

13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ August 22, 2021  
Worship 10:00am [www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA/](http://www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA/)

**GATHERING**

**ENTRANCE SONG**     *Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

*refrain:* So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that  
you're my God. And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. (*refrain*)  
And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross. (*refrain*)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SIGN OF THE CROSS**

*P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure  
and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of  
miracles, the God of mercy.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*P: God, our provider,*

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather  
than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of  
eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

*P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.*

**C: Amen.**

### **GREETING** *(sung)*

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And with you, too.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.*

**C: Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

*P: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE** *(sung)*

**Glory be to God on high, praise to you most Holy!  
O Lord God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty!  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, only Son of the Father:  
Christ who takes away our sin, have mercy upon us  
For you only, Lord, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory be to God on high! Amen.**

### **WORD**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

*R: Word of God, Word of Life.*      **C: Thanks be to God.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ephesians 6:10-20

*R: Word of God, Word of Life.*      **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(sung)*

**Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!**

**Al le lu le, Al le lu ia!**

**Play music to praise his name!**

**Al le lu le, Al le lu ia!** *(repeat after each verse)*

**GOSPEL** – John 6:56-69

*P: The gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE MESSAGE** Pastor Lou Peters

**SONG OF THE DAY** *Blessed Assurance* ELW 638

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching & waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)**

**CREED** *(sung)*

**We believe in one true God, Maker of Earth and Heaven,  
the Father who to us in love, Hath the name of Children given  
He in soul and body feeds us. All we need His hand provides us,  
Through all snares and perils leads us, sees no harm betides us.  
He cares for us by day and night, all things are governed by His might.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son our Lord and Savior,  
who with the Father equal might, hath pow'r and glory forever.  
Born of Mary Virgin Mother by the working of the Spirit,  
He became our elder brother, that Heav'n we might inherit.  
Was crucified by sinners all and raised by God to life again.**

**We in the Holy Ghost believe, who Grace and Comfort giveth,  
and with the Father and the Son in eternal glory liveth.  
who all Christian people even keeps in unity of Spirit,  
Sins are truly forgiven through the Blest Redeemer's merit.  
All flesh shall rise again and we shall live with God eternally.**

**OFFERING** *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous  
people who support the mission & ministry of our congregation*

**OFFERTORY**    *(sung)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O, God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your spirit free.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.*

**C: Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**MEAL**

**The 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 God thanks and praise.**

**BLESSING OF THE GIFTS** *(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**    *(spoken)*

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**    *(sung)*

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us. *(repeat)***

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
give us your peace.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION BLESSING

### COMMUNION PRAYER

*P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.*

**C: As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### BLESSING SONG *Send Us Forth in Peace*

*Leader: Lord, we have your peace.*

**C: Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your peace.**

**Lord, we have your peace.**

**Just as you said we have heard it, Just as you lived we have felt it.**

**Lord, we have your peace.**

**Sustain us in your peace, O Lord, as we go to our sep'rate worlds.**

**Keep this peace with us as we try to love in our troubled worlds.**

**Send us forth in peace. Send us forth in peace to be a light to show beauty forever.**

### BLESSING

*P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠  
be upon you now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

### SENDING SONG *(sung)*

*Leader: The Lord be with you. C: and with you, too.*

*Leader: Bless we the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

*Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you. And give you peace,*

*P: In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

*P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**    *Given and Shed*

**Out of the grainfield, into the bak'ry, given and shed for you.  
Bread of the promise, never forsake me; nourish a hungry world.  
It's the same grain, it's the same body, given and shed for you.**

**It's the same grain, it's the same body, given and shed for you.**

**Out of the storm cloud, into the well, it's given and shed for you.  
Wine of the promise, freely beheld, we nourish a thirsty world.  
It's the same rain, it's the same water, given and shed for you.**

**It's the same rain, it's the same water, given and shed for you.**

**Out of the book and into the heart, it's given and shed for you.  
Word of the promise, freely impart and nourish a dying world.  
It's the same name, it's the same Savior, given and shed for you.**

**It's the same name, it's the same Savior, given and shed for you.**

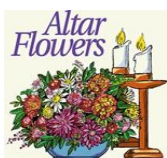
**Fresh from the water, fresh from the table, given and shed for you.  
Fresh from the Word, I'll serve as I'm able, given and shed for you.  
In the same name, with the same power, given and shed for you.  
In the same name, with the same power, given and shed for you.**

**WE PRAY FOR:**

*Chrissy Alberts (Sharon Cook), Joel Cederberg (shoulder surgery),  
Amy Ernst Jr (Laura Cameron's mother), Dale Cameron (Matthew's brother),  
Flodin family & friends in their loss of Jerry, Dennis & Barbara Franke,  
Jackie (Nancy Holmberg), Arlayne & Joe Knox Jr. (Chelsea),  
Janice Ostnes, Family & friends of Bode Ostnes in their loss, Ariana Preshaw,  
Victoria Raquepaw's cousin, Joyce Schmidt, Toben Simko (Cathy Birkliid),  
Abby Smola, Family of Babe & Steve Stephens, also Ashley & Sherri Stephens,  
Teresa Thomas (Chelsea W.), Annie Woodall (Laura Cameron).*

**OUR PRAYER PARTNER CHURCH:**    Resurrection Lutheran, Juneau

**PRAYER SHAWLS:**    available to bless those in need of God's healing comfort.  
*See Cindy Olsen.*



**ALTAR FLOWERS:**    To the glory of God!

**Greeter:**    Sonja Campbell

**Reader:**

**Communion:**    Bev Higdon

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship** at 10:00am each Sunday outside,  
weather permitting until mid-September.

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## Announcements



**Special Thanks** to all the volunteers who helped with the Memorial Service for Laura (Babe) Stephens. The family is very appreciative of the support during this time.



**Today after service,** please stay to help move garage sale items from the upstairs coat room to the downstairs. Thank you!  
*Garage Sale Committee*

### To help provide meals for Flodin family,

please contact Arlene Orbeck 474-0072 to coordinate delivery of food. The family would appreciate meals every other evening at 5:00pm.



**Join in welcoming Willow Peters** by providing meals for her mom (*Kristin*) and her dad (*Pastor Lou*).

We are so excited to be welcoming *Willow Peters* as another member of FLC's parsonage family very soon!

We would like to provide meals for Kristin and Pastor Lou while they are on parental leave. Amy Ingram 319-512-9030 has created an online meal sign up list. Here's the link: <https://mealtrain.com/yemzvl>.

## Calendar Events

**TODAY** **Family Committal Service** for Steve & Babe Stephens, 2:00pm at Birch Hill Cemetery.

**MONDAY** **Foodbank**, 1:00pm help offload foodboxes for clients at church.

**TUESDAY** **Education Meeting**, 6:00pm at the church.

**THURSDAY** **Reopening Task Force Committee Meeting**, 6:00pm @church.

**NEXT SUNDAY (08/29)** **Youth Hike** to Wickersham Dome after worship. We'll be joining other youth from Christ Lutheran and University Community Presbyterian.

**New or visitor to Fairbanks Lutheran?** Fill out a WELCOME card and/or please sign our visitor guestbook. We would love to get to know you better.

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**Requesting Prayer?** Fill out a PRAYER request card.

Give Welcome and Prayer request cards to greeter/usher or place in offering plate.

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## **FLC Covid Protocol Update**



Due to the rise in COVID case numbers in Alaska and the Interior because of the Delta Variant the Re-Opening Committee has decided to make a few changes to our FLC Covid protocols.

*When worshipping INDOORS:*

- Masks will be required for **ALL** people, regardless of vaccinated or not vaccinated.
- Outside of family units, **please social distance (3 feet)**.
- Singing as a whole congregation is welcome because we will be wearing masks.

Small groups (committee meetings, Bible Study, cleaning crews, Food Bank, etc.) can determine as a group whether or not they require masks.

FLC will not be serving any food or drink. You are welcome to bring your own.

We will continue to worship outdoors, weather permitting, with one service at 10am until mid-September. People can choose to wear a mask or not to as long as we are worshipping outdoors.

Please remember that wearing a mask is an action we can take to help others feel safe in our community.

*FLC Reopening Committee*

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021  
6:00 PM

**LOVE**  **INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ of the Tanana Valley

**HIRING EVENT!**

Do you have amazing interpersonal skills?  
Love working with people? Want a job that is  
challenging yet satisfying and rewarding?  
Then the Housing Relief Specialist with our  
agency might be the perfect fit for you!





## Calling All Youth – 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

The 2022 *ELCA Youth Gathering* is happening in Minneapolis, July 24-28 of next year.

We will join with our fellow cluster church youth groups, Christ Lutheran (Fairbanks), Lord of Life Lutheran (North Pole) and Epiphany Lutheran (Valdez) for a week of faith learning, worship, service projects, Bible study, and reflecting on our place in God’s “Boundless” story with 30,000 other youth from across the nation – all in one place together! It will be an amazing time!

This event is open to those youth starting 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in 2021.

**If any youth is interested or even remotely interested, please let Pastor Lou know as soon as possible.** Financial assistance is available and we are coming up on opening applications for the financial assistance.

For more information on the Youth Gathering, go to: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>. Check out the “About” tab and the “Program” tab.

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## Ways to Give:

### 1. Mail your offering to the church office.

1012 Cowles St. Fairbanks, AK 99701

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### 2. Make a contribution using SIMPLY GIVING.

Email Cathy Birkliid, our Financial Secretary, [cabirkliid@hotmail.com](mailto:cabirkliid@hotmail.com).

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### 3. VANCO GivePlus Online portal where you can safely and securely make your donation.

Website: [FairbanksLutheranChurch.org](http://FairbanksLutheranChurch.org), click on **GIVING** tab.

Facebook: [FairbanksLutheranELCA](https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA), click on **LEARN MORE** button.

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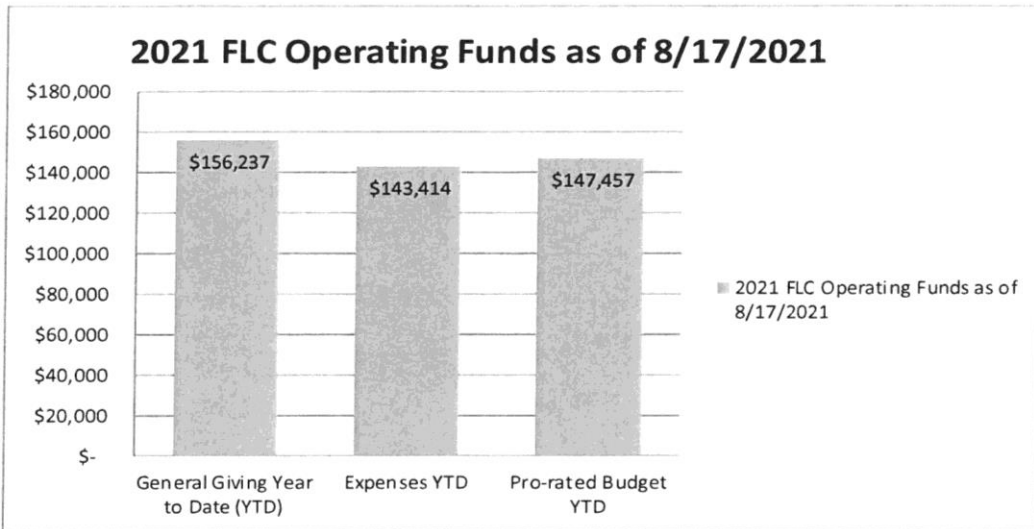
### 4. Use your smartphone with GivePlus, mobile app.

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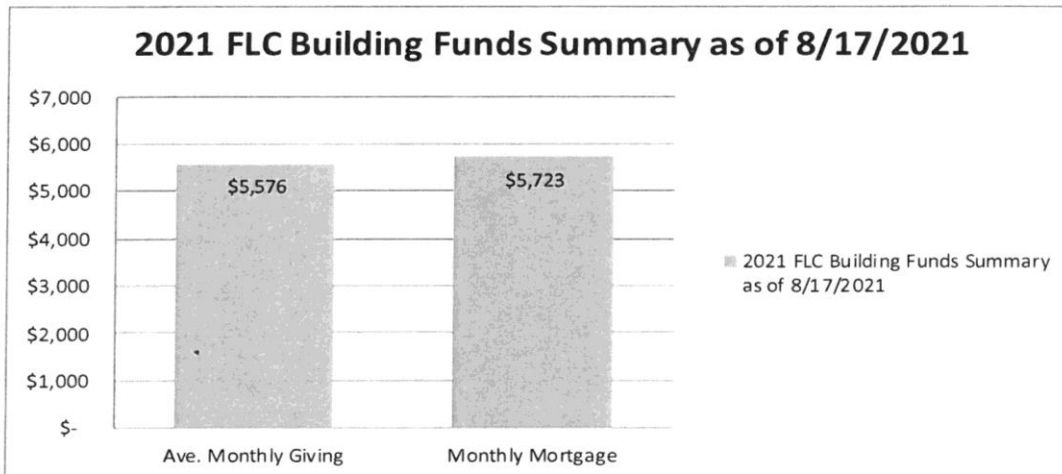
Questions or need help, email **Cathy Birkliid**, [cabirkliid@hotmail.com](mailto:cabirkliid@hotmail.com) or contact the church office 452-3425.



The 2021 Approved Budget \$235,030.00.

Synod Benevolence is paid through 9/30/2021.

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Our 8/17/2021 mortgage balance at Mission Investment Fund (MIF) is \$628,642.53 and steadily decreasing!! Approximately 66% of each monthly mortgage payment now goes to principal. We are paying 3.875% interest this loan cycle. This loan will be paid off in 11 years + 5 months at current interest and payment rates.

We've had a nice increase in building fund giving (which goes to a separate account to pay our monthly mortgage), Thank You!! We now have 6.9 mortgage payments between MM Bank & MIF.

3 giving units (families) have adopted a mortgage payment, and paid in full.

Please consider naming Fairbanks Lutheran Church as a beneficiary in your estate plans (wills and life insurance). Paying down the mortgage is another legacy we can leave for our children and grandchildren.

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