

July 15, 2018
Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost

Worship Guide



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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We welcome all people to join us in worship and fellowship. Children are welcome in worship, we also have nursery care during our worship service. Please ask an usher to direct you. Please join us after the service in the Fireside Room for refreshments and time to visit.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Our worship is participatory. This guide will help you. The text that follows is called “liturgy.” Some parts are spoken or sung by worship leaders. Other parts are spoken or sung by the whole assembly. The parts spoken or sung by the whole assembly are identified with **bold text**.

We will also sing some songs (or hymns). These songs are identified with a title and a song number. These songs may be found in one of three books or printed in this bulletin. These books are identified as follows:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – the red book

With One Voice (WOV) – the blue book

Worship and Praise (WP) – the purple book

Other instructions (when to stand) are printed in *italic text* or will be provided by a worship lead.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

We are now in the season of Pentecost also called "Ordinary Time." This reminds me that while God does indeed appear and act in the miraculous events of incarnation and resurrection, God is also present and active in the ordinary; ordinary days, ordinary people, ordinary events of daily living. God is present and active to us and through us.

Today we read texts from Amos, Psalm 85, and the Gospel according to Mark. From the prophet Amos we hear that when Amos proclaimed God's word of judgment against Israel's faithless king, he was accused of conspiracy and told to leave. Mark tells the story of the beheading of John the Baptist by King Herod after John told the king he had sinned by marrying his brother's wife. In contrast to these two stories of the rejection of God's word, the Psalm celebrates God's salvation for those who receive God's word.

HOLY COMMUNION SETTING 4

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Before the prelude, speak to one other. During the prelude, speak to God. During the service, listen for God to speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.

The Invitation of the Bell

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

**Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

Time with the Kid's

Pastor Peggy White

First Reading:

Amos 7:7-15

AM: ⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
 in the midst of my people Israel;
 I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 85:8-13 (*read responsively*)

AM: ⁸I 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.

**C: ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

AM: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

AM: ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**C: ¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

Sermon:

Pastor Peggy White

Hymn of the Day: God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400

(Usher will come by and pick up your Prayer cards)

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

AM: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

AM: God of truth, put your word of justice on our lips. Bless your church in the task of holy resistance. Make us a living and persistent sign of your righteousness and your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: God of heaven and earth, pour your healing power upon our fragile earth for us and for all who will inherit it. Inspire the work of engineers and environmentalists who seek sustainable sources of energy, food, and clean water. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: God of justice, hold your plumb line to the nations. Speak convicting words of holy judgment to those in positions of authority. Redeem all harms caused by corruption and the hunger for power. Restore peace to our world. We pray especially for Djibouti and Somalia. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: God of salvation, bring wholeness to all your beloved children. Anoint the hands of all caregivers, nurses, doctors, therapists, hospice workers, and chaplains. Bring abundance of life to all who long for healing (*especially those we name silently and aloud*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: God of tenderness, you adopt us as your own. Help us to provide nourishing care for all children in our midst. Inspire us with their creativity and energy. Heal and protect children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or scorn. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: God of the saints, you have claimed the faithful departed as your own and given them an inheritance in glory. Sustain us in faith until the fullness of time, when you gather up all things in heaven and on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray . . .

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: 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.

**C: 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.**

Communion

All are invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or stand as we desire. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Red wine or white grape juice is served in individual cups. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For those who cannot come to the table, we will come to you.

Communion Music:

(please stand as you are able)

Ian Langga

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Let us pray . . .

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 813

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Please join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room after the service.

Those in service today

Leader:	Pastor Peggy White
Organist:	Ian Langga
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Lector:	Stefan Myslicki
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	
Refreshments:	Joanne Peronto

Prayer List

Jim White	Mario Chissesi
Les Grundy	Dottie Chissesi
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Eunice Phillips	Nathan Crall
Doris Wacker	Alice Abbing
Marie Hughes	Gerda Judas

Beverly and Chris Koehler on the passing of Hans Koehler

Financials/Attendance for July 1 , 2018

Attendance: 27

Offering: \$970.00

SCOM: \$115.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nazanine Bain's friend is looking for a room or studio to rent if you know of anyone that could help please contact Nazanine.

SOCIAL CONCERN OF THE MONTH

The Social Concern of the Month for July will be the Lutheran Social Services of McAllen TX supporting the following efforts;

Imagine being a young child living in an unfamiliar place where you don't understand the people, customs or even the language. Not only that, but you came to this place by yourself or because you are escaping danger. No one seems to understand what you need, how you're feeling or how to help. You feel lost, alone, terrified and completely unwanted. Each day you struggle to fulfill your basic needs—food, shelter and clothing—until one day, someone sees you. Suddenly you feel understood and helped by someone who cares about your spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing. Upbring Bokenkamp Children's Shelter, New Hope Children's Shelter and Transitional Foster Care ensure these children are in safe, temporary environments, surrounded by professional staff and/or trained and nurturing foster parents.

Rather than being deported, children who cross the border from Mexico and Central America and maybe separated from their families are held in designated facilities and provided with services until their family members can be located. This experience alone can be scary, but the staff at Upbring shelters provide the children with around-the-clock attention, caring for their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.



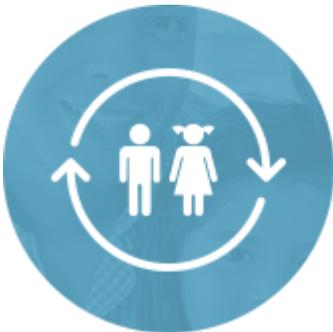
Bokenkamp Children's Shelter

Bokenkamp Children's Shelter in Corpus Christi opened in 2006 and provides a safe, temporary environment for hundreds of minors.



New Hope Children's Shelter

In 2014, Upbring took a vacant nursing home and transformed it into New Hope Children's Shelter



Transitional Foster Care

Upbring's Transitional Foster Care programs ensure that young children who have entered the U.S. alone or have been separated from their parents have a safe, temporary home, surrounded by professional staff and/or trained and nurturing foster parents.

Faith Lutheran's Hospitality Credo

Mission: By the Power of God: Caring, Sharing, Praying, Growing Caring & Growing

1. All are welcome
We are inclusive
We value you being here

Caring & Praying

2. We expect to meet Jesus
Every Sunday when we gather
Communion/ Lord's Supper is open to everyone without restrictions

Praying & Sharing

3. Service
Worship on Sunday is when we gather to receive God's service to us, and to thank and praise God.
Serving our neighbor and the stranger is what we are sent out to do.
4. Grateful and Thankful
We know all of life is a gift and blessing from God.
We are sent out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Sharing

5. Sharing our resources
Financial: One of God's many blessings is our financial gifts
FLC shares 15% of all our offerings, plus the social concern of the month offerings with:
The broader Lutheran church
The world
Our neighbors
Energy: We give our time and passion to 6 local community charities

Praying & Growing

6. We are human
We struggle with our lack of faith & human condition
We confess our sins
We repent – that is turn around to Jesus
We accept forgiveness, sometimes
We are blessed with God's love and forgiveness
As Lutherans, we live daily as both saint and forgiven sinner.
Which means we are human.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – This Week
July 15, 2018

Pray for: Djibouti, and Somalia

We Pray for:

- protection of natural resources and coastal land
- an end to hunger, violence, crime and conflict in Somalia
- effective reconciliation and peace-building
- stable governments that further the common good for all the people
- those who have fled this area that they may be welcomed in new homelands.