



First Lutheran Church Findlay OH

Sunday Worship 9:00 and 11:00

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419-422-2638

(Please stand)

OPENING SONGS *Morning Has Broken* #556 (ELW)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER CONCERNS AND BLESSINGS

SONG *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness Lord* # 797 (ELW)

OPENING (based on Psalm 150)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in this sanctuary; praise God under open skies!

All: **Praise God for mighty deeds; praise God's surpassing greatness!**

L: Praise the Lord with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

A: **Praise the Lord with tambourine & dance; praise God with strings & pipe!**

L: Praise the Lord with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

A: **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise God!**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS (based on Psalm 51 and Psalm 32)

L: In the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

L: God of mercy, you know us better than we know ourselves, and still you love us. Wash us from all our sins, create in us clean hearts, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may proclaim your praise; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Merciful God,

A: **day and night our sins are before us, and we can find no relief. We confess to you, O Lord, that we have strayed far from you and turned our backs on your love. Turn us again to you and lead us in the way of repentance, that, held in your mercy, we may always stay near you. Amen.**

OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

L: By his death, Lord Jesus Christ broke the bonds of sin and death, and by his wounds we are healed. Where sin abounds, grace abounds even more. On the cross, our Savior forgave his enemies. We must turn now from hatred and evil, that we may forgive the offenses of others as we have been forgiven. **A: Amen.**

BIBLE READING **Mark 6:14-29**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY *Do Justice*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within me. I believe in God's Son, who became human in order to save the world. By holding to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, I believe I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of an abundant life. I believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always, calling me to faith, giving me gifts, and empowering me for service. I believe the church is the community of faith called to experience the fullness of life through the Word, through Baptism and Communion, and through witnessing and caring for others. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God* (sung before and after the prayers)

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

- L: Gracious God, you have built us up like living stones into a holy house, with Jesus Christ our precious cornerstone. (Psalm 48)
 A: Set us as a city on a hill, shining with the light of your steadfast love and proclaiming your praise to the ends of the earth.
- L: God of majesty, amid the grandeur of your creation you sought us out, and by the coming of your Son you adorned us with glory and honor, giving us dominion over your works. (Psalm 8)
 A: Enable us so to care for the earth that all creation may radiate the splendor of your Son.
- L: Faithful God, like a grain of wheat falling into the earth your Son went into death, so that after three days the earth might bloom with the joy of his rising. (Psalm 126)
 A: Let the seeds of justice, which we plant with tears, bring forth the power of the resurrection in the places of death and despair.
- L: Merciful God, you give life and overcome death. You know our anguish, not from afar, but in the suffering of Jesus Christ. (Psalm 6)
 A: Take all our grieving and sorrow, all our pain and tears, and heal us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- L: Heal those suffering from any kind of affliction; especially we pray for... [Concerns are lifted up]
- L: Gracious God, your goodness surpasses everything else. (Psalm 16)
 A: Uphold us day after day, and teach us night after night, that we may follow in the path of life and be filled with resurrection joy.
- L: We praise you for the many blessings of this life. Especially we pray for... [Praises are lifted up]
- L: Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you promised your kingdom to those who are like children. (Psalm 131)
 A: Never let pride reign in our hearts, but, holding us with a mother's embrace, teach us to live in quietness and humility now and forever.
- L: Lord God, ruler of the universe, you rescue your people from adversity even as you delivered your own Son from the grasp of death. (Psalm 3)
 A: Shield us from danger, and raise us up on the last day with all your saints to dwell with you in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

GREETING (*We greet each other with "Peace be with you" or similar form of address.*)

OFFERING *Trading My Sorrows* Spirit of Lincoln and Main

(Visitors are welcome to contribute but should not feel obligated to do so.)

WE PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

- L: We have confessed our sin and God has forgiven us.
A: **We come to the table as the community of God.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*during which Christ becomes truly present in the bread & wine*)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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.

COMMUNION *All are welcome to come forward for Communion or a blessing.*

THE BLESSING

May the good Lord bless and keep you. May grace follow wherever you go.

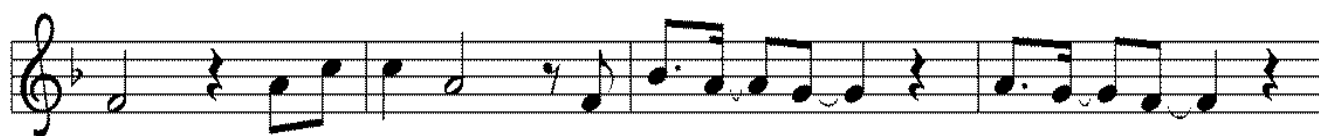
May the light of Christ illumine your life, And turn to joy your woe.

May the arms of God enfold you, In nights of sweet release

May the Spirit of Love descend like a dove, And bring you blessed peace.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

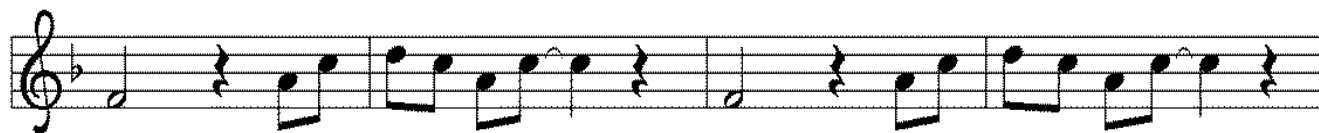
CLOSING SONG *Go Make Disciples*



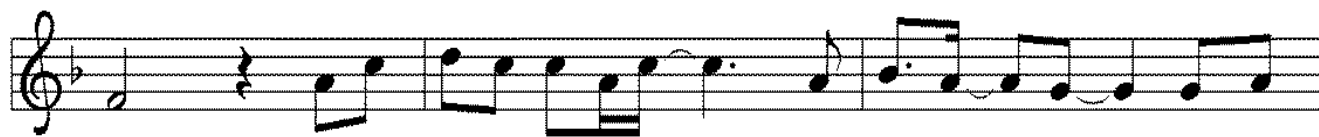
"Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



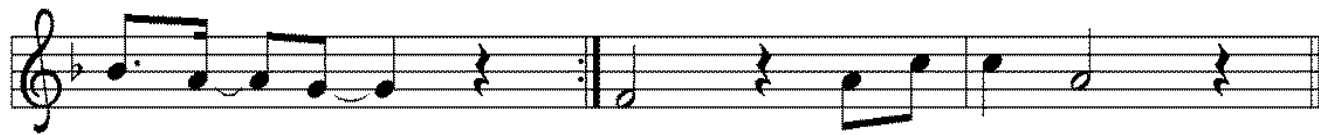
Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."



Welcome to First Lutheran Church. We ask everyone to complete the "Footprints" listing if you are a visitor, communing, or have a prayer request. All baptized Christians who understand that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Wheat/gluten-free communion wafers are available on the baptismal font during communion. Grape juice is available on both sides. We ask that you "think green" and place blank "Footprints" forms in the narthex to be reused. There are several large print bulletins available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Randy and Julie Buck.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Ed, Autumn, Brad, Gary, Diana, Sam Blosser, Lucas, Luann, Eileen, Beth Hardesty, Lori Miller, Jane Wobser, Voleta Willford, Ryan Nunn, Madison Kirk, Tyler F., Larry McKanna, Katie Otte, Whitley, Chance, Brittany, Ella Yoder, Family of Libby Hendricks, Todd Garlock, Randy Anderson, John Gauss, Mary Klausing, Dawn Arvy, Family of Baby Osiris, Vicki Wright, Carly, Everly, Rob, Renee, Dave Gray, Timothy, Kara Smith, Dawn, Tim, Marisa Rose Sanders, Mike, The Family of Rodger Myers, Jim, Mark, Sharon, Alex Jarvis, Baby Quinn, Libby Hendricks, Sue Schrader, Gloria, Sharon Langford, Jean, Ron Hoke, Vanessa Vandale, Mike Alge, Dave Gray, Kim, Family of Carol Ruehle, Maurice, and Rose Barbosa. Please pray for all who serve in our military: Sean Napier, Drew Weissling, Matthew Price, Austin Brown, Brandon Shanahan, Corey Spoon, Thomas Leonard, Caleb Ekin, Jake Hardesty, Eric Lemire, Josh Rowan, Mitchell Gardiner, Ian Roberts, Chris Wolfe, Barry Boutwall, and Chris Dierking.

JOIN US AT THE COOLEST VBS around, the Polar Blast! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those willing to help out as a volunteer for crafts, bible story, games, or to lead groups from station to station. Please consider volunteering today for this 3 day VBS. Dates are July 23-25 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Registration is also available online or forms are available on the bulletin board. Friends welcome!

STUFF THE BUS - it's time to pick up back- to-school items and help the Christian Clearing House and others provide school supplies for many children from July 8th to July 22nd. School items needed: backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, scissors, glue, crayons, and markers. Please bring any donations to the church and place them in the box in the hallway. If you would like someone to pick up your items please call Carolyn Bryant, 419-422-0015 for help. Thank you helping children in need.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! Remember that plea? 200 blankets have been delivered to the Synod office for distribution by the Findlay Chapter of Project Linus and all of them need labels attached before they can be placed. If you would be willing to meet at the Synod Office on 621 Bright Rd. to sew labels or to take home blankets, please call Jane Ebersole at 419-422-9640, and we will try to establish a couple of days to work. And if you are willing to take blankets to hospitals or shelters, we can always use help. Although there is no current emergency need, we like to be prepared! Thanks, Jane Ebersole

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for July, August and September are available in the narthex. Please help yourself.

THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Monday, July 23rd. This is an important deadline as we start up for fall.

THE NEWSLETTER mailing is July 30th.

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