

July 2, 2017
4th 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

Summer begins the season of Pentecost, the longest season of the Church year. During these first weeks, we focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The texts for today come from Jeremiah, Romans, and the Gospel according to Matthew.

From Jeremiah we read part of a story of when a false prophet named Hannaniah opposed the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah had prophesied that Judah should accept the rule of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The story later tells us that Hannaniah died just two months after opposing Jeremiah because he had prophesied falsely.

From the Gospel according to Matthew, we hear Jesus telling his disciples whom he is sending into mission that whoever welcomes them, welcomes Jesus, and whoever welcomes Jesus welcomes God and that whoever welcomes them will be rewarded.

HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING FOUR

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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: 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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

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:

Great is the Lord

W&P 53

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

Time with the Kid's

Pastor Peggy

First Reading:

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

AM: ⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for

the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet. “Word of God, Word of Life”.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm Reading

Psalm - 89:1-4, 15-18

(read responsively)

AM: ¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

C: ² I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

AM: ³ You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

C: ⁴ ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’

AM: ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

C: ¹⁶ they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

AM: ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

C: ¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand as you are able)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:40-42

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew

⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

Sermon:

Pastor Peggy

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

Apostles' Creed:

(please stand as you are able)

AM: Please join me in confessing our faith

C: 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: Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

A brief silence.

AM: We pray for the church. For exiled Christians, oppressed churches, and all who suffer persecution because of faith in you: deliver freedom, courage, and partners in peacemaking.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for the earth and its creatures. For sage grouse, wolverines, and all vulnerable species; for humans and the choices we face: sustain life and guide our stewardship of all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for the United States and Canada as we celebrate the founding of our nations. For the president and prime minister; for the congress and parliament; grant wisdom and hearts for justice, that all our people flourish. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

AM: We pray for those in need. For those who seek jobs, shelter, food, health, and love; for dear ones known to us (*especially*): meet their need by your bountiful compassion and our community's action. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for all who worship you today. For wise elders and curious seekers, joyful spirits and burdened souls: give holy welcome, share tender mercies, and deepen trust in your goodness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda. May they live in your peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through 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

P: 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.

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

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.

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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:

Catherine, Elyana, and Calyn Ellacer

(please stand as you are able)

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Please join us for a barbeque on the patio after the service.

Those in service today

Pastor:	Pastor Peggy
Organist:	Catherine Ellacer
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Acolytes:	Tristen Fabris/ Damian Hernandez/Donovan Plummer
Lector:	Joanne Peronto
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	
Refreshments	Barbeque on Patio

Prayer List

Mimi Shilov	Mario Chissesi
Eva Woodall	Marie Hughes
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Joe Neely	Eunice Phillips

Financials/Attendance for June 25, 2017

Attendance: 23
Offering: \$902.00
SCOM \$25.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Concern of the Month

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. They work on revitalizing neighborhoods, building affordable and sustainable housing solutions, and empowering families through successful homeownership. Since 1986, they have partnered with volunteers, the community, and qualified families with limited incomes to strengthen communities in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties.

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 2, 2017

Pray for: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

- An end to the bombing of innocent civilians by the Sudanese government.
- A just solution to the conflicts between the Sudan and South Sudan.
- Those divided by civil wars and violence between ethnic and religious groups.
- Refugees in and near Darfur.
- Groups such as the Bantu, Melut and Adariyal who have been displaced from their villages due to the oil research in their areas.
- An end to corruption in public offices, so that governments can better serve their people and public funds benefit the many and not just the few.
- Those suffering from HIV and AIDS, particularly children who have been orphaned by the disease.
- Uganda and its neighbors achieving an open partnership for lasting peace and an end to the violence perpetrated by the LRA.