



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

August 15, 2021 - 11:15 a.m.

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE!

We are so glad to have you with us this morning! There is an extended time of praise and worship at the beginning of the service, and we want you to worship your Lord as you feel comfortable. All forms of worship are acceptable, such as singing, clapping, standing, sitting, kneeling, and dancing. Please worship your God in a way that draws you closer to Him!

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER:

**Spirit of the living God, open our ears and our eyes. But most of all, open our hearts to your life giving grace. We celebrate that you give it. Now, help us to live it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

## WORSHIP & PRAISE

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## WORSHIP & PRAISE

### TIME OF OPEN PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-58**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This 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."

**SERMON:****Pastor Larry Isbell****BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*You may either stand or kneel.*

P: God of resurrection life, we come before you today as those who would die to sin and rise to newness of life.

**C: Lower into the grave all selfishness, greed, and envy, all harmful desires and unworthy ambitions.**

P: Raise from death the good that is in us -- and gift us with the good that is not in us.

**C: Help us to love neighbors, strangers, and those we do not even like.**

P: We have failed you.

**C: We have failed our world.**

P: Give us the skill and the desire to bring healing into this world.

**C: Forgive us the sins we can name and the sins we cannot name.**

*(Silence to ponder our wrongs.)*

P: Lord, make us channels of blessing for the impoverished and injured souls of this world.

**C: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

P: Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died—so now--in Jesus Christ--all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the lifegiving power of God's unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

**C: Amen.**

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING WORSHIP & PRAISE****SERVING FIRST TODAY**

Pastor: Pastor Larry Isbell

Greeters/Usher: Janet Isbell, John & Mary Ellen Wyman, & Dave Stocks

**WOUNDED HEALER PRAISE BAND**

Erika East, Annette Hull, Jennifer & Mike Langevin, Matt Pillar

***Today's altar flowers are given by Gordon Starr in celebration of the start of  
Sunday School.***