

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ September 5, 2021
Worship 10:00am www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA/

GATHERING

ENTRANCE SONG *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ELW 858

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious
ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

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, whose teaching is life, whose presence
is sure, and whose love is endless.*

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

GREETING *(sung)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, too.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.

C: Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer 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 – Isaiah 35:4-7a

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

2nd Reading – James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

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 7:24-37

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE David Ingram

SONG OF THE DAY *Oceans (Where My Feet Fail)*

**You call me out upon the waters. The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery. In oceans deep, My faith will stand**

chorus: **And I will call upon Your name, and keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace.
for I am Yours and You are mine.**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've never failed and you
won't start now. *(chorus)***

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the
waters; Wherever You would call me, Take me deeper than my feet could
ever wander and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.
*(repeat, then chorus)***

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: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

C: Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation

C: Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless 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. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* ELW 722

**O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**

**As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**

**O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

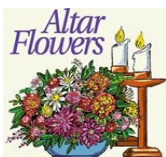
**O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!**

WE PRAY FOR:

*Chrissy Alberts (Sharon Cook), Family & friends of Daniel Allen in their loss,
Joel Cederberg, Amy Ernst Jr (Laura Cameron), Dale Cameron (Matthew's
brother), Flodin family in their loss of Jerry, Dennis & Barbara Franke,
Shawn Fryberger (Connie Oba), Jackie (Nancy Holmberg),
Arlayne & Joe Knox Jr. (Chelsea), Janice Ostnes,
Pastor Lou & Kristin Peters in birth of their daughter Willow, Ariana Preshaw,
Joyce Schmidt, Sheryl Silvey in loss of father (Mary Silvey), Toben Simko,
Abby Smola, Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Teresa Thomas (Chelsea W.),
Annie Woodall (Laura C.).*

OUR PRAYER PARTNER CHURCH: Petersburg Lutheran Church, Petersburg

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



ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our 11th Wedding Anniversary,
Amy David Ingram

Greeter:

Reader:

Communion: Bev Higdon



Announcements

to **David Ingram** for presiding over the service today.

Join in celebrating with Pastor Lou & Kristin

in the birth of their daughter, *Willow Louise Peters*.

Willow arrived on Tuesday August 31st at 7:28pm.
She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and is 21 inches long.

To help provide meals for Kristin and Pastor Lou please sign up using MealTrain. There are options for providing actual meals or \$\$\$\$ with GrubHub where the Peters could order out – your treat!

Here’s the link: <https://mealtrain.com/yemzvl>.

Call or text Amy Ingram at 319-512-9030 for assistance.



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.

Masks required. Thank you.

The service will be held in-person at the church and also livestreamed on Facebook. Here’s the link: [facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA](https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA).

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.



Beginning Next Sunday, Sept 12th our Worship Services will be online only at 10:00am.

Foodbank and Church Office Closed on Monday for Labor Day.

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.

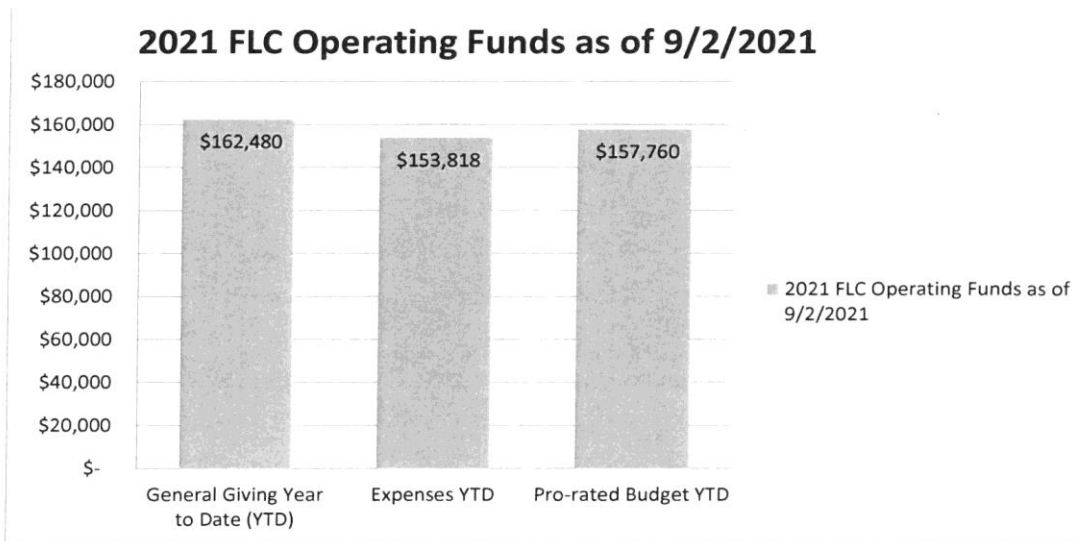
Facebook: [FairbanksLutheranELCA](https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA), click on **LEARN MORE** button.

4. Use your smartphone with GivePlus, mobile app.

VANCO has a trusted relationship with the ELCA and is easy to use.

Thank you for helping support the ministry of Fairbanks Lutheran Church.

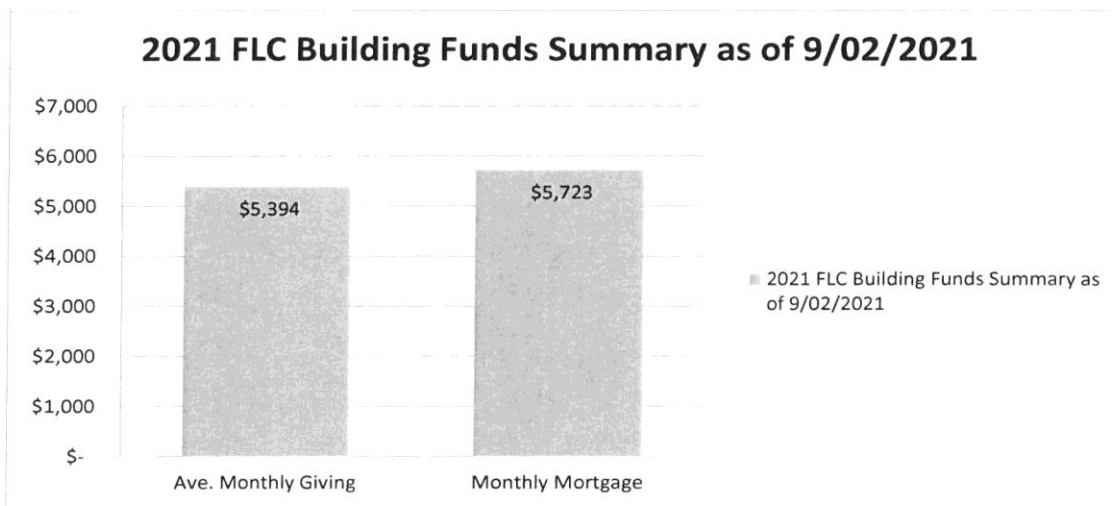
Questions or need help, email **Cathy Birkliid**, cabirkliid@hotmail.com or contact the church office 452-3425.



The 2021 Approved Budget \$235,030.00.

Synod Benevolence is paid through 9/30/2021.

Painless ways to contribute to our operating funds: designate Fairbanks Lutheran Church at Fred Meyer Community Rewards; Thrivent members can direct their Thrivent Choice dividends to FLC and apply for 2 Thrivent Action Team grants per year; use Amazon Smile instead of Amazon.com; use our church phone number (907-452-3425) when checking out at Office Max/Depot. Every little bit helps!!



Our 9/2/2021 mortgage balance at Mission Investment Fund (MIF) is \$624,988.38 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 + 4 months at current interest and payment rates.

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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