

AUG 16, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CHILDCARE Available for children 5 and under in the nursery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Meets at 9:45am. Contact Renee at rengen@flcj.org for more information. To register, print form from flcj.orgsreg.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for graciously welcoming us into their space and allowing us to worship together.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (8am)

God of Wonders

Worship Team

WELCOMING WORDS

stand

*As the presiding minister
begins, all may make the sign
of the cross, the sign that is
marked at baptism.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 781

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

sit

WORD

FIRST READING

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

SECOND READING

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

stand

GOSPEL
Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

sit

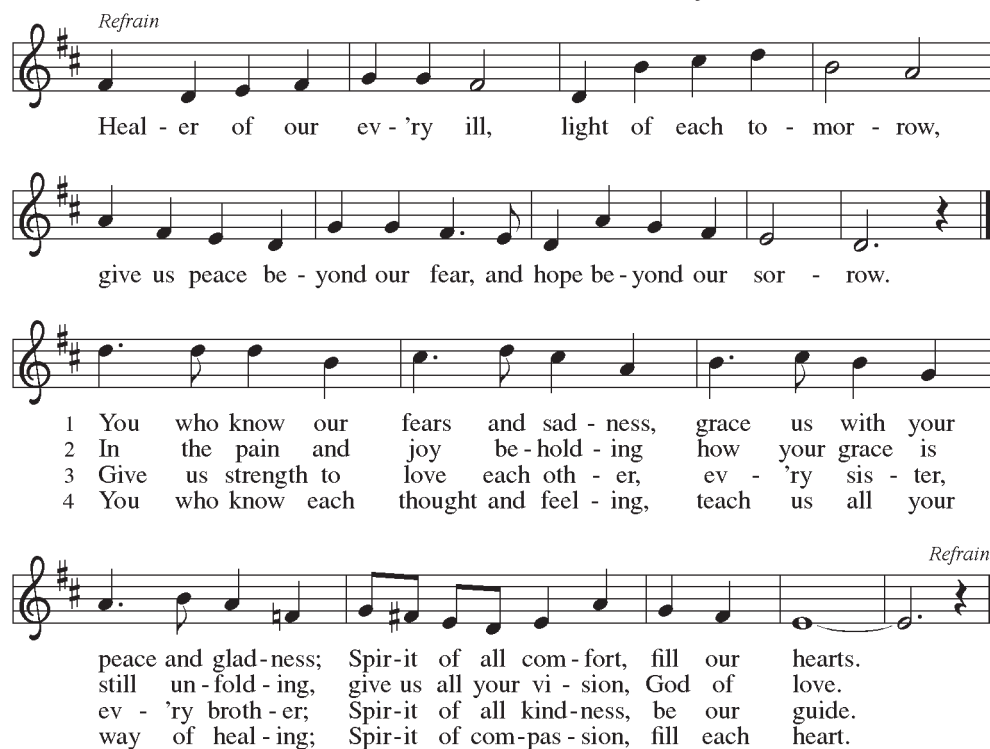
SERMON

Pr. David Andert

stand

HYMN OF THE DAY 612

Healer of our Every Ill



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

*We pray by petition. At the end of each petition, the leader says,
"God of grace," and the assembly responds, "**hear our prayer**"*

PEACE

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

*We turn to one another and with a wave or nod and offer a gesture
of Christ's peace. We may say these words: "Peace be with you."*

MEAL

OFFERING TIME

A story of our ministry...

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.



*You can give your offering by
scanning the QR code above
with your phone camera or
place it in the offering basket
by the entrance way. You
can also bring it to the church
office or send it by mail.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

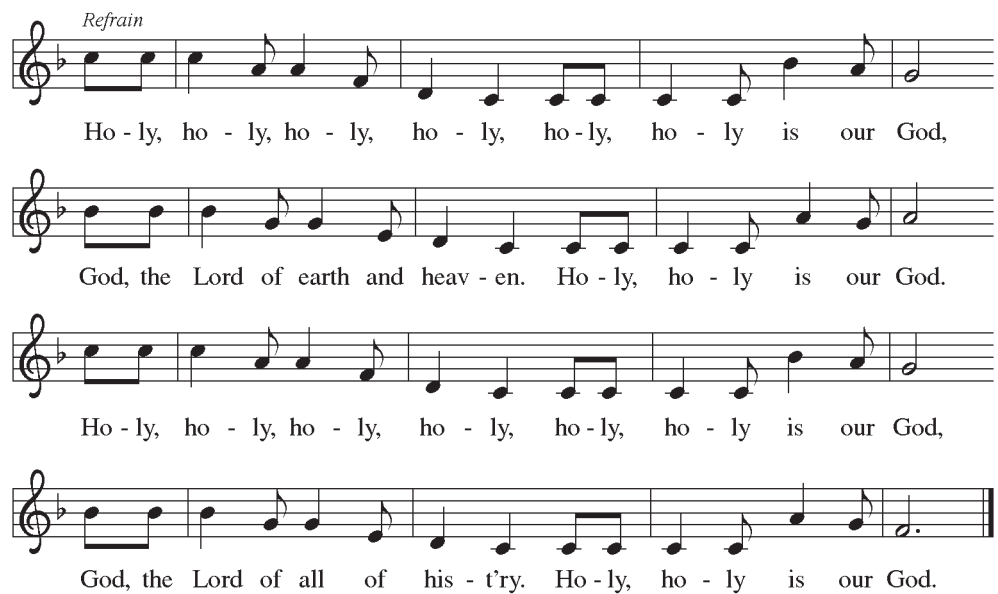
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Refrain



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,
God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,
God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

*Communion is open to
all who wish to receive it.
Individual, sealed communion
kits available inside the
sanctuary doors, for those
who prefer them.*

*If you would like to receive
Communion at your seat,
please notify an usher.*

LORD'S PRAYER

sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

God of Wonders

Worship Team

When all have communed:

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

Amen.

stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING WORD

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG 712

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



SIGN UP TODAY!

WEDNESDAY EMAILS FROM FLC

Are you getting the Wednesday Emails from FLC? If you are not and would like them, please contact the church office at 608.752.7434 x10 or email at office@flcj.org.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SUNDAY | 8AM



Embracing Love's Adventure Together

NOW - SEPT 20

DRIVE IN WORSHIP

Drive-In Worship Parking: Turn off your headlights! Please park in double rows. Larger vehicles, please park along the sides or in the back. Tune your radio to 90.1 FM.

Ask a Greeter for

- A large print bulletin
- Offering Envelopes
- Connect card - To record that you have communed, or to update your address, phone, email. Or, call the office at 608.752.7434, email Jeanie at office@flcj.org, or Nan at nbandt@flcj.org

Communion: Greeters will hand out individual communion cups each Sunday.

Weather looking iffy? 8am worship will be held at Good Shepherd. A notice will be posted on the 'Closings' page at www.WCLO.com.



PRAYING FOR YOU

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Hospice: Gary Kleinhans

St. Mary's: Ron Schoonover

Rehab: Anita Kropf, Rick Olson

Prayers: Nathan & Heather Barlass, Damen Boehlke, Rick Cleasby, Renee Comstock, Karen Curry, Lynn Dhein, Violette Eichman, Connie Evans, Leon Freeburg, Linda Fronczak, Christine Genz, Jane Gesteland, JoAnn Haeberlin, Kathy Hendricks, Myra Jensen, Ruth Keehn, Janet Klawitter, Marcia Kelleher, Robert Kjendlie, Audrey Kvistad, K. Letheby, Marion Maddock, Eli Martin, Naomi Martin, Duane Meister, Janis Metzger, Kathy Mikkelsen, Samantha Mulderick, Curt Nodolf, Shirley Pate, Susan Popp, Kevin Punzel, Debbie Rethlefsen, Elaine Schilling, Earl Schultz, Helen Strand, Linda Sturdevant, Kamron Schwartz, Jan Wathke

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Homebound: Evelyn Dahl, George Dallman, Ray & Liz Decker, Harriet Hanson, Wayne Koste, Shirley Mooney, Lynn Reddel

PRAYER TEAM: The next meeting for the prayer team is Sunday, Aug 30, AT 9am in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd. Join us!



RETURN BY SEPT 1

SCHOOL BAGS FOR LWR

Help fill Lutheran World Relief School Bags! August is a great time to purchase school supplies while they're on sale.

Needed for each bag:

- 4 - spiral notebooks (70 pages)
- 1 - Crayon (16 or 24 count)
- 5 - ballpoint pens (no gel) (blue or black ink)
- 5 - unsharpened #2 pencils
- 1 - eraser (2 1/2")
- 1 - pair of blunt scissors
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1 - 12" ruler (inches and centimeters)

Drop donations in the collection tote at Good Shepherd or at the church office/parsonage. Empty school bags are also available to fill. Donations of 4-yard lengths of clothesline or macramé cord for drawstrings are appreciated.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



SAT, SEPT 19 / 8AM / FLC PARKING LOT BIKE RIDING GROUP

Join us on the 3rd Sat of each month for a bike ride. For all rides, except the Pie Ride, meet at FLC at 8am.

- **Sept 19:** Take the bike trail south through Palmer and Monterey Parks, follow the river to the Water Treatment Plant then head West to Skelly's Farm Market.



SAT, AUG 22 / 8AM / PARSONAGE

A CONVERSATION ON JUSTICE & THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

In my August newsletter article, I invited you to join me for a conversation on Saturday, Aug 22, 8-9:30am. We'll meet in the parsonage, 740 N Randall Avenue.

I was stirred recently by an interview of two friends of Vincent Harding, the civil rights leader and historian of the movement.

Harding wrote the original draft of "Beyond Vietnam," a controversial speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in April 1967. I want to invite you into conversation with that interview, as we consider the meaning of justice and the kingdom of heaven for our own time. You can listen ahead to the interview at tinyurl.com/4tek8w6v. I look forward to a lively discussion! —Pr. Micheal

WEEK OF **AUG 16**

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SUN, AUG 16 - 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00am	Drive-In	Parking Lot
9:00am	Coffee Hour	Parsonage
9:00am	Bible Study	Good Shepherd
9:45am	Sunday School	Good Shepherd
10:00am	Worship	Good Shepherd
11:00am	Coffee Hour	Good Shepherd

MON, AUG 17

9:00am	Safe Families	Good Shepherd
7:00pm	Scout Meeting	Good Shepherd
8:00pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom

TUES, AUG 18

8:00am	BG's	FLC
9:00am	Knitters	First Senior Housing
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Parsonage
6:30pm	Church Council	Parsonage

WED, AUG 19

8:30am	Mission Sew	First Senior Housing
10:00am	Bible Study	Good Shepherd
6:00pm	Worship Team	Good Shepherd

THURS, AUG 20

3:30pm	Second Harvest	Portico
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NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

AUG 23: 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ Isaiah 51:1-6
+ Psalm 138
+ Romans 12:1-8
+ Matthew 16:13-20



STEWARDSHIP

WEEK IN REVIEW

Last Week's Giving:
\$7,448.34 *Thank You!*
Avg Weekly Giving YTD: \$19,720
Weekly Need: \$18,573

The weekly need is calculated by taking the budgeted expenses and dividing by the number of weeks in the year. This budget year, the expected expenses are part of a growth strategy based on insights from members under the direction and oversight of the Church Council. With your support, we are looking forward to the future that is growing at FLC.



ATTENDANCE

8am: 146 10am: 55

Members of Good Shepherd and visitors, you are invited to take part in any of First Lutheran's activities. Check out the calendar above and join us!

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GREETERS

8:00 Sue Johnson, Elaine Myers, Karen Kirkpatrick

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Peterson

TEMPORARY FLC OFFICES

Temporary offices are in the former parsonage at 740 N Randall Ave. Easiest access is through the rear porch door, and close parking is available there.
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm, Fri 9am-Noon.

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