

# First English Lutheran Church

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Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Services

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Pentecost 8

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## *Prelude and Ringing of the Bells*

*Hymn* – LSB # 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

## *Welcome*

## *Invocation*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God’s Holy Word says, that Jesus said to His disciples, “if anyone wants to come with Me, he must forget himself, carry his cross and follow Me.”

**C: Jesus, we want to follow You. Teach us to turn our backs on our own desires and wants.**

P: Jesus said, “Let him forget himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”

**C: Jesus, give us the mind and heart and will to follow You faithfully.**

*(A time of silence for private confession)*

## *The Confession of Sins and Absolution*

P: Lord, Jesus Christ,

**ALL: I confess to You, that there are many times that I do not like the choices You put before me. Forgetting self, carrying a cross, and following You are not always appealing to me. I have too often chosen a lifestyle that does not bear witness to You or bring glory to Your name. Because of my sinful nature, I have been an obstacle in Your way. Because of Your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask that You forgive me and everything that I have thought, said, and done that prevented me from truly following after You, and which made me a stumbling block to others.**

## *Pardon and Forgiveness*

P: As a called and ordained servant of God’s Word and by His command and standing in His place, I forgive you all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**(10:45 Service)**

***Baptism Hymn*** - LSB #593 “See This Wonder in the Making”

***Baptism*** Callie Marie Scott, daughter of Daniel and Katie Scott.

## *Psalms 23*

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.** <sup>ESV</sup>

## *Old Testament* – Jeremiah 23:1-6

*(God warns faithless shepherds who scatter the flock and promises that a new Shepherd will come.)*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ <sup>ESV</sup>

**P: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** – Ephesians 2:11-22

*(St. Paul describes how Jesus breaks down walls of separation between us and builds us into a "holy temple in the Lord.")*

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. <sup>ESV</sup>

**P: This is the Word of the Lord.**

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**(please rise)**

**Holy Gospel**- Mark 6:30-44

*(Even though He was weary, Jesus had compassion on the crowds who were like sheep without a shepherd, and taught them.)*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many

things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** – LSB # 808 “O Sing to the Lord”

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith**

- I believe in God the Father, the maker of all things and all people.
- I believe that He has created me and all that I have, and has given me gifts beyond measure and price.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the only Savior of the world. I believe that He died on a cross for my sin, conquered eternal death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His life is mine, His resurrection is mine. New life is mine because of the words and works of Jesus.
- I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Counselor from God. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person of the Christian faith. The Holy Spirit creates faith in my heart, calls me to the Gospel, and guides me to obey in holy words and deeds. He creates and builds the church of Christ on earth.
- I believe that I have the forgiveness of sins, the power to stand in strength against all adversity in this life, and the promise of an everlasting life to come. Because I do, I will listen to the call of my Lord and Savior to take up His Cross and follow after Him. This I truly believe. Amen.

## *Offering*

*Offertory Hymn* – LSB #956 “Create In Me”

## *Prayer*

*Lord’s Prayer* (See inside back cover of hymnal)

## LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The cup of blessing, which we bless, is it not the Communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the body of Christ?

**C: For we being many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread.**

P: When we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we share in the suffering and death of Christ. In our participation we proclaim His victory over sin, death, and the grave until He comes again in glory!

**C: Reveal Yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of this bread and taking of the wine, for this is where scripture tells us we can find You. Your body and blood is located here for the forgiveness of our sin.**

## *The Consecration*

*(sung to the tune “Just As I Am” – LSB #570)*

C: The night Lord Jesus was betrayed,  
He took the bread, and when He’d prayed,  
He broke and gave them of the bread  
And unto His disciples said:

*(Pastor says the Words of Institution for the bread)*

C: Then when the sacred meal was o’er;  
Our blessed Savior spoke once more.  
He offered thanks and lifted up,  
To give to all, the blessed cup.

*(Pastor says the Words of Institution for the wine)*

*Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God) tune: “Just As I Am”*

C: O Lamb of God, You take away,  
The sin of all; now hear us pray,  
And grant us from our sin release:  
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!

## *Distribution of Holy Communion*

### *Hymns*

LSB # 474 “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

LSB # 817 “Earth and All Stars”

LSB # 540 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

LBS # 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**THANKSGIVING:** *tune: “Just As I Am”*

C: Oh, thank the Lord, Whose goodness sure  
And steadfast love fore’er endure!  
Our eyes have seen, Our ears have heard,  
And we have tasted of His Word.

## *THE BENEDICTION*

P: Go out now, into the world in which you live and work, determined to carry out and glory in the cross of Jesus Christ. As you go in the knowledge that you do the will of the One Who sends you; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, will sustain you and bless you, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN* – LSB # 832 “Jesus Shall Reign”

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS AND POSTLUDE*

† † **HOLY COMMUNION** † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine. (*"This is my body . . . This is my blood."* Matt. 26:26,28) We also believe that Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and the strengthens our faith.

By communing together, we are expressing our unity in belief regarding the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. *Normally, only members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) will commune here.*

The four steps of preparation for Holy Communion are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

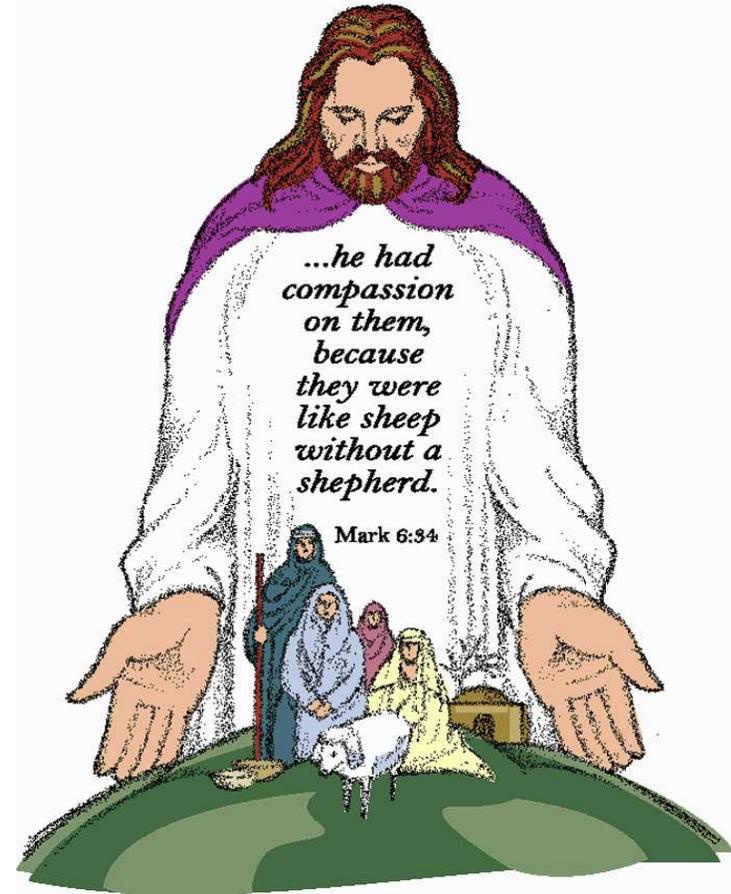
† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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