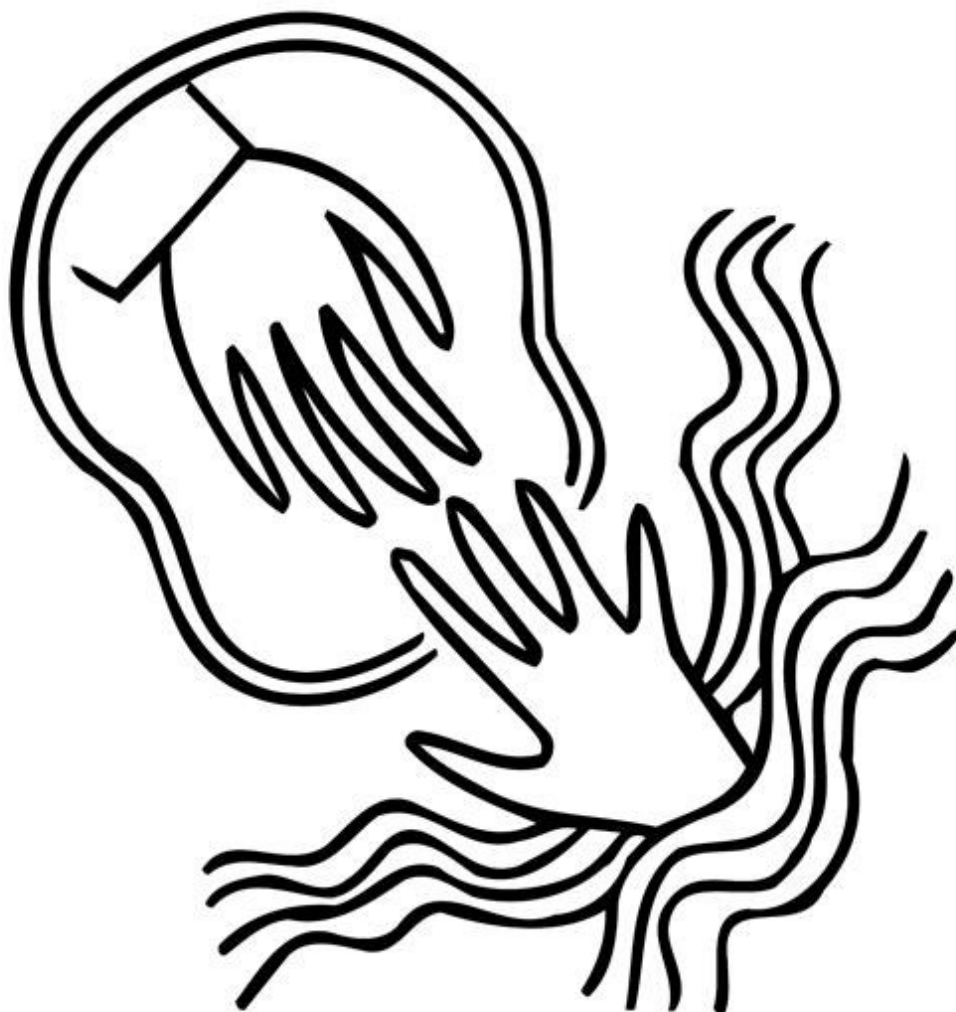


*Sunday, August 13, 2017*

*The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*



*First Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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### **Our Vision Statement**

Our vision is to become a visible, outreaching community resource consisting of diverse, active, enthusiastic and supportive Christians of all ages, working together with dynamic leadership and ministering to the spiritual and social needs of the congregation and community.

### **Our Mission Statement**

**Ministers: The Members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

#### **Staff**

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**The Reverend Michael P. Fruth, Ph.D.**

**The Reverend Kenneth W. Hilston, Jr.**

**Minister of Music Emerita: Hope E. Mehaffey**

**Our altar flowers** this day are given to the Greater Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Robert & Harriet Carruthers & Robert Jr.  
by the Battaglia & Caffelle Families

**Presiding Minister:** The Reverend Kenneth Bjorklund

**Assisting Minister:** Pam Mansbach

**8:30: Lector:** Peter Carlson

**Welcome to First Lutheran Church. All are welcome.**

No really, we take this pretty seriously; **we want everyone here, including the children.** Children are welcomed and celebrated at First Lutheran Church. We understand that children are children: they make noise; they run around; they like to play games; they even on occasion cry. This bothers the family of the crying child more than it does us as a community. So please stay in worship with your children. Children's Bulletins are available from the greeters. Please take this seriously. **All are welcome. We're glad you're here!**

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**PRELUDE**

*Philip Hall*

*“Prelude in E Major”*

*J.S. Bach*

**WELCOME**

**CALL to WORSHIP**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God’s forgiveness with these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*“Evening and Morning”**Die Guldne Sonne***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.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## THE FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

**The Lesson Ends: Lector: *The Word of the Lord* Congregation: *Thanks be to God***

## THE PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 *Spoken Responsively*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

## THE SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

<sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**The Lesson Ends: Lector: *The Word of the Lord* Congregation: *Thanks be to God***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

*The gospel is announced.* The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

**Congregation: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

*Pastor Kenneth Bjorklund*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**756**

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

*Melita*

## **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**

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God our ruler, continue to send out your church on earth to be light and salt to the world. Keep giving us the heart to do your work. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you quiet the seas and silence the wind. Restore your creation to the perfection and beauty you spoke into being. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our redeemer, inspire leaders with the righteousness that comes from faith, so that your justice thrives throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our sustainer, comfort those who are lonely, fearful, or burdened by doubt. Give meaningful work to those who seek employment. Walk with those who are grieving or ill, and with all who face the last days of their lives (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our encourager, empower this assembly to boldly proclaim and live out your love to all who long to hear a word of hope and kindness. Equip us to use our hands, feet, voices, and minds to share the bounty you have given us. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, we rejoice in the example of the saints who have gone before us until we join them around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*“Fughetta”*

*Ludwig Van Beethoven*

## OFFERTORY CANTICLE

**884**

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”*

*Old Hundredth*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray.* God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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.

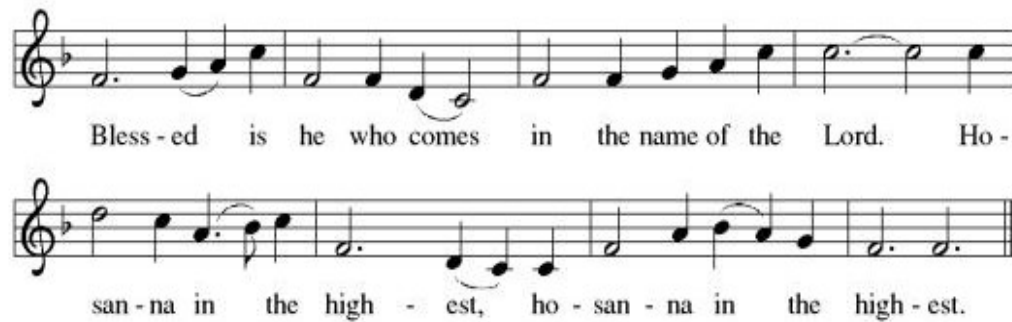
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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





## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
 you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.  
 You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;  
 you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.  
 You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
 with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.  
 That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us  
 through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation.  
 We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the  
 face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through  
 your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal  
 your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.  
 Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
 that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

## **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until,  
needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours,  
O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

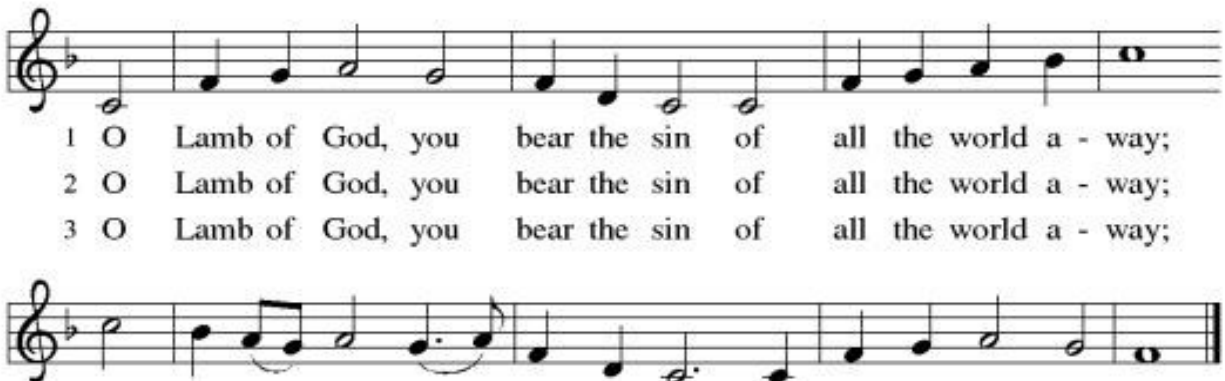
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## **LAMB OF GOD**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## THE COMMUNION

*(The assembly may be seated)*

*Christ welcomes you to this Feast of the Baptized. Our communion distribution is at the rail using **intinction** as the method of distribution. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, receive the bread from the Pastor or Assistant, then to the cup and dip the bread in either the wine (the chalice closest to the bread) or in the grape juice and proceed back to your seat by the side aisles. If you require gluten free bread, please indicate such to the Pastor/Assistant. Please Do Not Drink from the Cup. Small Children and infants are assisted by adults.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: (sung following distribution)

773

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

*Precious Lord*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Assembly stands*

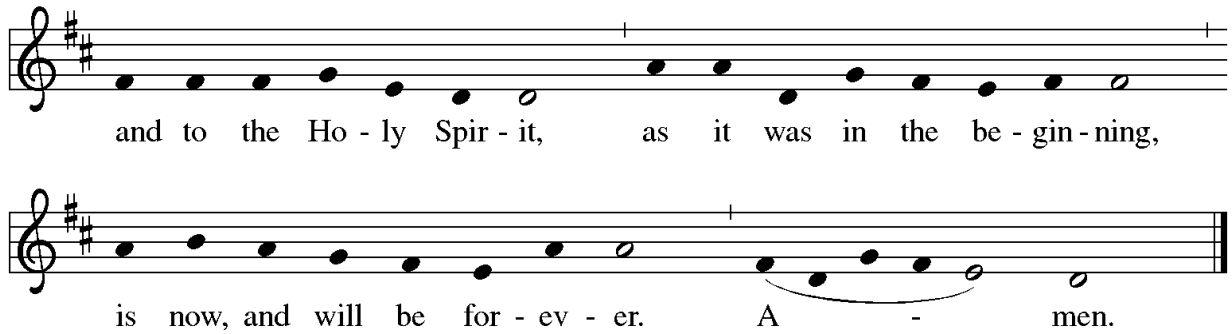
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

201

*“Now, Lord”*

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### THE SENDING HYMN

763

*“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”*

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*“Fugue in E Major”*

*J.S. Bach*

***Let Us Pray for our members  
that are homebound or ill, or  
otherwise in need of our prayers:***

Shirley Elefson  
The Grabau Family  
Marilyn Tyler  
David Tyler  
Lisaann Czarnowski  
Gustaf Dahlgren  
Anna Haskins—St. Joseph's Manor  
Scott Dunn  
Marian Nelson-Hannah B. Shaw  
Donna Persson  
Eric Johnson  
Jeanne Newman  
Gary Eliasson-Brockton Rehabilitation  
Vivian Tofteroo-Good Sam  
Trudy Ciancarelli-Notre Dame Health  
Phyllis Bolinder  
John F. Kenyon Jr.

***And for a Special Measure of  
God's grace to be upon:***

- ◆ The Family and Friends of Janet Anderson upon her death
- ◆ The Family and Friends of Robert Jeppson upon his death
- ◆ The Family and Friends of Cheryl Ruby upon her death
- ◆ Captain Scott Friski-grandson of Phyllis Nielsen
- ◆ Sgt. Erik Akerblom-stateside
- ◆ Sgt. Ryan R. Casey, USMC-stateside-grandson of Carole Casey
- ◆ SPC Shawn Jenkins-stateside-son of Tana Jenkins,
- ◆ Pvt. 1st Class Philipe Pinto-son of Sonia Pinto

***We offer our prayers for those members of our  
extended family:***

- ◆ Linda Carlson--sister to Karen Christensen
- ◆ Danny Furtado—friend of Sandy White
- ◆ Arleen Bruttell--friend of Pr. Jeff
- ◆ Robert Silke--uncle of Jeanne Govoni
- ◆ Michael Seward--friend of Barbara DeCarli
- ◆ Thomas Kenyon--nephew of the Kenyon family
- ◆ Carlos Evandro Azeredo--brother of Ana Paula Azeredo
- ◆ Amos & Beverly Conley--brother-in-law & sister of Skip Packard
- ◆ Joe Vassar--cousin of Dennis Govoni
- ◆ Gary Lewis--friend of Diane Perry
- ◆ Kelley Newman Milliken--daughter of Ron & Jeanne Newman
- ◆ Jean Burgeson-cousin to Barbara Johnson & Jean-Ellen Ouellette-Kenney
- ◆ Susan Latinville—niece of Skip & Cheryl Packard
- ◆ Jennifer Anderson—cousin of Diane Perry & niece of Alden Anderson
- ◆ Don Anderson-son of Alden Anderson
- ◆ Junior Nicholas-son of Rosa Nicholas
- ◆ Sheri McIntire-friend of Anne & Rick Martin
- ◆ Donna Jeffreys-friend of Jean Anderson
- ◆ Christina Crosby-niece of Russ & Marian Grabau
- ◆ Doninick D'Agostino-father of Jessica Burke
- ◆ Judy Dolan-grandmother of Pat & Chelsea Dolan
- ◆ John Cunningham-friend of The Thompsons
- ◆ Frankie Vigorito- friend of the Rovaldis
- ◆ Lorena Giordano-sister-in-law to the Giordanos
- ◆ Steve McLeod-friend of the MacNevins
- ◆ Marilyn Gilmetti-Friend of The Thompsons
- ◆ Bob Lowe-friend of the Rovaldis
- ◆ Lee Carlson-sister-in-law of Ruth Johnson
- ◆ Sharon Palumbo-friend of Jean-Ellen Ouellette-Kenney
- ◆ Maureen Pigeon-friend of Pat McAfee
- ◆ Velia DeCarli-mother-in-law of Barbara DeCarli
- ◆ Martha Myers-aunt of Sandy White
- ◆ John Bordieri—friend of the MacNevins
- ◆ Evelyn Carlson--grandmother to Rob, great-grandmother to Matthew & Juliette Carlson
- ◆ Eleanor Canty-cousin of Marian Nelson
- ◆ Holly Hamilton-friend of Roberta Battaglia
- ◆ Hildred Tatro—friend of Hope Mehaffey
- ◆ Helen Goodwin—friend of Barbara DeCarli
- ◆ Robert D'Andrea—cousin of Barbara DeCarli
- ◆ The Rev. Margaret Hinkle--friend of Pr. Jeff

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**27th Annual Golf Tournament**

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

**Brockton Country Club**

**1:00 pm Shot-Gun Start, Scramble (Best Ball) Format**

**Banquet Following**

**Registration/Sponsorship Forms have been mailed in Tidings and are also available on the counter outside the Pastor's office**

## **PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE**

First Lutheran Church, Brockton

Family and Youth Ministries COORDINATOR

Please direct all inquiries to the Pastor in person, phone or by email:

[jjohnson@firstevlutheran.org](mailto:jjohnson@firstevlutheran.org)

We are looking to fill this position by September 1.

**Counters:** Counters for the Sunday offering are needed for the month of August. If you are available or would like to be trained to do this, please let Dana Christensen or the Church office know. Thank You

Beth, Karen , Pat

**Please join with our neighborhood in the re-dedication of Keith Park at Main and Plain Streets. Pastor Jeff will be giving the Invocation at this historic event**



**10 am**

## Re-Dedication Celebration

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