

Service of Holy Communion
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above” - Michael Praetorius
“Jesus, Still Lead On” - Paul Manz, *arr.*
“With High Delight Let Us Unite” - Hans-Heinz Haase

WELCOME

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to live forever. Give us at this moment your mercy, that we may confess our sin and receive your forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit or kneel.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" sts. 1-2

Red Book #871

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Already king over Judah, the southern kingdom, David here is anointed king over Israel, the northern kingdom, as well. Captured by David, Jerusalem is chosen as the political and religious center for the new combined territory. It is known ever after as "the city of David."

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David

became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 48 *read responsively*

¹Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,
in the city of our God, on the LORD's holy mountain.

²**Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion,
the summit of the north and city of the great king.**

³God is in the citadels of Jerusalem;
revealed to be the sure refuge of the city.

⁴**Behold, the kings assembled
and marched forward together.**

⁵As they looked, they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in terror.

⁶**Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in childbirth;**

⁷with an east wind you shattered them
like the ships of Tarshish.

⁸**As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God—
may God establish it forever!**

⁹In the midst of your temple, O God,
we meditate on your steadfast love.

¹⁰**Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the
earth;**

your right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments.

¹²**Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it;
count the number of the city's towers.**

¹³Consider well its ramparts; examine its strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.

¹⁴**Mark this—God is our God forever and ever,
guiding us even to the end.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, We That Love the Lord" sts. 1 & 4

Red Book #625

The congregation may stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer, responding to each petition with words "Show us your mercy."

God of salvation, we pray for churches around the world: sustain those churches that experience persecution or harassment; and give wisdom to churches in free societies, that we might live according to your word.

Hear our prayer, O God:

Show us your mercy.

God of righteousness, we pray for the nations: bestow your peace throughout the world; raise up prophets to speak truth to power; uphold those who work for human rights; and protect people who seek freedom from poverty and oppression. On this Fourth of July, we ask that you bless the United States. Grant to our elected leaders a passion for justice and a will to serve all the people. Heal our past traumas and injustices and give us a faithful vision for the future. Protect those who celebrate this day from all harm and danger. Hear our prayer, O God:

Show us your mercy.

God of compassion, we pray for the sick and suffering: for victims of disasters, especially those in Surfside, Florida and those enduring extreme heat in the nation's northwest; for those deprived of their

freedom; for those facing the Delta COVID contagion; and for those we name here before you. . .

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God:

Show us your mercy.

God of eternal love, we thank you for all your saints, those who have served their nation, and those who ministered beyond national boundaries. At the end of all things, bring us all into the kingdom of your presence. Hear our prayer, O God:

Show us your mercy.

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves, our nation, and all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY “Thy Table I Approach” - Jan Bender

The congregation may stand.

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father....*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*....For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

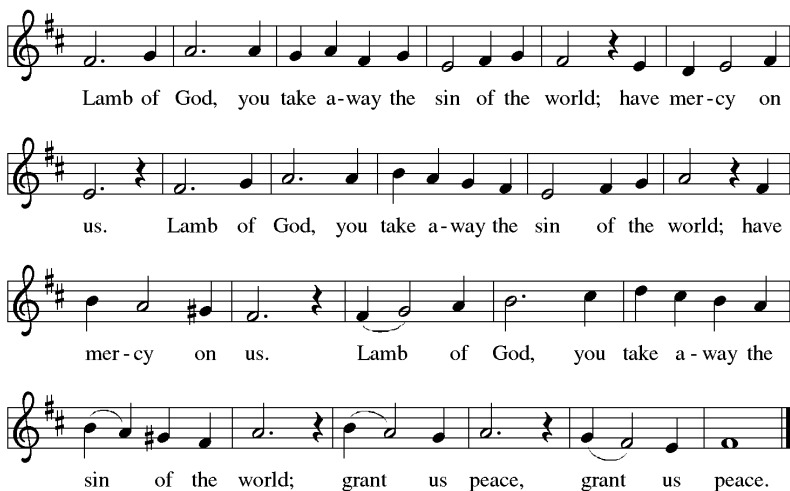
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD



The congregation may be seated.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Before You, Lord, We Bow" Red Book #893

RECESSION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "O Lord, We Praise You" - Kevin Hildebrand, *arr.*

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Jim Cunningham	Assisting Minister
Marlin Boltz	Reader
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Holly Schubert	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bill and Judy Vilcheck	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the congregation of First English Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 7/5	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 7/6	All Day	Office Closed
Wednesday, 7/7	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)

Thursday, 7/8	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Saturday, 7/10	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social distancing markers have been removed from the two central sections of pews. Please reserve the far right (pulpit side) section of pews for those who wish to mask and keep social distance. Thank you!

Social Hour will resume on Sunday, July 11th! We are excited to be able to begin this once again. This year, we will have a sign-up sheet for anyone who wishes to add to our donut holes, but no one is obligated to do that, just as you wish. Judy and Judy

VBS Registration & Help: Registration for Vacation Bible School is open to children ages 3 years through 6th grade. To register, please provide your child's name, age, grade entering in the fall (if applicable), parents' names, address, phone numbers, email address, and a phone number for an emergency contact. If you are willing to help with VBS, please email Sharon at sharonfelc@zoominternet.net.

We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship! A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in June, July or August. We look forward to hearing you at the church on your chosen Sunday. However, if you have concerns about attending in-person during the pandemic, please let us know if you would prefer to pre-record your selection of music in advance. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

PRAYERS

Dave Konesni, Donna, the family of Rita Wagner, the family of Carol Duffus, Judy O. and family, Graham Cannon, Anne Ferguson, Claudia, Karen, Anita, Joyce Hall, Kitty Walker, Nancy Hoehn, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Aryl Bashline, Jenna, Tom Olson, Pam Patterson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David and the house of Israel dance before the LORD

Psalms 24

Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may come in. (Ps. 24:7)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory

Mark 6:14-29

The death of John the Baptist