

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, FL

Enriching the lives of people we meet by sharing the grace of God.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

Pastor John Glover



Copyright © 1992 by American Bible Society

## **THE PRELUDE**

### **Verse 1**

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### **Verse 2**

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever

### **Pre-Chorus**

Sing praise sing praise  
Sing praise sing praise

### **Chorus**

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and ever forever

*(Please stand.)*

## **THE WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **THE OPENING HYMN**

#### **Verse**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

## **Forever**

### **Verse 3**

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### **Pre-Chorus**

Sing praise sing praise

### **Chorus**

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and ever

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and ever forever

### **Everlasting God**

#### **Chorus**

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

**Verse**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

**Pre-Chorus**

Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

**Chorus**

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

**Repeat Chorus x 2**

You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

**THE INVOCATION**

*LSB 167*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Please continue standing or kneel.)*

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 167*

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

*(Please stand.)*

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 172

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE FIRST READING

*Proverbs 25:2-10*

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.  
<sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.  
<sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;  
<sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.  
<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.  
What your eyes have seen  
<sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?  
<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,  
<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

*Hebrews 13:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with

what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?”

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 14:1-14*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 175

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Patti Bolser**

## THE SERMON

**Pastor John Glover**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

### Forever

#### Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

#### Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise  
Sing praise sing praise

#### Chorus

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and ever forever

#### Verse 2

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever

#### Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

**Pre-Chorus**

Sing praise sing praise

**Chorus**

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and ever

**Chorus**

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and ever forever

*(Please stand.)*

**Prayer Requests may be texted to 352-448-7240 during the service.  
Please include your name in the request.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*LSB 179*

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEACHERS BLESSING**

**THE BENEDICTION FOR FOLKS AT HOME**

*LSB 183*

**THE OFFERING**

**THE VOLUNTARY**

**I Can Only Imagine**

**Verse 1**

I can only imagine  
What it will be like  
When I walk by Your side  
I can only imagine  
What my eyes will see  
When Your face is before me  
I can only imagine

**Chorus**

Surrounded by Your glory  
What will my heart feel  
Will I dance for You Jesus  
Or in awe of You be still  
Will I stand in Your presence  
Or to my knees will I fall  
Will I sing hallelujah  
Will I be able to speak at all  
I can only imagine (yeah)  
I can only imagine

**Verse 2**

I can only imagine  
When that day comes  
And I find myself standing in the Son  
I can only imagine  
When all I will do  
Is forever forever worship You  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

**Tag**

I can only imagine yeah  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

**Ending**

I can only imagine when all I will do  
Is forever forever worship You  
I can only imagine

*(Please stand.)*

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Living Hope**

**Verse 1**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving- kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Verse 2**

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Chorus**

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Repeat Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

**Repeat Chorus x 2**

Jesus Christ my living hope

**Yet Not I But Christ in Me**

**Verse 1**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me



**Verse 2**

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
 For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
 I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
 For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
 Through the deepest valley he will lead  
 Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 3**

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
 The future sure the price it has been paid  
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
 And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
 Jesus now and ever is my plea  
 Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Verse 4**

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
 For he has said that he will bring me home  
 And day by day I know he will renew me  
 Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
 All the glory evermore to him  
 When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Ending**

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

**Goodness of Good****Verse 1**

I love You Lord  
 Oh Your mercy never fails me  
 All my days  
 I've been held in Your hands  
 From the moment that I wake up  
 Until I lay my head  
 I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus**

All my life You have been faithful  
 All my life You have been so so good  
 With every breath that I am able  
 I will sing of the goodness of God

**Verse 2**

I love Your voice  
 You have led me through the fire  
 In darkest night  
 You are close like no other  
 I've known You as a father  
 I've known You as a friend  
 I have lived in the goodness of God

**Repeat Chorus**

I will sing of the goodness of God.

*(Please stand.)*

**THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*LSB 183*

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

LSB 183

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## THE POSTLUDE

### Everlasting God

---

Flowers today have been provided by The Dietrichs in memory of  
Sara Bchir on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday

---

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** – **THANKSGIVING PRAYERS SUNDAY**- beginning with September 11th and following on the second Sunday of the month, we will have Thanksgiving Prayers of the Church. We always thank God; privately, let's shout out all the wonderful things He blesses us with every day of our lives. All prayers will be sent to the prayer circle as always. Send in your prayer requests to [office@flcgainesville.com](mailto:office@flcgainesville.com), call the office at 352-376-2062, go to the website <https://flcgainesville.org/prayer-request>, speak with Pastor John or Leeann, text your request to 352-448-7240, or fill out a prayer request card in the pew.

**GriefShare Group** has a new session starting September 1 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. 13-week program taught on videos by experts. Barbara Hughes and David Groggel will lead group discussions. You will have a workbook to use the cost is \$15. Please call office or email [office@flcgainesville.org](mailto:office@flcgainesville.org) to register. Interested in being a facilitator, contact Barbara or David.

**Open Arms** is looking for black sharpies, highlighters, Sticky Notes(like Post Its), Lysol Wipes, tissues, paper towels and paper plates. All school supplies are welcome.

**FLC Food Train** is available for members of our church who need just a little love and help during a challenging time of death or illness or surgery. Contact the office.

**FLC Card Ministry** meets the first Monday of every month at 1:00pm. The Card Ministry prays for and sends cards to those on First Lutheran prayer list and our homebound. When requesting a prayer, if you would like cards sent, please give address of the person or your phone number so we can make contact. We also appreciate your donation of cards, and we welcome new members.

**Seeking Hearts Bible Study** is a nondenominational study for women that Wednesday mornings 9:15 -11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Meetings are August through the beginning of December and then resume after the holidays. Enjoy group discussion of the lessons with homework that takes but an hour a week. The upcoming study session is about the book of Exodus and how "...through miraculous deliverance and covenant law, the Redeemer is revealed." This is from the LifeChange series. The book costs about \$15 and can be purchased through Amazon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marge Polkowksi.

**Miriam Circle** will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 13th in the church library. Miriam Circle has been a small Bible Study group for women at First Lutheran Church for many years. We welcome new members. We meet on the second Tuesday morning of each month from September through May. Our studies are usually from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Quarterly publication, which includes three Bible studies in each issue. We take an offering at each meeting and decide in December and again in May what mission projects we want to send what's been given in that time period to. Whether you are a long-time member or would just like to come and see if you'd like to be part of our group we hope to see you there. Just bring your Bible. The lesson will be waiting there for you.

**Sunday**

Coffee & Donuts – 8:30am  
 Adult Bible Study – 8:45am  
 Worship w/Holy Communion at 10:00am  
 College Lunch – September 11th

**Tuesday 8/30/2022**

LSF Ministry at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday 8/31/2022**

Seeking Hearts at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall  
 Bell Choir rehearsal at 5:30pm in Sanctuary

**Thursday 9/1/2022**

GriefShare at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

**Sept TBD** - Sunday School

**Sept 4** – Labor Day

**Sept 5** – Office closed for Labor Day

**Sept 11** – Men’s Ensemble and Double Bass

Guest and College Lunch Begins

**Sept 13** – Miriam Circle to begin meeting

**Sept 25** – Violin and Cello Guest Musicians

Voters Mtg (Sanctuary) Constitution Approval

Gerry Isaacs 9/3

Kirk Gelatt 9/3

**Birthdays this month**

|         |           |      |           |             |      |
|---------|-----------|------|-----------|-------------|------|
| Clay    | Brown     | 8/5  | Kathryn   | Brabham     | 8/22 |
| Tina    | Gorske    | 8/6  | Al        | Goebel      | 8/24 |
| Lauren  | Sykes     | 8/11 | Sheila    | Ginner      | 8/25 |
| John    | Glover    | 8/12 | Judy      | Helling     | 8/26 |
| Bill    | Kem       | 8/13 | Karlene   | Lucansky    | 8/26 |
| Joseph  | Spillane  | 8/14 | Christine | Dietrich    | 8/26 |
| Roberta | Partridge | 8/20 | Dan       | Schmidt     | 8/26 |
| Jean    | Puder     | 8/21 | Winona    | Price       | 8/28 |
| Terry   | Lucansky  | 8/21 | Annamarie | Cade        | 8/29 |
| Jorge   | Rojas     | 8/21 | Jeff      | Thinschmidt | 8/30 |
| David   | Polkowski | 8/22 | Pat       | Lopez       | 8/31 |

**Anniversaries this month**

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| The Browns – 8/11  | The Selners – 8/19 |
| The Joneses – 8/14 | The Goebels – 8/25 |
| The Eberts – 8/19  |                    |

**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild**

Mary Brabham  
 Christine Dietrich

**College Lunch**

Will resume Sept 11th

**Lector**

Dian Dudeck

**Production Team**

Austin Divito  
 Naomi Glover

**Card Ministry**

Karen Natzke

**Communion Assist**

Dian Dudeck

**Music**

Hye Jin Park,  
 Pianist/Organist  
 FLC Praise Team  
 Guest Musicians

**Ushers**

Matthew Dudeck  
 Ken Dudeck  
 Jim Gorske  
 Mark Hoyer

## **First Lutheran Church Staff**

**Pastor John Glover**  
Senior Pastor

**Angie Burr**  
Director of Open Arms  
Child Development Center

**Hye Jin Park**  
Director of Music

**Leeann Lee**  
Church Administrator

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated in our worship every Sunday.

We welcome to our communion table all baptized Christians who:

- come confessing their sins to God,
- believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin,
- desire to live a new life in Christ, and
- recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.

Young people who have not yet taken part in our Communion preparation classes are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

- We have gluten free wafers on the platens for those allergic to wheat.
- Grape juice is also available in the center portion of the communion trays for those wishing not to partake in wine.

## **INFORMATION FOR VISITORS**

### **Please stop and speak with Pastor John**

\*The bold portions are the parts the congregation say together.

\*Prayers of the Church are prayers for others throughout the world, family, and friends.

\*Confession and Absolution we confess our sins to God and Pastor grants us forgiveness

\*Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday

Baptized Christians who:

-come confessing their sins to God      -believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin  
-desire to live a new life in Christ      -recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord  
Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.

Young people may come forward with their parents for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.

### **Available in the Narthex**

Cry Room

Children's Bags

Bathrooms

Scan with a QR reader on your smartphone to visit our website. [www.flcgainesville.org](http://www.flcgainesville.org)

