



# June 11, 2023 Time After Pentecost

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

We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!

## we GATHER

You are encouraged to think of the **Prelude** and other special music elements as a part of the worship service - offerings to God

We sing this prayerful **Gathering Hymn** of healing for "body, mind, and soul." Where do you need to be healed today? You will have an opportunity in the service to ask for and receive personal prayers for healing.

**Prelude** — *Cello Suite No. 1, BWV 1007* "Prelude" Johann Sebastian Bach  
Erik Lutz, cello

### \*Words of Welcome

\***Gathering Hymn** — no. 617 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

\***Kyrie** — page 203, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

\***Canticle of Praise** — page 204, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

### \*Prayer of the Day

May God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## we LISTEN and RESPOND

## A Reading from Hosea — Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt  
and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

“Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt  
offerings.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 50:7-15 — spoken responsively by half verse

“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
**for I am God, your God.**

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
**your burnt offerings are always before me.**

I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
**nor goats from your pens;**  
for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
**the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know every bird of the mountains,  
**and the creatures of the fields are mine.**

If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
**for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
**or drink the blood of goats?**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
**and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
**I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.**

## A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans — Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the

barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** — *from ELW Setting Ten*

"Alleluia"



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Gospel** — Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Gospel of Matthew, the 9th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sing this hymn of the kindness, mercy, grace, healing, and love of our God, a God that extends these gifts to all people, even when "we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own."*

**Sermon**

Pastor Chris Culuris

**\*Hymn** — no. 587

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith together:

**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 power of 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 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 Intercession**

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Offering**

*Music During Offering*

*Cello Suite No. 1, BWV 1007 "Courante"*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Erik Lutz, cello

### **\*Offering Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**we SHARE the meal**

\*Great Thanksgiving & Preface — page 206, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

\*“Holy, Holy, Holy” — page 207, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

### \*Words of Institution and The Lord’s Prayer

P: 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.

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray: **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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*Invitation to the Table

P: All people are called to Christ’s table. Come, eat what is good.

### Distribution of Communion

“Lamb of God” — page 208, front of hymnal, from ELW Setting Ten

**Reflection** — *Cello Suite No. 1, BWV 1007* “Sarabande” Johann Sebastian Bach  
Erik Lutz, cello

*We will observe continuous communion this morning and also offer space at the side rails for you to kneel and receive healing prayers as desired. We sing this hymn from All Creation Sings and ask for support through our physical pain and give thanks “for the better days.”*

### Hymn — no. 1014

### “When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”



1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer  
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for  
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may  
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our



with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,  
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and  
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with  
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you



breath your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.  
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.  
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.  
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

### Hymn — no. 323

### “God Loved the World”

### Prayer After Communion

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## we DEPART to serve the world

*We close our service with this Marty Haugen hymn of healing. We ask the Spirit of comfort, kindness, and compassion to “fill our hearts” and “be our guide” in the coming week.*

### Announcements

**\*Sending Hymn** — no. 612

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

### \*Blessing & Dismissal

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ☩ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Postlude** — “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

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### Announcements

- The Fellowship committee will serve refreshments after worship today. Thanks to all those who serve.
- Our first “Monday Funday” for this summer will be tomorrow, June 12th. We will gather at 6:30pm for kickball and snacks. These “Monday FUNDAYS” are open for people of all ages, so come and enjoy time together!
- June 18 @ 11:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend the First Forum about Refugee services from LSS (Lutheran Social Services.) Barbara Wilkinson will also talk about her experience as a refugee when she was a child. Welcome Waffles will be served.
- Stop in the office to buy Moondog tickets for the July 9 game. \$10 includes admission and a meal ticket!

### Prayers

- We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Elgene Lund, Chuck Petry, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Betty Gustafson, Erika Schuldt, Ursula McRostie, Karen Wendroth, Allen Storkson, Gene Roemhildt, Karen Smithers, Paul Aasen, Shirley Storkson, Claire Cardwell, and Ella Twaddle.