

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ August 29, 2021
Worship 10:00am www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA/

GATHERING

ENTRANCE SONG *Gather Us In* ELW 532

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; Call us to now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, We are the old who yearn for your face; We have been sung through-out all of hist'ry, Called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well, teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light years away Here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.

C: Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved 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

1st Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

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

2nd Reading – James 1:17-27

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 – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE Ruth Carson

SONG OF THE DAY *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (*spoken*)

P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

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 *(sung)*

**Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**On earth as it is in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Give us this day our daily bread, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, Hallowed be Thy Name.
As we forgive those who trespass against us, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**Lead us not into temptation, Hallowed be Thy Name.
But deliver us from evil, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power, Hallowed be Thy Name.
And the glory forever and ever, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

Amen, Amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Amen, Amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be Thy Name.

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 *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed**

refrain:

**My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures (refrain)**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine, will be forever
mine You are forever mine**

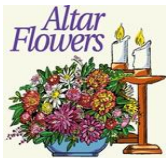
WE PRAY FOR:

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

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, in celebration of Pastor Lou's ordination and 1 year anniversary as FLC's pastor, for Kristin and Pastor Lou's wedding anniversary and welcoming the arrival of Baby Willow!

Greeter: Sonja Campbell

Reader:

Communion: Bev Higdon

Announcements



to **Ruth Carson** for preaching today and **David Ingram** for the following Sunday as Pastor Lou and Kristin are expecting their daughter Willow's arrival this week.

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>.



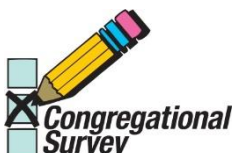
Memorial Service for Jerry Flodin

The Memorial Service for **Jerry Flodin** will be held at **Fairbanks Lutheran Church** on **Friday, September 10th at 2:00 p.m.**

Your continued prayers for the family are appreciated.

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.



Worship Survey Forms available. We would appreciate your input regarding Worship, Sunday School and Bible Study. Please fill out and return to Molly Howard or office.

Calendar Events

TODAY **Youth Hike** to Wickersham Dome after worship. Join with other youth from Christ Lutheran and University Community Presbyterian. Contact Pastor Dustin for more info at dustinlenz@gmail.com.

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

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.

Requesting Prayer? Fill out a PRAYER request card.

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

Ways to Give:

1. Mail your offering to the church office.

1012 Cowles St. Fairbanks, AK 99701

2. Make a contribution using SIMPLY GIVING.

Email Cathy Birkliid, our Financial Secretary, cabirkliid@hotmail.com.

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

Website: FairbanksLutheranChurch.org, click on **GIVING** tab.

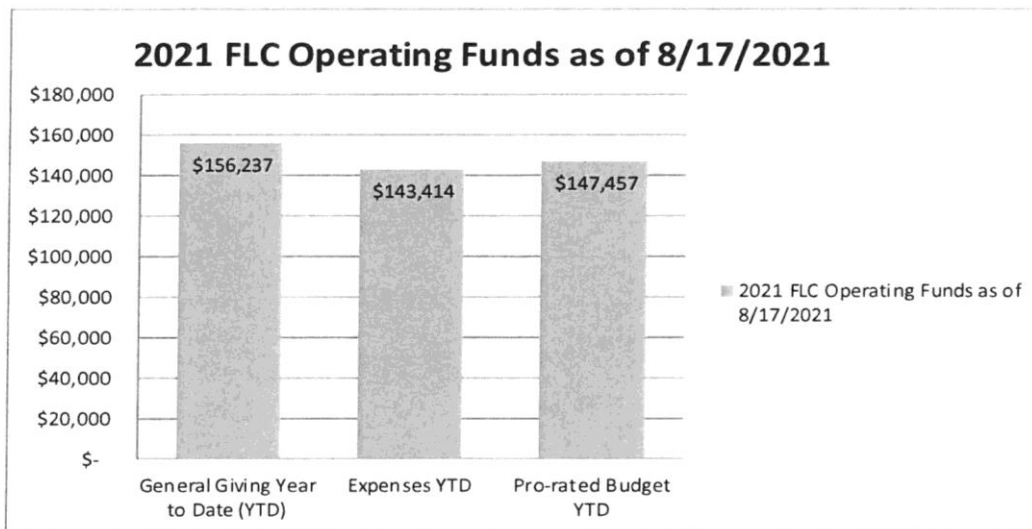
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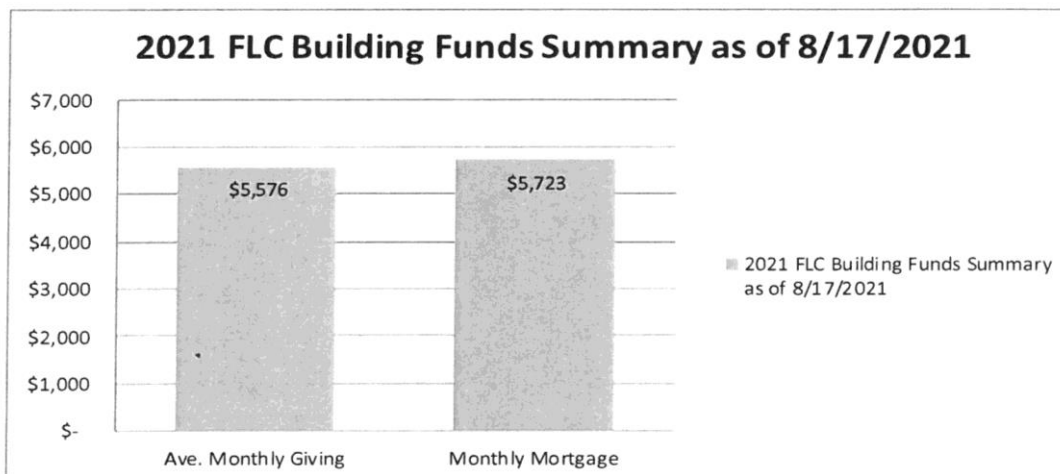
Questions or need help, email **Cathy Birkliid**, cabirkliid@hotmail.com or contact the church office 452-3425.



The 2021 Approved Budget \$235,030.00.

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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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