



6th weekend after Pentecost
June 31 & July 1, 2018
First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Prelude

"Gather Us In" (arr. E. Jordan/M. Albrecht)

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Sing to the Lord, bless his name, tell of his salvation from day to day.

P: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

C: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. He is to be honored above all gods.

P: We seek the Lord and his strength.

C: We seek his presence continually.

Song

"Gather Us In"

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Confession/Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the Source of life, the Word of salvation, the Spirit of mercy. Let us confess our sins to God who is gracious and merciful, and abounding in steadfast love.

C: God of abundance, we confess that all too often we have worshipped the blessing and not the One who blesses, we have made accumulating rather than giving the focus of our lives, and we have treated all we have as ours rather than seeing it as a loan from you. Forgive us our sin, our self-centeredness, and our greed. Give us GRACE to respond with GRATITUDE to your goodness so that our GIVING maybe the expression of GENEROUS LIVES. In Jesus' name. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, hear the good news! Our God is a God of abundance, a God whose love and forgiveness never ends. In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ died for us , that our hearts would be set free from the grip of things to respond to God's goodness in joyful praise and service to others.

C: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of The Day

C: Gracious Father, we are grateful for your steadfast love that provides our daily bread and protects us from harm. Your grace is all around us. Inspire us to share your love by being generous with our abilities, our possessions, and our money so that others might know your special love for each person. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Holy Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Sermon "Namaji! Namaji! Share! Share!"

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #793

Apostles Creed p. 94

Prayers of The People

P: Lord, we come in faith.

C: We trust your goodness.

Offering "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. John Carter)

Offering Prayer

C: Holy Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your generous love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Sharing The Meal of Grace

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" #712

"O God of Mercy, God of Light" #714

Communion Prayer

C: Bread of Life, you have nourished us physically with bread and wine, and spiritually with your body and blood. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we seek to walk in your ways. May your presence give us confidence to generously share the love you have bestowed on us. Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you with his presence and power!

The Spirit inspire and guide you in the ways of Jesus!

The Father bless you with his amazing love!

C: Amen!

Sending

P: Namaji! Namaji!

C: We will live lives of generosity!

Hymn

"On What Has New Been Sown"

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Those who Shared Their Time & Talents Saturday

Reader: Deb Mickelson

Communion: Deb Mickelson, Kathy Hollman, Sandy Swan

Usher: Roger Hollman, Dick Sitta

Greeter:

Coffee:

Altar: Mary Lee Stevens, Audrey Breuer

Sound/Screen: Heath Oeltjen

Video: Mark Bailey

Those who Shared Their Time & Talents Sunday

Reader: Jim Menting

Communion: Sandy Anderson, Mary Gravenish, Sue Benson

Usher: Bill Otto, Dave & Becky Schultze, Jon Gravenish

Greeter: Fred & Cheryl Mohn

Coffee: Dave & Becky Schultze

Altar: Mary Lee Stevens, Audrey Breuer

Sound/Screen: Heath Oeltjen

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