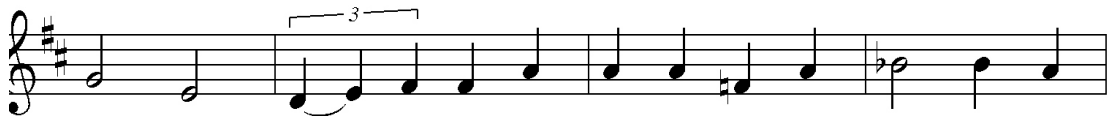
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glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



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.

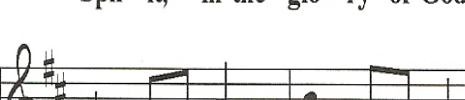

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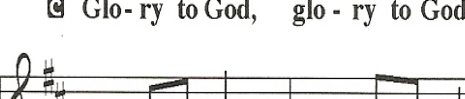

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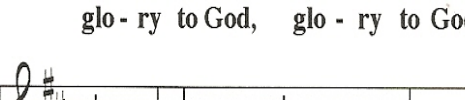

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,


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: **O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Congregation may be seated.)

WORD

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

R: A reading from Exodus:

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:23-29



²³So God commanded the | clouds above
and opened the | doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon | them to eat
and giving them | grain from heaven.**
²⁵So mortals ate the | bread of angels;
 God provided for them | food enough.
²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**
²⁷raining down flesh upon | them like dust
 and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,
²⁸**letting them fall in the midst | of the camp
and round a- | bout the dwellings.**
²⁹So the people ate and | were well filled,
 for God gave them | what they craved..
¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**
¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
 to all who call up- | on you faithfully

Second Reading

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

R: A reading from Ephesians:

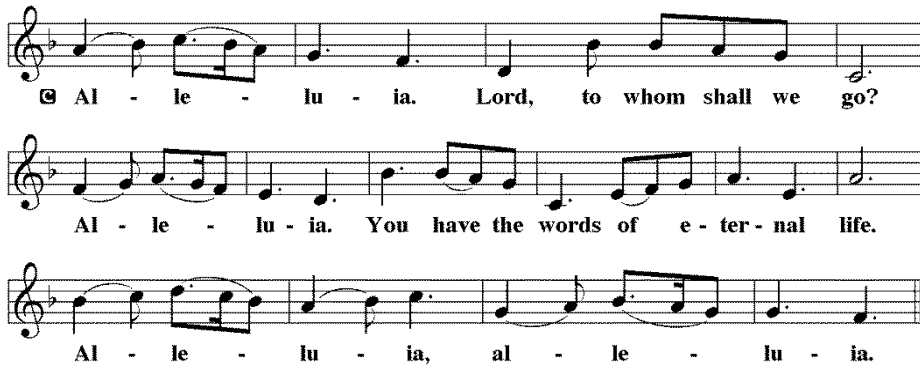
Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✧ Gospel Acclamation



✧ Announcement of the Gospel

John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea], they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.”²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.”³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

(Congregation may be seated.)

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day

✧ ELW (Red Book) 618 “Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer”

✧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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.)

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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) 856 “How Great Thou Art”

ELW (Red Book) 556 “Morning Has Broken”

ELW (Red Book) 763 “My Life Flows On In Endless Song”

✧ 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 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) 574 “Here I Am Lord”

✧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 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.

CLIA NEEDS FOR AUGUST

Christian Love In Action needs for August are Canned Stew and Canned Chicken and Dumplings.

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 Natalie in 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

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 1-8

Sun., Aug. 1 - 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

Sun., Aug. 8 - 10:30 a.m. No Communion

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