

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025

WELCOME

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome at worship.

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children
on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and
the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **July 27 – August 3**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship – Orchestra Sunday
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Pastor & Deacon Picnic at St. Thomas

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for confession.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Text: African American spiritual Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

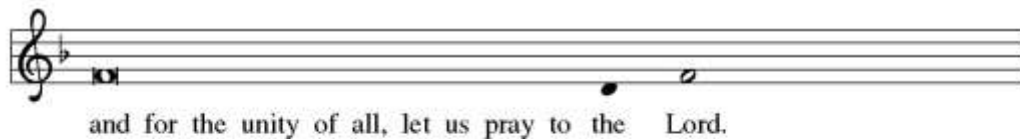
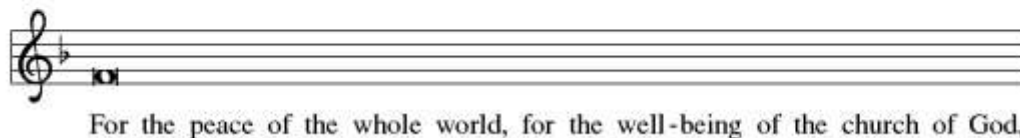
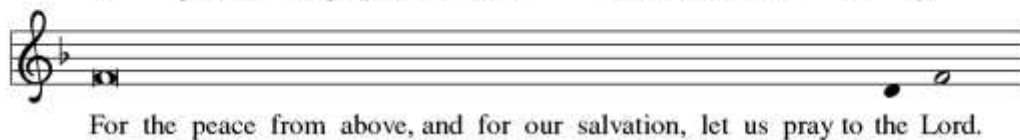
Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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.

KYRIE



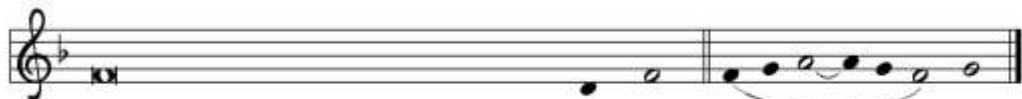


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.



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.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Hosea 1:2-10

² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD.” ³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, “Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵ On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.”

⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.”

⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ Then the LORD said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.”

¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 85

- ¹ You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- ² **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**
- ³ You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- ⁴ **Restore us then, O God our Savior;
let your anger depart from us.**
- ⁵ Will you be displeased with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- ⁶ **Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ **I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to you.**
- ⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ **Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹² **The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

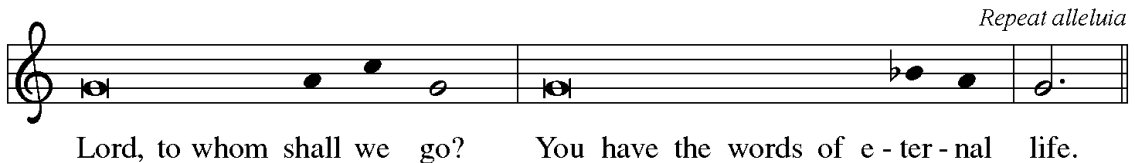
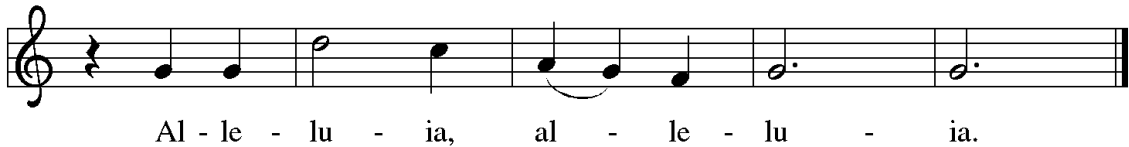
¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’”

⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence is kept to reflect upon God's message to us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

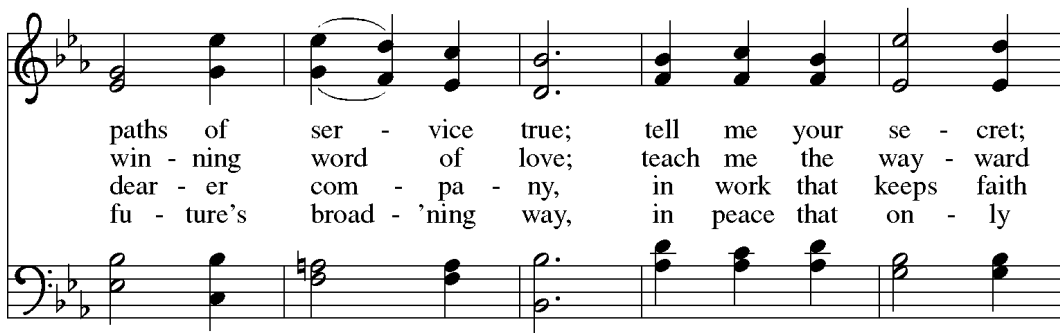
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Hymn of the day

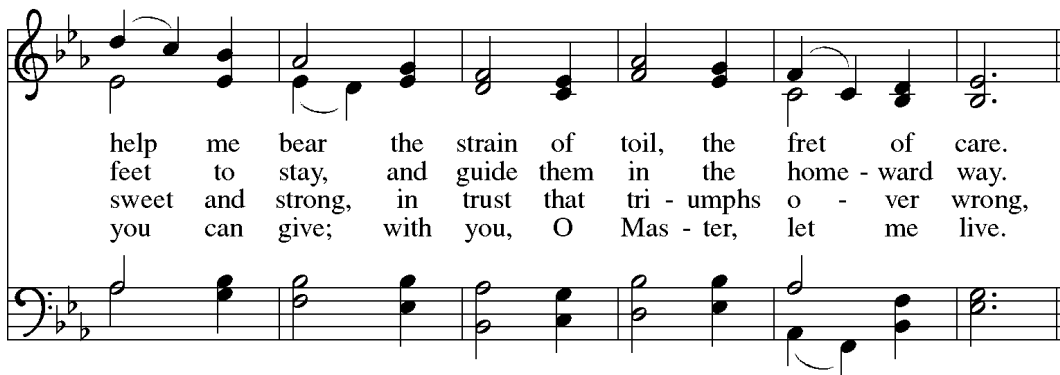
Text: Washington Gladden Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We greet one another with Christ's peace and then are seated.

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is
available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.*



SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Text: Lydia Baxter Music: PRECIOUS NAME, William H. Doane



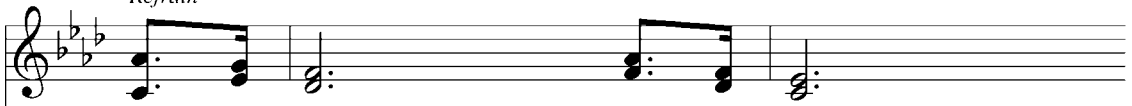
- 1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;
- 2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
- 3 Oh, the pre-cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
- 4 At the name of Je - sus bow-ing, fall-ing pros-trate at his feet,



it will joy and com-fort give you; take it then, wher-e'er you go.
if temp-ta-tions round you gath-er, breathe that ho-ly name in prayer.
when his lov-ing arms re-ceive us, and his songs our tongues em-ploy!
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour-ney is com-plete.



Refrain



Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! oh, how sweet!



Hope of earth and joy of heav'n. Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name,



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Paul Stockhausen (8/7)

Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Linus Christman, Pat Dent, June Diehl, Mark Hammer, Jim Howard, Charles Kampmeyer, Dalton Paul, Joe Pine, Garry Shatzer, Faye Ulrich, Karin Woods**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold and Parker Brown

ATTENDANCE July 20 59 in person

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS It's the time of year to gather items for our school kits and layettes. The following are needed: crayons (boxes of 16/24), blue or black ink pens (no gel), blunt scissors, notebooks (sheets of 70), hand towels, and baby socks. A list of items and a collection box is outside the office. Items need to be collected by October 1.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. WELCA is putting 100 health kits together. A health kit consists of a bath towel, sturdy comb, nail clipper, two bars of soap and an adult toothbrush. We are asking members of First Lutheran to contribute 4 oz. bars of soap and toothbrushes. We are in need of 200 bars of soap. On Sunday, September 14 we will assemble these health kits in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. We are hoping everyone can help with this project. You may place these in marked boxes outside of the church office.



BASEBALL – HAGERSTOWN

Sunday, August 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up by TODAY on sheet by office door or call or e-mail the office. Cost \$13. If we have 20 people or more, the cost will be \$10.

SUMMER SINGER CONCERT Come and be blessed!

Sunday, July 27 3:00 p.m. St. John's U.C.C. Sanctuary

INTERGENERATIONAL FUN AND MINISTRY Children, youth, and adults are invited to be a part of crafts at the Laurel Lake Adult Care Center on Franklin Farm Road. Come and assist the residents at the care center as our leaders introduce the crafts on Monday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m. Crafts led by Donna Ross, Mary Beth McGraw-Warne, and Cheryl Christman

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN NETWork Ministry is a local Christ-centered organization for youth, is hosting Jazz in the Garden on Friday, August 8th, from 6-8:30 PM. Featuring live jazz music, fresh appetizers, artwork, opportunity for fellowship and to give, this event will be held at NETwork's Community Garden between Redwood/South/Buchanan Streets in Chambersburg. Again this year, kids will be performing and vendors will serve food. All donations benefit NETwork and their mission: to love and equip youth! Please RSVP at network-ministries.org by August 4th.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>July 27</u>	<u>August 3</u>	<u>August 10</u>
Lector:	Ralph Burdick	Rose Wilson	Jane Love
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:		Karen Sloan Gerry Wilson Rose Wilson	
Greeters:	Joe Hunt Marcia Hunt	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy
Altar Guild:	Lori Palmer	???? Barb Evans will call me	
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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Worship Schedule

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.