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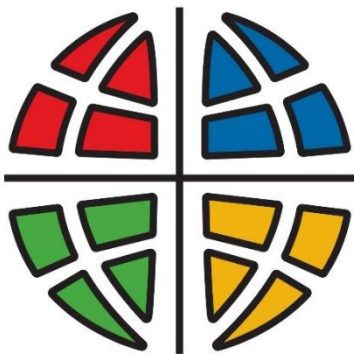
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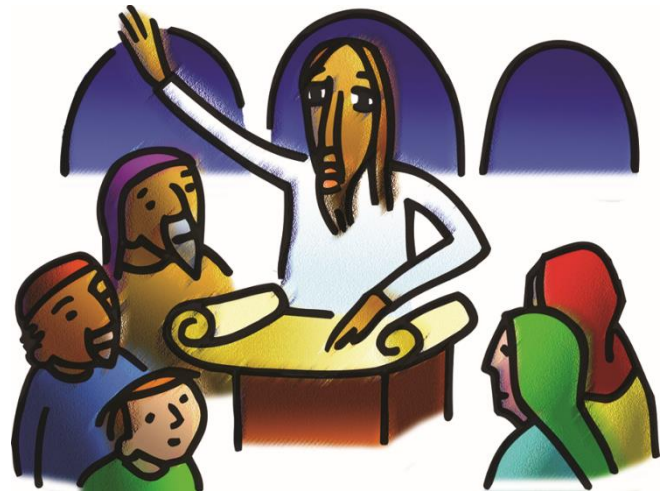
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ELCA

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Aug 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
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At First Evangelical Lutheran all are welcome here – disciples and doubters, sinners and saints, wanderers and wonderers, young and young at heart, insiders and outsiders – all of God’s children are welcome in this community as we **worship** together, **learn** together, **serve** together, **pray** together and **play** together seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We are blessed by your presence here today!

You belong, here!

*Please fill out the “Welcome to Worship” slip
in the pew rack and pass to the side aisles*

Guidance for using this bulletin and the hymnal:

- ✘ All are invited to speak those responses printed in **bold**.
- ✘ ELW refers to material from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.
- ✘ Numbers preceded by “ELW” refer to the hymns and songs found in the middle and back portions of the hymnal
- ✘ Numbers preceded by the word “pg” refer to material found in the front portion of the hymnal.
- ✘ “OT pg.” or “NT” pg. are in the old and new testament of the pew Bible.

We live stream our worship services on YouTube

Hearing Assist devices available from the sound booth.

You can also connect hearing aides through our T coil / Loop system

PRELUDE "Andante" (From Concerto No. 3 In B-Flat)
- Felton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 805

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

GREETINGS

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.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. **Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 OT pg. 167

A reading from Joshua. ¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God

who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20 NT pg. 150

A reading from Ephesians.¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

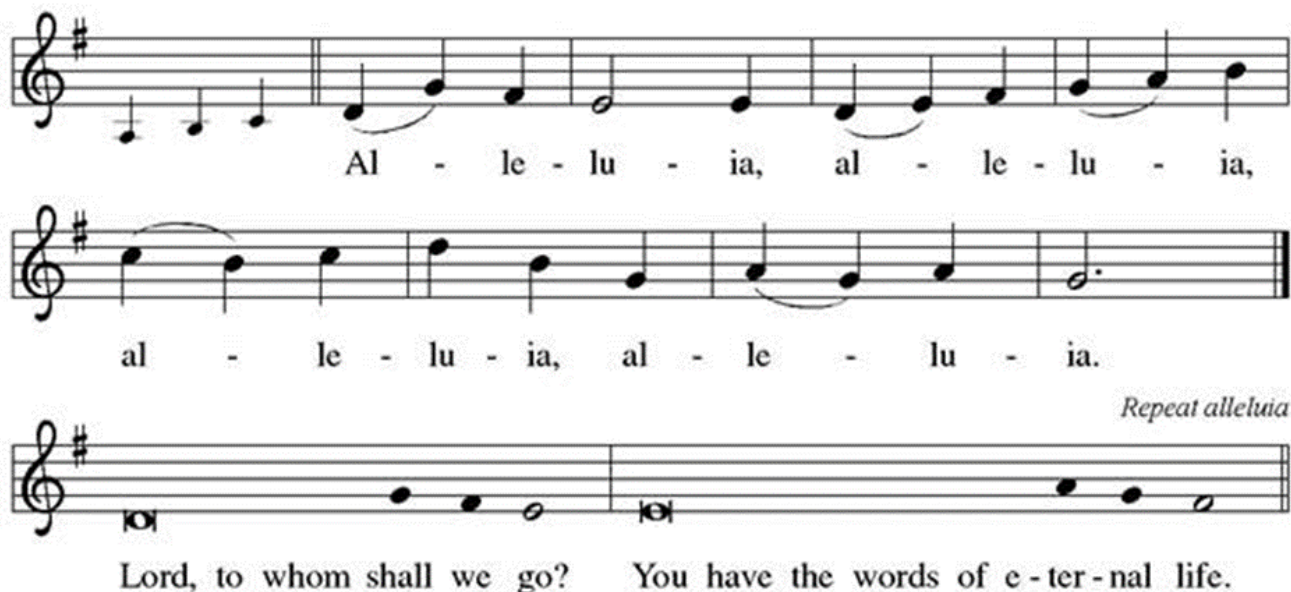
¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

NT pg. 75

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Karen Marohn

Please rise as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 638

“Blessed Assurance”

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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about

change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys (especially). Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” - M. Sharp

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

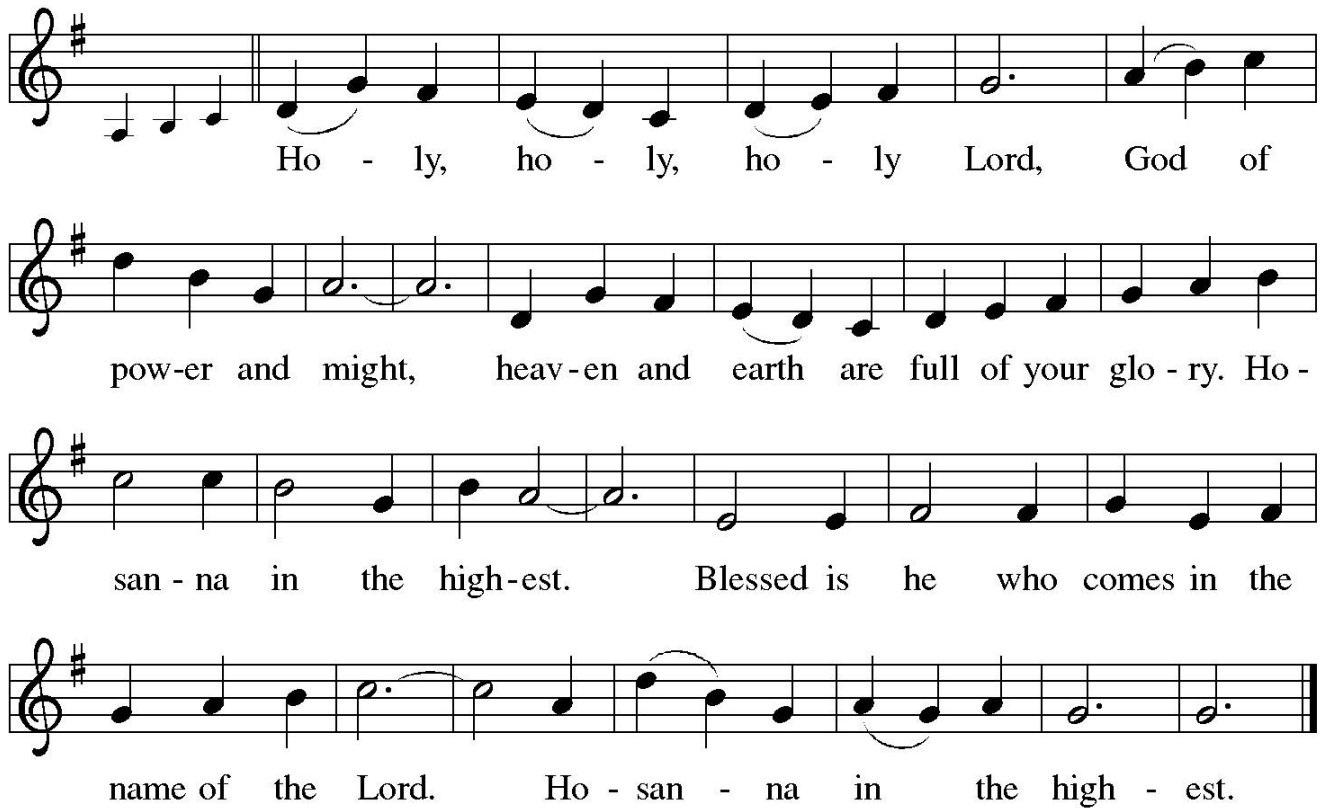
The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your heart. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Come, taste and see, that the lord is good (Psalm 34:8). All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. You will be given the bread and your choice of either red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup in the wastebasket at the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 496

“One Bread, One Body”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Please rise as you are able

SENDING HYMN

ELW 810

“O Jesus, I have Promised”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Postlude on ‘Foundation’” - N.H. Cobb

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**Please note the new Church Office
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Monday – Thursday 12:30-5:00 p.m.**

Stewardship

Aug, 25

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Communion Assistant (2)	Jeanne Fortier	_____
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen	Tom Olsen
Sound/IT Assistant	Jack Caballero	Jack Caballero
Altar Guild	Julie & Nancy	Claudia & Mitch
Security	Jerry Bean	_____

Life in Christ

- **Adult Forum** - Sunday after service @ 10:30 am
- **Online Worship** - every Sunday through our website at www.firstlutheranredlands.org.
- **Flower Chart for 2024** is in the Narthex. Please sign up to purchase flowers for our back altar. The cost is \$50. Please call or email your dedication to office@firstlutheranredlands.org by the Tuesday prior to your dedication. Available Dates: Sep 1, 8, 22, 29.
- **Bible Study** - Thursday Mornings weekly at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4566 3534 Code: 313299.
- **COMIC Quilters** - Wednesday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.
- **Redland Family Services** – no donations requested at this time.

For new bulletin and/or e-news announcement(s), please send requests to the office by **Tuesday** prior to your desired publishing date(s).

This Week at First

Wednesday 08/28	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters - Fireside Room
	03:00 PM	YOUTH HOPE
Thursday 08/29	11:00 AM	Bible Study
Saturdays 08/31	10:00 AM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH
	6:00 PM	AA Care and Share – PH
Sunday 09/01	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Chapel
	1:00 PM	BATAK Church – Sanctuary

Upcoming Dates

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

- September 1 – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- September 8 – Planet Earth Sunday
- September 15 – Humanity Sunday
- September 22 – Sky Sunday/Fall Potluck Dinner after worship
- September 29 – Mountain Sunday
- October 06 – Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday 10/8/24 6:30pm Book Club “Love Without Limits”

Friday 11/08/24 5:00-9:00 Lutheran Social Services Gala 2024

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL -- The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, in the sanctuary. Current choir members and those interested in joining the choir are welcomed to attend the first rehearsal.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION IN SEPTEMBER

The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical celebration. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation we join our siblings in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Theme for 2024 Romans 8:19-25 – To Hope and Act with Creation

September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

September 8, Planet Earth Sunday - We worship this Sunday with planet Earth. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with Earth. We sing with Earth, our planet home spinning through space. We celebrate Earth as a sacred place, a sanctuary filled with God's presence.

September 15, Humanity Sunday - We worship this Sunday with all humanity, peoples of all ethnic origins. We celebrate the kinship between humanity and the rest of creation. We rejoice that humans who bear the image of God now understand their role as servants who follow Christ, the true image of God.

September 22, Sky Sunday - We worship this Sunday with the skies. We celebrate with the clouds, the winds, the dusk and the dawn. We listen to the sounds of sky proclaiming God's presence. We stand in awe before the vast reaches of space above us and thank God for the fragile piece of stardust we call Earth.

September 29, Mountain Sunday - We worship this Sunday with the mountains. We sing with the rocks and hills. We enjoy the wonders of the wild. We connect with the mystery of the mountains through majestic rocks that surround our community. We celebrate in the mountain of God.

OCTOBER 6 – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. The Season of Creation will culminate on this Sunday. Bring an animal or a picture of an animal to be blessed. Join us for outdoor worship!

We worship this Sunday with all the creatures we love. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with all living things. We sing with the all the birds and animals that make our lives richer because of their presence

YOUTH HOPE SUNDAY Brrr!?! In the heat of August, it is time to start thinking about cool, wet weather.... at least for Youth Hope. Our July Action Teams and Pastor Rachel have set the goal of **BUYING 50 PLASTIC PONCHOS FOR YOUTH HOPE** to give to unhoused youth.

Just imagine not having a place to call your home as a teenager and not having rain protection. Youth Hope comes to the rescue regularly to supplies ponchos for these youth. We can make a very real difference at First Lutheran. If we can raise \$500, we can get the 50 ponchos. I am looking at getting discounted prices at some stores as well. Please write an additional check for the offering and put in the memo: “Ponchos for Youth Hope.” If we raise more, we can buy winter coats or hoodies. We will bless the ponchos on **September 8th** during the service. Anyone who would like to present the ponchos to youth Hope the following week, let me know.

Contact Mark Wolkenhauer at (909) 633 - 8664 with any questions.

25 “Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God’” (John 6:66-69). Ask the Spirit to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, especially when we grapple with the hard sayings of Jesus and wonder how to live by the gospel.

26 Give thanks for Sunday school teachers, volunteers, Bible study leaders and faith formation coordinators, who share their faith, time and gifts to build up the church and equip all ages for our baptismal journey of witness and service.

27 Give thanks and praise to God for young adults who served at Lutheran summer camps across the country, impacting the lives of children, youth and adults. Pray that they will continue to seek opportunities for ministry in response to God’s call for service and leadership.

28 Pray for understanding that the “whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:10) is a gift from God to protect our faith in Christ when we are confronted by temptation and things that weaken our faith.

29 Pray for our siblings in Christ around the world who are baptized as children of God, and for our common journey of lifelong growth and learning as we witness to God’s mercy, care for others and celebrate God’s presence in our lives.

30 Give thanks and praise to God for responding to our cries for help — silent and spoken — in times of trouble, when our spirits are crushed.

31 Who or what has drawn your attention and inspired your prayers today? Ask the Spirit to embolden you to move forward and respond.

Remember in prayer...

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs"

Healing and strength: Allan, requested by Greisemers; Daniel & Andrew, the Lehnrs; Jennifer F., loss of her husband; Julie Garcia, requested by Dave & Julie; Mark's Parents & Dianne's Mom requested by the Wolkenhauers; Nadine, Scott Marshall, Sharon, requested by DeeAnn Grip; Robert Martus and family in the passing of Robert's wife Janice on July 28, 2024; Tristen Kundig (son of the Kundigs), lift them up in prayer.

**Continuing prayers for: Bill, Nancy, and Tammy family of Paces; Mac & Donna Barnes; Walter, brother of Ginger Close
Our homebound: Betty Frannea; Carlton Peterson; Kay and John McMunn**

**** Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and
Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.**

**** The people of Israel and Palestine.**

**** Peace.**

**"Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**

The prayer list is refreshed each week using the "Welcome to Worship" slips. If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips or contact the Pastor or church office.