

Be filled with the Spirit.
Speak to one another
with psalms, hymns and
spiritual songs. Sing and
make music in your heart
to the Lord, always giving
thanks to God the Father
for everything, in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5: 18-20

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Beardstown, Illinois
Ministers: All of God's People
Pastor Gayle Pope
Worship Assistant Pam Anderson

12th Sunday After Pentecost August 15, 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.

Worship Participants	Today	August 22
Pastor/SAM	Gayle Pope	Gary Sproat
Worship Assistant/Reader	Pam Anderson	
Organist	Jill Roegge	Jill Roegge
Acolyte	Reid Wellenkamp	Cami Coats
Ushers	Robert Coats Allen Fischer	Barb Hobrock Grace Hermetet
Chancel & Communion Prep	Grace & Mary Ella Hermetet	Sharon Large
Video Recorder	Liv Brown	Mylee Tracey
Tellers	Ashlee Schlueter Hilma Stover	Ashlee Schlueter Debbie Wilcox

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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

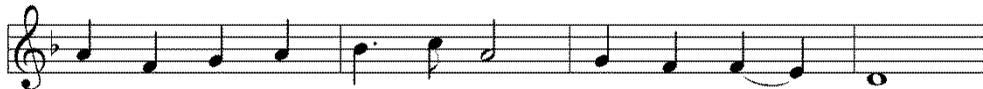
✧ **Opening Hymn – ELW (Red Book) 526 “God Is Here”**

✧ **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.



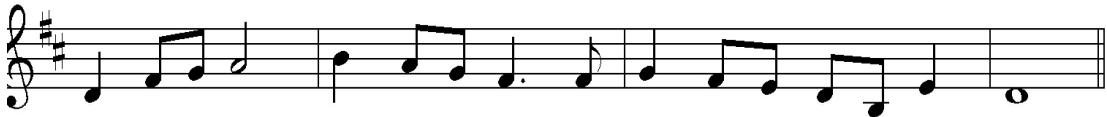
I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



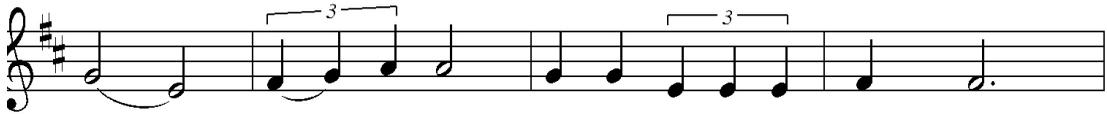
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



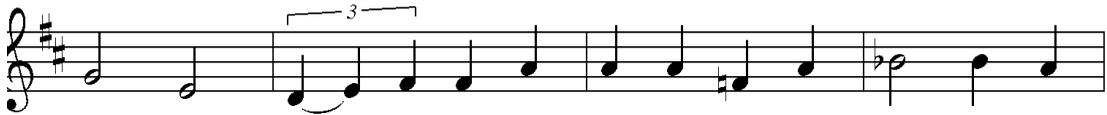
G Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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



II 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.

Second Reading

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: A reading from Ephesians:

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✧ Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

✧ Announcement of the Gospel

John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life". Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

51[Jesus said,] 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.”⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

(Congregation may be seated.)

Sermon

Hymn Of The Day

✧ **ELW (Red Book) 469** “By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

✧ **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

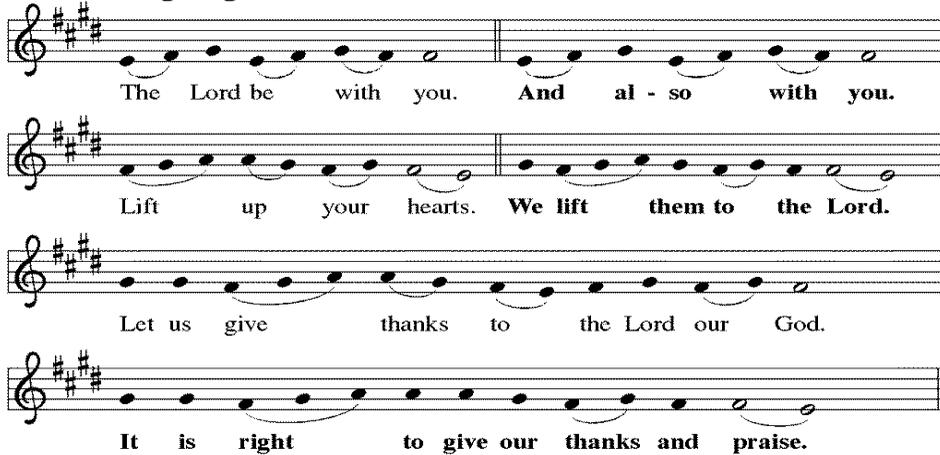
P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

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 also 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) 484 “You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”

ELW (Red Book) 759 “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

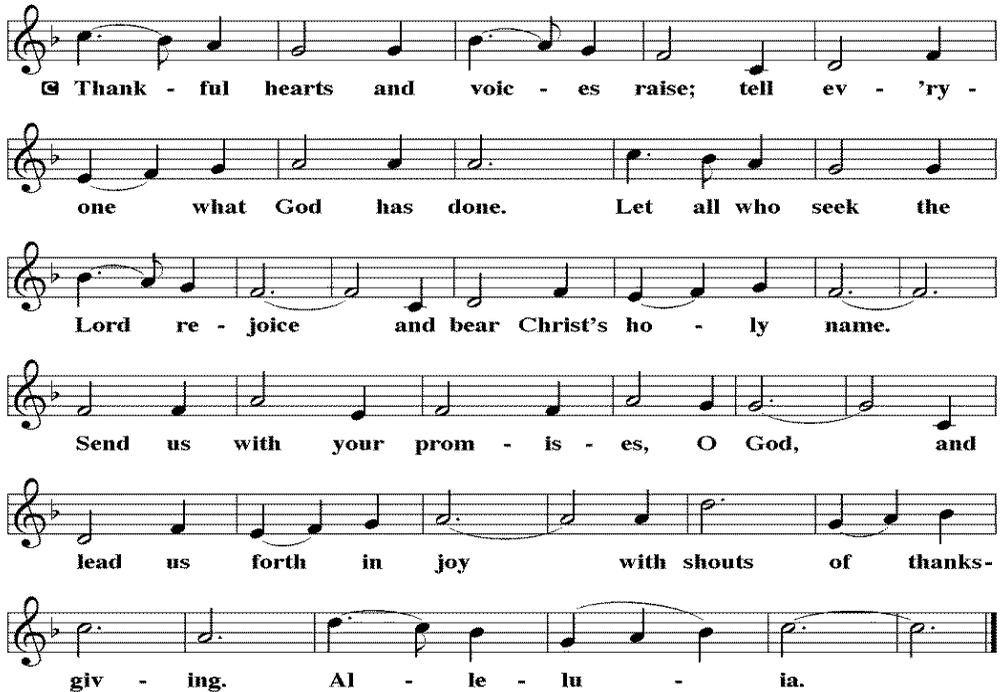
ELW (Red Book) 661 “I Love To Tell The Story”

✧ **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) 537** “On Our Way Rejoicing”

✧ 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! Visit 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.

CHRISTIAN LOVE IN ACTION - AUGUST

CLIA 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 (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 15-22

Sun., Aug. 15 - 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

Sun. Aug. 22 – 9:00 a.m. Acolyte Training

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