August 16, 2026 ☩

12th Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!

"God's Work. Our Hands. To serve ALL people."

An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read aloud responses found in **bold.**

P: Indicates the Presider. AM: Indicates the Assisting Minister.

We Gather

Gathering Music – "We're Family"

Welcome –"Therefore… Live a Life Worthy"

Opening Medley

"Jesus Loves Me" ELW 595

Jesus loves me! This I know
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain
Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

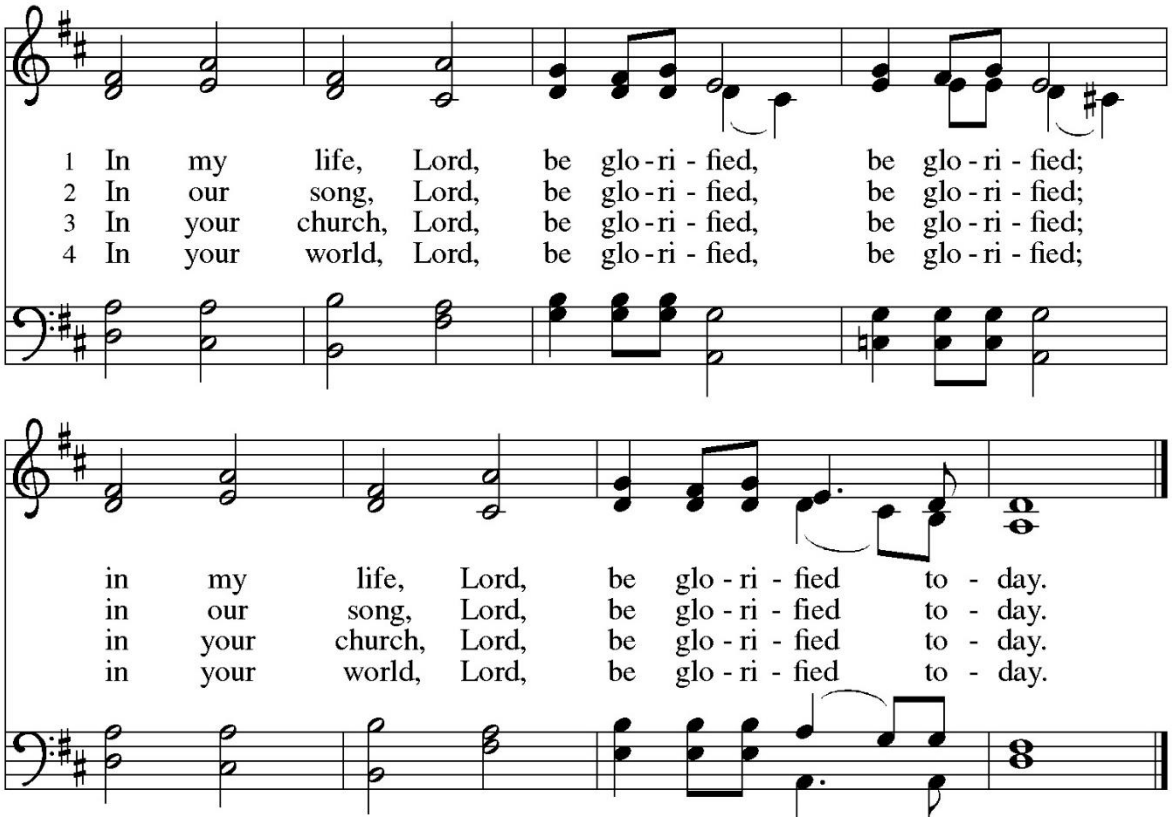
"This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine …let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine… let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine… let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

"Saved by Grace" (follow leaders)
vs 1 Do the twist / Arm motions
vs 2 Front stroke / Back stroke

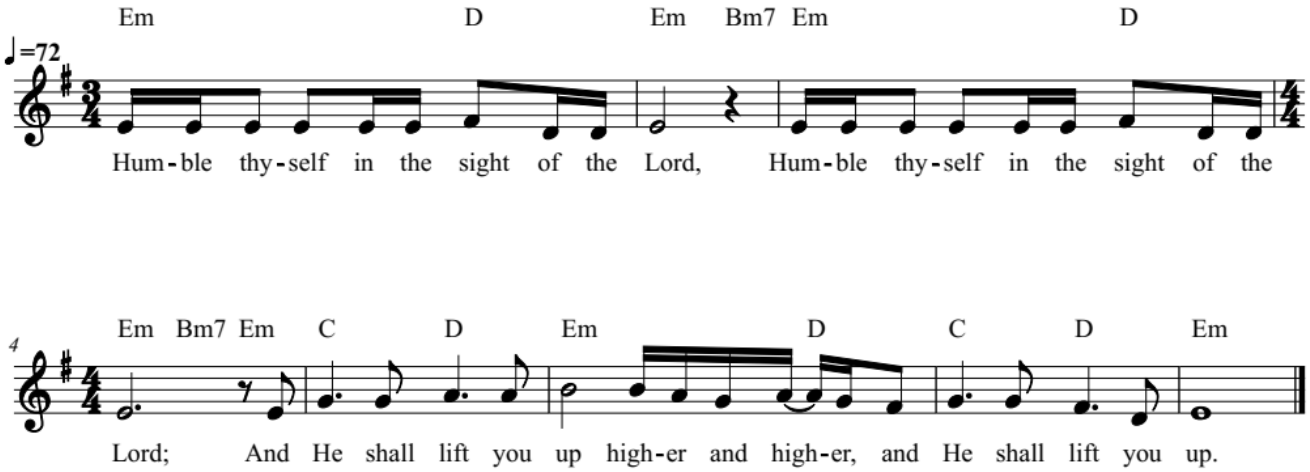
Medley continues on next page

Lord, Be Glorified



Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Bob Hudson

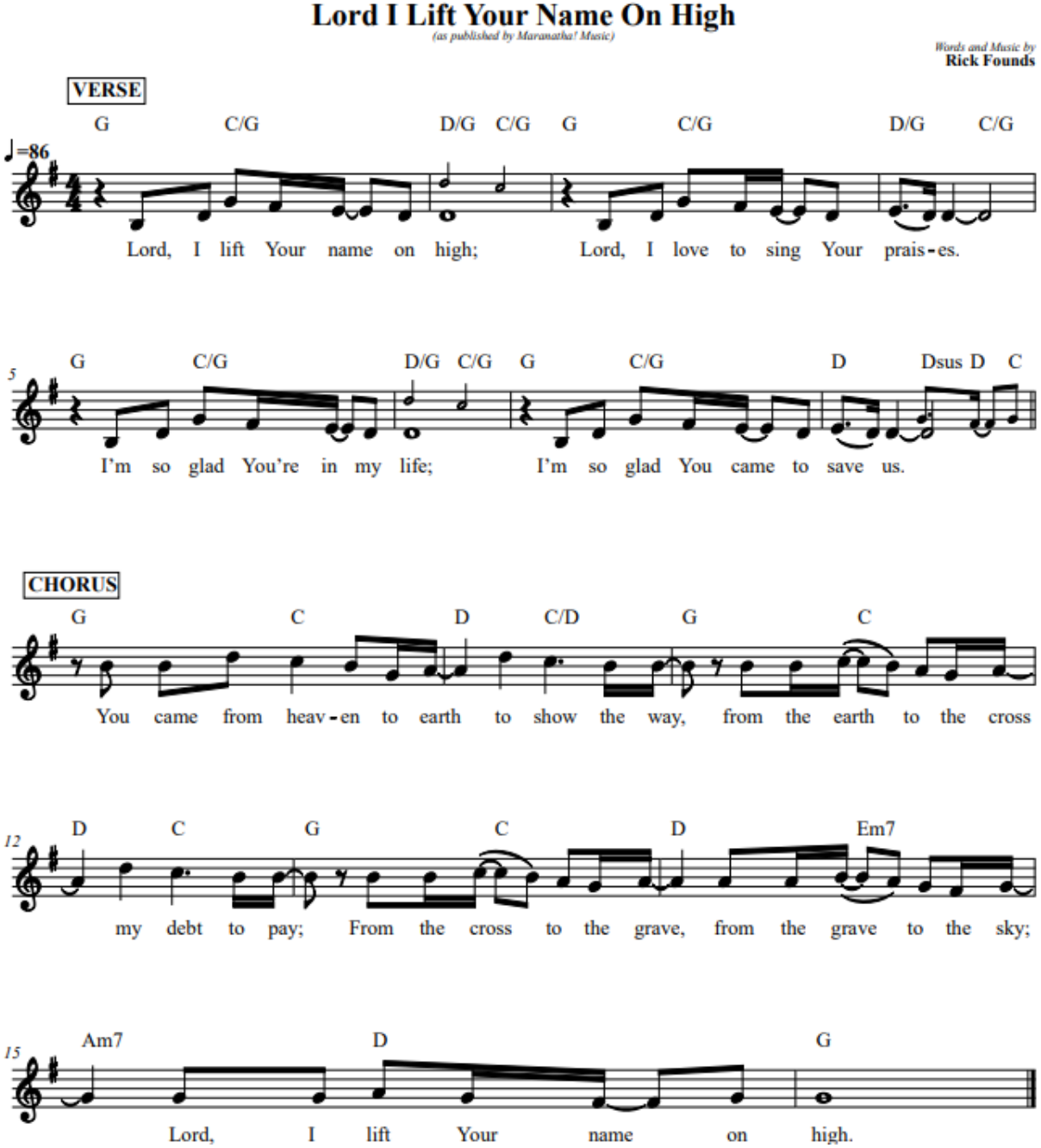


Please echo the leader as directed
Vs. 2: Cause our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love Our God is an awesome God

Apostolic Greeting
P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Song – "Kyrie"
LORD have mercy; Christ have mercy
LORD have mercy on us, only You do we trust
Help us live for the life of the world.

Song of Praise – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High –



Prayer

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture – Psalm 150

Song Father Grant
Father grant that what we sing with our lips
We may believe in our hearts
And what we believe in our hearts,
We may show forth in our lives thru our LORD Jesus Christ

Scripture – Ephesians 4:1-3
I therefore, the prisoner in the LORD, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Message - "THEREFORE … Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling" Pastor Steve Kidder

Song – We Are One John Ylvisaker

Confession of Faith- – Psalm 23
The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; Your rod and Your staff— they comfort me
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Offering - (For electronic giving, please scan the QR on acknowledgement page and Thank you!)
Offering Music – "Light Shines in the Darkness" Olson, Peterson
Offering Song – *music on back page* "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"
Offering Prayer –

We Share God's Holy Meal

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Confession
Announcement of Forgiveness
Words of Institution

The LORD's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion (Please remain seated where you will be served.)

Music during Communion:
"Lamb of God" Sara Thomsen

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us. (repeat twice)
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

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Prayer After Communion

We Go in Peace

Announcements

Sending song - Let's Go Out – Larry Olson
Let's go out into the world and make it a loving place to live
Let's go out into the world and tell everyone the Savior lives
Let's go out **(let's go out);** Let's go out **(let's go out)**
...and make it a loving place to live
Let's go out **(let's go out);** Let's go out **(let's go out)**
...and tell everyone the Savior lives! **Let's go out!**

Benediction Numbers 6

Dismissal
P: THEREFORE ... Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling!
AM: Strive to live a life worthy – not to get something – but because you already have been given something. God loves you; God has saved you; and this is not your doing; it is a gift of God. You have been made a member of God's family by the grace of God. Therefore, live a life worthy of your calling.

Sending Music

In Worship Today
Pastor: Steve Kidder
Pianist: Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson
Vocalist: Mary Gaebler
Student musicians
Oboist: Annaeka Johnson

Assisting Minister: Larry Kiewel
Ushers: Tom Thorkelson
Communion Preparers: Kristy Larson
Communion Servers: Carolyn Trnka

Tech: Shanon Nowell
Bread Baker: Diane Stewart

Prayers: We pray for those on our long-term list: Betty Gustafson, Paul Aasen, Karen Handel, Erika Schuldt, Ruth Edberg, Bob Lamb, Dorothy and Paul Lutz, Steve Erickson, Judy Caffee, Barbra Grabowski (Ted Kunze's sister), Garrett Paul, Mary Ann Scharf, Kay Moline, Kevin Norma Schlemmer (sister of Linda Nesburg)Nicholson (Betty Thompson's nephew), Leah Crosby and baby (niece of Aileen Bipes), Hazel Adelman (niece of Mary Gaebler), Lisa Handel-Dalvand, family of Barb Moss (friend of Deacon Brenda).

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FLC Refrigerator Page

Worship, Education and Service:

- **Fellowship** will be provided and served by the Green Committee.
- **FLC Director of Choirs and Handbells position is open.** If you are interested in applying for this position to lead Youth and Adult Choirs, or Handbells, please contact Kaari Bly, Pastor Chris, or Deacon Brenda.
- **Rental Assistance:** The need for emergency funds continues as many of our immigrant neighbors who have been recently released were told NOT to return to work. All money collected will be dispersed through the Good Neighbor Diversity Council's Emergency Fund.
- **Personal care donation for SPAF:** FLC is collecting toothbrushes during August. Place any donations in the grocery cart in the Gathering space. Thank you

Events at FLC and around the area:!

- **Are you available to serve as a teacher for our Education Hour this coming school year?** Deacon Brenda is building teams of teachers for our student classes which meet on Wednesday nights. Contact her if you can assist in team teaching this fall.
- **Next Hymn Sing Sunday:** August 30. Place titles of your favorite hymns in the basket on the sign-up table.
- **Deacon Brenda** will be away at Continuing Ed August 19-21.
- **Furnished basement apartment available for rent** – Becky Otterness is looking for someone to rent this property in her mother's house. Please call or text her at 507 327 9739, or email at rebecca.otterness@gmail.com.
- **Coffee and Conversation**- The CCM committee invites you to **Diamond Dust Bakery** on the first Tuesday of each month for a casual gathering of fellowship, coffee and conversation. It is a chance to connect with old friends and meet new ones! Our first outing will be Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00 am. All are welcome- feel free to bring a friend.
- **Chankaska Creek Winery outing** - Please join fellow FLC members for a relaxed time of Fellowship on Sunday, September 20th! We will meet at the winery at 4:00 pm, (after the Vikings game). If you would like to carpool, please meet in the FLC parking lot at 3:40. We are planning to be outdoors, but we do have a backup plan if it rains. Hope to see you there!