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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Lasting Inheritance

July 14, 2024



AS WE GATHER

We are often reminded things in this life don't last. This includes everything from material things and earthly goods to health and well-being as age increases, to relationships we treasure, and ultimately mortality, which leads to death. Yet just as things in this life are temporary, with joy we are pointed frequently to what is everlasting. Adopted as God's own children, we are given an eternal inheritance through the work of Jesus Christ. Amid the temporary things of a broken and sinful world, we keep our focus on Christ and the eternal blessings assured "to the praise of His glorious grace" (Ephesians 1:6).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymnal Page 525, verses 1 to 3

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown Him the Lord of Love,
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But down-ward bends their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE *Psalm 85:1–7*

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People: **You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

People: **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Pastor: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

People: **Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

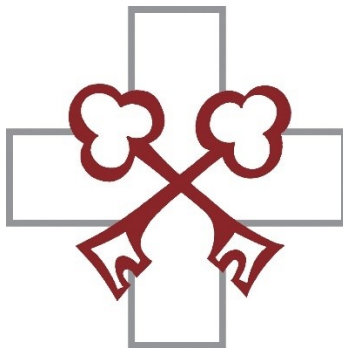
HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymnal Page 525, verse 4

4. Crown Him the Lord of Life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



PSALM RESPONSE *Psalm 85:8–13*

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

People: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Pastor: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymnal page 525, verse 5

5. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

Pastor: For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**People: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with Your servant,
for no one living is righteous before You.**

Pastor: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,
for in You I trust.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

KYRIE

Hymnal page 168

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” Hymnal 590

1. Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

2. My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

3. My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

4. All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7–15

(Amos's vision and prophecy to the people)

⁷ This is what He showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of My people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
And Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 85:1–13; antiphon: v. 7*

- 85** ¹ LORD, You were favorable to Your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
You covered all their sin.
- ³ You withdrew all Your wrath;
You turned from Your hot anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away Your indignation toward us!
- ⁵ Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
- ⁶ Will You not revive us again,
that Your people may rejoice in You?
- ⁷ Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.
- ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
- ⁹ Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
That glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before Him
and make His footsteps a way.



EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3–14

(Spiritual blessings in Christ)

1 ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸ which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



You were marked in him
with a seal, the promised
Holy Spirit, who is a
deposit guaranteeing our
inheritance until the
redemption of those who
are God's possession --
to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:14–29*

(The death of John the Baptist)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "When All the World Was Cursed"

Hymnal page 346, verses 1 and 3

1. When all the world was cursed
By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came
With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal
The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown,
As Savior he proclaimed.

3. Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes
The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy
Will full atonement win.

SERMON

CREED

Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people
according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we are citizens of the nations and places in which You have put us, with our citizenship in heaven assured. In our land, guide and direct the governing authorities over us that they may serve according to Your will. Impart in them Your truth and wisdom that life be treasured and protected, justice enacted, and order kept secure. Grant Your protection over those who serve in the military both here and abroad, and safety to all who keep roads and communities safe in their law enforcement vocation. Amid the conflicts and tribulations in any land, instill in us responsible citizenship as we await the eternal kingdom not of this world. Thy kingdom come,

People: **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: In these summer months grant favorable weather and safe travel for all who give thanks for Your creation. In each and every season, continue to pour out Your mercy and grace that we as Your people remain faithful and trusting in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come. Thy kingdom come,

People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor: For all who face troubles and trials in life, in mind, body, or soul, give Your peace and comfort in times of affliction. For those who have gone before us in the faith, we give You thanks for their witness of truth and hope. Comfort those who grieve. In all things, grant us Your Spirit to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage. Thy kingdom come,

People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor: We lift up to You the authorities over us in our Synod, districts, and congregations. Grant wisdom and confidence for all who lead. Bless all churches and people of all ages that You gather together as Your own, that we may be courageous witnesses of Your grace and truth to our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Thy kingdom come,

People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor: Your kingdom is not of this world, yet You come to us still in Your Word and Sacraments to strengthen us, nourish us, and forgive our sins. Bless our unity and fellowship at Your Table as we receive Jesus in His body and blood until the eternal feast You have prepared for those who keep faith in You. Thy kingdom come,

People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Additional petitions may be added.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING – (Solo by Ray Hutchinson)

OFFERTORY “Seek Ye First” Hymnal 712, verses 1 and 2

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia!

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9–13)

People: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

Hymnal page 917

1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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BLESSED TO BE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Reverend Dr. Larry Stoterau
Greeter: Greeting team member
Reader: Christine Geltz
Musician: Ray Hutchinson
Ushers: Craig Boehne, Donald Lammerts, & Dave Lassanske

PRAYERS OF CARE & CONCERN FOR OUR FLC FAMILY

Philip Caballero: Please pray for his family during their time of grief and loss, especially for Patricia.

Jean Hyland: Please pray for her family during their time of grief and loss.

Margaret Bradfute: Please pray for her family during their time of grief and loss.

Debbie Morrow: This former student from First Lutheran School (who is the niece of Pat Grabowski and Connie Kean) shall be receiving heavy duty chemo treatments for her cancer approximately every three weeks. Please pray for her cancer struggles to be healed.

Anna Rosteck: Please continue to pray for our missionary during her transition period as she continues to prepare for her return to Africa. In addition, also pray for Anna's ability to maintain good health. Any correspondence to Anna may be mailed to:

709 42ndA Street North, Great Falls MT (Montana) 59405



Philip Caballero

He passed into glory a few weeks ago. There will be service planned at the church on Saturday – July 27th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. More details to follow soon.

Sunday Worship at Home

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8:00 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740 each Sunday.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana. For those people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.

You may also access Sermon online by going to: <https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>



THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

SUNDAY **TODAY – JULY 14**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship time
9:45 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Board of Directors' meeting

SATURDAY **JULY 20**
8:00 a.m. **Volunteers to Friends in Deed**
2:00 p.m. to
4:00 p.m. Paint Your Pet & Ice Cream Social



Cost: \$25 per person including materials - Class size limit: 20
Register by July 18 to jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org.
Pet portrait artist Sally Weiss will help you create a colorful painting of your pet with acrylic paints.
No experience needed!

Christine Geltz's 50th Anniversary Party

Mark your calendar for September 7th, 2024! This event is in appreciation of Christine's 50 years of Christian music ministry here at First Lutheran Church. We hope that you will join us in this special tribute. Details to follow. Please note that Reservations shall be required. Go to <https://firstlutherantc.org/Events> to complete the registration.

Saturday Prayer Group, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This group is currently meeting via the telephone. Let Jo Tschopp know if you want to participate.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Vicki Trepanier

July 15

