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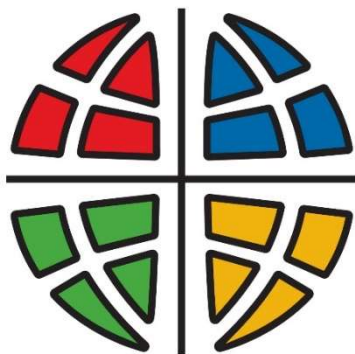
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10 am – 2 pm, Mon – Thu



*Pastor:*  
Rachel Reeder

*Ministers:*  
Each Member



ELCA

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 07, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Hearing Assist devices available from the sound booth. You  
can also connect hearing aides through our T coil / Loop system*

## PRELUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

- arr. Hayes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Please rise as you are able*

## GATHERING HYMN

**Hymn Sing!**

*It has been a time honored Summer tradition here at First, to have a Hymn Sing in place of the Gathering Hymn. We will take two or three requests and sing a verse or two. Call out your favorite hymn and Kim, our amazingly talented organist, will play a verse or two. Please give the hymn number (if you know it) so all can follow along.*

## GREETINGS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your

forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING**

Ezekiel 2:1-5

OT pg. 597

A reading from Ezekiel. <sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

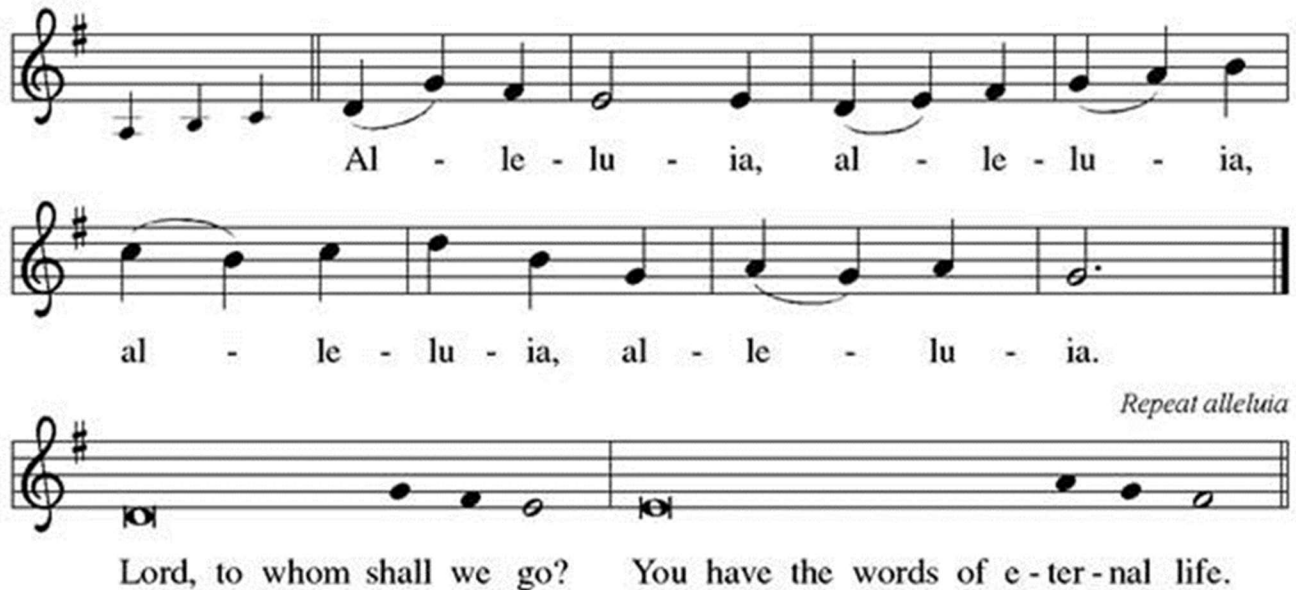
NT pg. 142

A reading from 2 Corinthians. <sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to

keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Rachel Reeder

*Please rise as you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 519

### Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I 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.

*Please be seated*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

..... In your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

....., Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.



## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY** "Shepherd, Lead Us" - arr. Schram

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

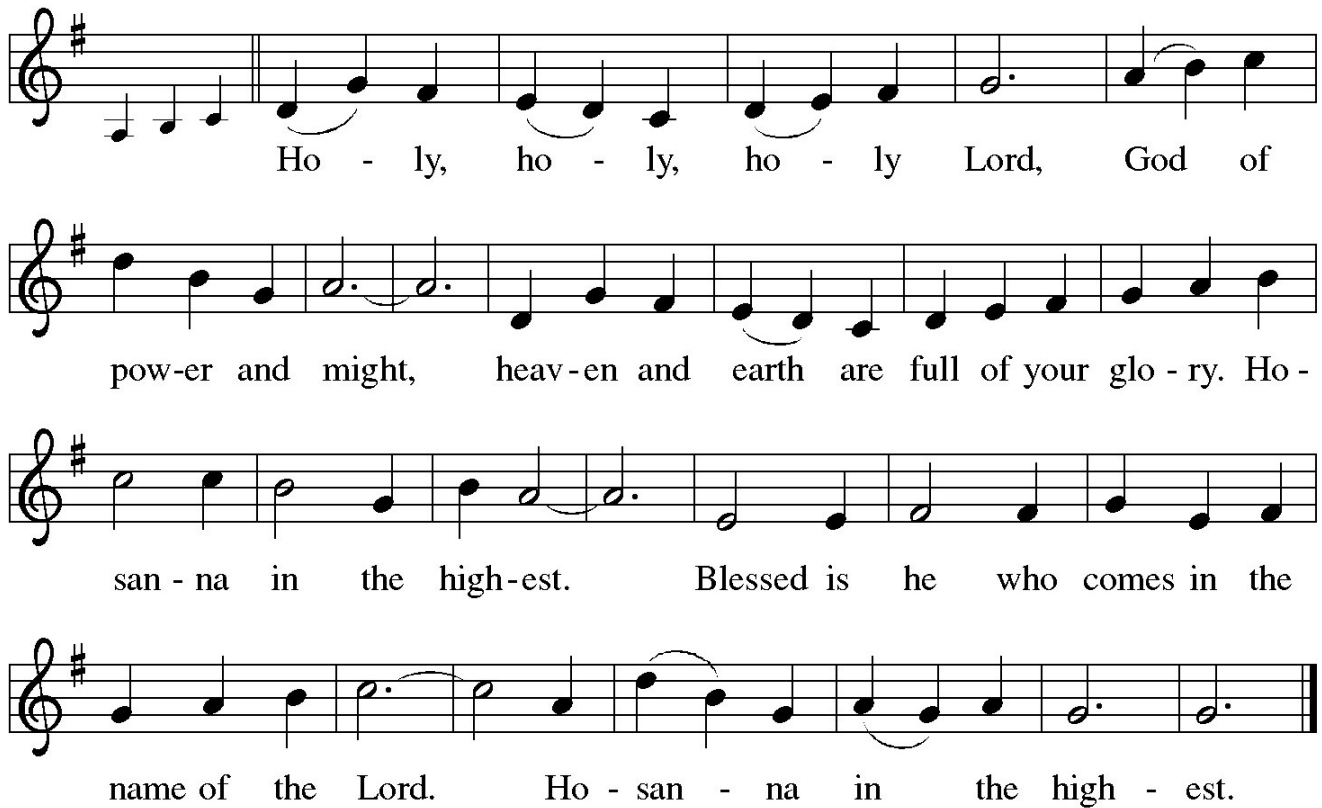
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

# COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION


*Come, taste and see, that the lord is good (Psalm 34:8). All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. You will be given the bread and your choice of either red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup in the wastebasket at the side aisle.*

# COMMUNION HYMN


ELW 583

## Take My Life, That I May Be *Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad*

*Refrain/Estribillo*




To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

*To stanzas* | *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



*con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;*  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



*que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -*  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



*pul - so de tu a - mor.*  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

*Refrain/Estribillo*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the

world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. Amen.

*Please rise as you are able*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 576

### We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

"Rise Up, Ye Saints of God"

- Powell

*Rachel Reeder, Pastor*  
*Kimberly Amin, Organist*  
*Ernesto Herrera, Music / Choir Director*  
*Nicole Uribe, Administrative Assistant*  
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*Altar Flowers this week*  
*In honor of*  
*Bryce and Susan Johnston's*  
*35th wedding anniversary*



**Stewardship**

**July, 07**

**July, 14**

Usher (1)	Mike Murphy	Kim Hudson
Usher (2)	Linda Murphy	_____
Reader / Comm. Asst. (1)	Larry Davenport	_____
Communion Assistant (2)	_____	_____
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen	Tom Olsen
Sound/IT Assistant	Jack Caballero	Jack Caballero
Altar Guild	Claudia & Mitch	Claudia & Mitch
Security	Allan Griesmer	_____



# Life in Christ

- **Adult Forum** - Sunday after service @ 10:30 am
- **Online Worship** - every Sunday through our website at [www.firstlutheranredlands.org](http://www.firstlutheranredlands.org).
- **Flower Chart for 2024** is in the Narthex. Please sign up to purchase flowers for our back altar. The cost is \$50. Please call or email your dedication to [office@firstlutheranredlands.org](mailto:office@firstlutheranredlands.org) by the Tuesday prior to your dedication. Available Dates: Aug 11 & 25
- **Bible Study** - Thursday Mornings weekly at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4566 3534 Code: 313299.
- **COMIC Quilters** - Wednesday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.
- **Redland Family Services** - For the month of June, we will be collecting any non-perishable food items and personal hygiene.

For new bulletin and/or e-news announcement(s), please send requests to the office by Tuesday prior to your desired publishing date(s).

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 07/08	06:30 PM	ACTION TEAM – Parish Hall
Saturday 07/13	04:00 PM	“Thank you” BBQ - Parsonage
Tuesday 08/13	06:30 PM	Book Club – Fireside Rm “An Unfinished Love Story”
Friday 11/08	05:00 PM -09:00 PM	Lutheran Social Services Gala 2024 Riverside, California

## This Week at First

Wednesday 07/10	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters - Fireside Room
Thursday 07/11	11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
Friday 07/12	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH
Saturdays 07/13	10:00 AM 06:00 PM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH AA Care and Share - PH
Sunday 07/14	09:00 AM 10:30 AM  01:00 PM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Adult Forum - Chapel  BATAK Church – Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, JULY 21**, Reverend Eric Shafer from Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services) will be our guest preacher and will host a Q&A during Adult Forum for those interested.

**ACTION TEAMS** - Please come and join the Action Teams on Monday July 8 at 6:30 in the Parish Hall to enjoy the fellowship with other FLC members as we all plan for things in our congregation. Everyone's input is important to make this a success. We hope to see as many members as possible. Success cannot be spelled without U!! - Mitch

**BOOK CLUB** - Come join us on Tuesday July 9 at 06:30 PM for Book Club in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book "An Unfinished Love Story" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. See you there!

**CCLM** - Although CCLM is under construction they continue to flourish. They are almost at capacity in the shelter and still have need for items for the clients. Current needs are:

- Men's Deodorant – 3oz.
- Men's Shaving Cream – 4 oz.
- Toothpaste – Travel Size
- Single Use Razors
- Towels – Bath size
- Twin Size Mattress Covers with Bed Bug Protector

Also, the Permanent Supportive Housing Division needs:

- If anyone is thinking of replacing their washer or dryer please think of the CCLM clients.
- Gently used washers and dryers:
- 120 volt, three-prong plug and require a gas connection for the dryer.

**HOME COMMUNION DELIVERY** – One of our many ministries at First Lutheran is delivery of communion to members and others who are not able to attend services in person. Often a temporary or permanent health issue means someone is not able to come to the building. Our team of Sue Lehner and Karen Fredricksen, visit and deliver communion consecrated by Pastor Rachel. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, or know someone who could be served, feel free to contact the church office 909-793-2267 so that we can help connect you to Sue, Karen or Pastor Rachel for additional details.

**2024 GALA** - Lutheran Social Services of Southern California is excited and proud to announce that our 2024 Gala will be held once again at the famous and historic Riverside Mission Inn on Friday, November 8, 2024, 5 - 9 p.m. in Riverside, California.

This event not only allows us to fund and support our wide array of services in a variety of locations throughout Southern California but gives a showcase to thank and honor those who selflessly support our mission and allow us to grow, prosper and increase the number of those we are able to serve.

All proceeds from the event will go toward solving homelessness in Southern California. We look forward to seeing you at the Gala!

Warmly, Frances Hale, Director of Fundraising & Development  
714.459.3034

**COUNCIL UPDATE JULY 1, 2024** - I am sorry to inform you that Debby Westen has resigned her position as Council President and has stepped down from the Council. We will miss Debby's leadership and presence on the Council. Larry Anderson assumed the duties of interim Council President. The Council met on July 1 to fill the Council position that this leaves vacant, and to reorganize the Executive Council. Please welcome Allison Schooley to the Council as Member-at-Large. I have been elected to fill the position of Council President. Kim Hudson has been elected to fill the position of Treasurer (replacing me in that role). Larry Anderson and BB Quinones continue in their roles of Vice President and Secretary, respectively. Your Council will continue to do its best to serve you.

- Respectfully, Larry Davenport

## **ELCA PACIFICA SYNOD 2024 ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS**

Larry and Kathy Davenport represented First Lutheran as delegates to the 2024 Pacific Synod regional meeting and Synodical Assembly conducted on Zoom in June. At the Assembly Zoom gathering, delegates accomplished the following:

1. Approved an increase in the base line salary and housing allowance by 3.2 percent, raising the minimum annual pay for ministers of the Word and Sacrament to \$80,000 starting in 2025.
2. Voted approval of proposed Constitutional amendments.

Other news from the Synodical Assembly:

- Installed Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor of Spirit of Our Savior Lutheran in San Bernardino as the Inland Region representative to the Synod Council, replacing Rev. Glen Egertson of Oak Glen and co-director of the Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences.
- Selected Rev. Darryl Kozak as the voting member of the delegation from the Inland-Desert Region at the 2025 ELCA Church-wide Assembly.
- Rev. John Bunge of Faith Lutheran-Yucaipa noted the church is celebrating 75 years of ministry in 2024. He is a member of the Synod's Mission Funds committee.
- Mark Farren of Hope Lutheran-Palm Desert is now the Young Adult Member At Large of the Synod Council.
- It was noted that First Lutheran donated \$20,317 in 2023 to the undesignated Mission Support fund of the Pacifica Synod.

**7** “[Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two” (Mark 6:7). Give thanks for the companionship, support, encouragement and wisdom we receive from our faith communities and siblings in Christ, which strengthen our ability to share the good news, care for our neighbors in need and inspire hope and peace in the world — together.

**8** Pray that the Spirit will stir enthusiasm, creativity and wisdom in the leaders, volunteers and staff of the churchwide organization as they serve youth and adults from congregations across the country during the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

**9** Ask God how we can best provide care, comfort and support to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who grieve and suffer. Pray that, in our words and actions, we might consider how situations and needs differ from person to person.

**10** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church, especially as the denomination moves forward following its vote in favor of LGBTQ inclusion.

**11** There have been over 13,000 gun-related injuries and deaths in our country this year ([gunviolencearchive.org](http://gunviolencearchive.org)), and firearm injuries are now the leading cause of death among children and youth. Pray

for an end to the senseless deaths and the trauma, grief, anxiety and anguish that spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to lead us out of hopelessness and inaction so that we will be bold and unwavering in our work and advocacy to end gun violence.

**12** Thank God for 35 years of the ELCA International Leaders Program, which provides leadership development experiences to current and future leaders through scholarships, the International Camp Counselor Program, leadership development programs and building equitable access to education for systemically excluded groups.

**13** Pray for young people of color and those whose primary language is other than English as they gather for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and for youth living with disabilities as they attend the tAble event, both of which precede the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pray that these young people — with their adult companions — will grow as wise, faithful and courageous followers of Christ.

**Remember in prayer...**

**"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs"**

Healing and strength: **Anne Foley**; requested by Diane Brown, **Baker Family**, loss of Aunt Suella; **Carol & Tim Mead and family**; **Lynda Raumin** (aunt) & Roger Raumin (uncle), family of the Johnstons; **Joanne Koenig, Jonathan Triplett** (nephew to Tom Olsen) requesting prayer for recovery after recent hospitalization

Continuing prayers for: **Bill, Nancy, and Tammy** family of Paces; **Mac & Donna Barnes**; **Walter**, brother of Ginger Close

Our homebound: **Betty Frannea**; **Carlton Peterson**; **Kay and John McMunn**

\*\* Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

\*\* The people of Israel and Palestine.

\*\* Peace.

**"Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**

The prayer list is refreshed each week using the "Welcome to Worship" slips. If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips or contact the Pastor or church office.