



8th weekend after Pentecost  
July 14/15, 2018  
First Lutheran Church, ELCA  
“GENEROUS LIVING”

Gathering Music

Welcome/Announcements

Song of Beginning    **"Let All Things Now Living"**    **#881**

Responsive Psalm 4

Answer me when I call to you, O God, my justice.

You have received me in the past when I was in distress.

Be gracious with me, and hear my prayer. Tell me, children of earth, how long will I suffer disgrace?

How long will you love empty words and delight in lies?

Know that the godly belong to God alone.

Yahweh hears my cry for help.

Be angry, but do not sin.

Look to your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Make sacred your gifts to God;

Place your trust in Yahweh.

Many say, "Oh, that better days would come";

**"Shine on us with the light of your presence, O God."**

As for me, I remember the joy you have already put in my heart, greater than the joy they have when their barns are full of grain, and their veins are full of wine.

In peace, I will lie down and sleep, for in your car alone, O God, I rest secure.

Song                      **"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**                      **#608**

Confession

L: The Spirit calls each of us.

All: But we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward. Yet we cling to the fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be the church. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

L: Author of life, we humbly confess that too often we fall short of your intentions for us and of our expectations of ourselves.

We would touch the world with goodness, but often we withdraw in anxiety and self-concern.

We would live with integrity and stand for truth, but we are torn with uncertainties.

We would warm the lives of others with our love, but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return.

We would go about our daily tasks with confidence and joy, but find ourselves struggling with self-doubt.

We need your presence, O God, if we are to be what we could be and want to be. Let our worship heal us, renew us, strengthen us, that we may go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation    **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**    #504 v. 4

Holy Word                      Luke 21: 1-4  
   Luke 12: 13-21

## Sermon

Song                      **"Take My Life, That I May Be"**                      #685

## Sharing the Peace

## Offering Invitation

## Offering

## Offering Prayer

L: **We pray together...**

All: God of all creation, we are yours and all we have belongs to you. Accept these offerings and bless their use in your work among us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## **God's Giving Continues...**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Sharing The Meal	"Be Thou My Vision"	#793
	"We Give Thee but Thine Own"	#686
	"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"	#696

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Closing Song      **"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**#773**

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Those who Shared Their Time & Talents Saturday

Reader: Bonnie Conway

Communion: Bonnie Conway, Wanda Myers, Sandy Swan

Usher: Steve & Jean Johnson

Greeter: Ben & Amy Roberson

Coffee:

Altar: JoAnn Thompson, Jill Braaten

Sound/Screen: Julie Deschneau

Video: Randy Zanto

Those who Shared Their Time & Talents Sunday

Reader: Janet Reed

Communion: Janet Reed, Sandy Anderson, Karen Moses-Richardson

Usher: Jeff Chestnut, Arnie & Paulette Clare

Greeter: Deann Windhorst, Perry Knudsen, Jordana Windhorst-Knudsen

Coffee: Mavis Hawkins, Denise Jacobson

Altar: JoAnn Thompson, Jill Braaten

Sound/Screen: Jack Rol

Video: Randy Zanto