

First English Lutheran Church

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8:00 am Communion Service

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Pentecost 8

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

Hymn – LSB # 837 “Lift High the Cross”

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.

Psalm 25

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

C: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

P: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

C: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

P: Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

C: The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

P: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

C: Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my sins. ¹⁹Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

P: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. ²¹May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

C: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Old Testament – Deuteronomy 30:9-14 The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, ¹⁰ when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹⁴But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Colossians 1:1-14 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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(please rise)

Holy Gospel - Luke 10:25-37 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn – AGPS # 216 “Somebody’s Knockin’”

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 # 618 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”
LSB # 619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”
LSB # 620 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”
LSB # 622 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

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 # 930 vs. 1-4 “All You Works of God”

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 this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together, we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of 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. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which 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.

Pentecost 8

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Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind....



Luke 10:27

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