



SHARING THE LIGHT

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to grow together in Christ through Prayer, Worship, and Education and to spread the love of Christ to our community.

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The Rewards of Godliness

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

(Exodus 20:5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Ephesians 6:1–3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matthew 19:28–29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

July

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Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

<u>Greeters:</u>	July 7 July 14 July 21 July 28	Connie Kean Patricia Caballero Norma Boehne Sharon Corey
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<u>Readers:</u>	July 7 and July 21 July 14 and July 28	Richard Swanson Christine Geltz
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Gatherings:

Mission Development Team Meeting, July 2, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich, July 3, Wednesday at 12:00 noon

Annual Voters' Meeting, July 7, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, July 12, Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, July 14, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Ice Cream Social & Art Event, July 20, Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers at Friends in Deed, July 27, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.



Sunday Worship Times, July 7, 8:30 a.m.
July 14, 8:30 a.m.
July 21, 8:30 a.m.
July 28, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Times, Every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Saturday Prayer Group, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This group is currently meeting via the telephone. Let Jo Tschopp know if you want to participate.

Not receiving email special announcements and/or prayer requests??

Electronic Newsletter: If you are currently not receiving emails and would like to be included, please share your email address with the Church Administrator (Elizabeth Yu) at: admin@firstlutherantc.org, or call:(626) 287-0968 and leave a message if you prefer to have a hard copy mailed out to you.

Pastoral Care: Board of Directors' President, Judy Gunther at: (626) 833-5613.

Little Free Library

George Mallory may have been the first man to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. Did he obtain his goal before Sir Edmund Hillary accomplished the feat in 1953?

Mallory, at age 37, was last seen on Mt. Everest June 8, 1924. His body was found near the summit in 1999. Had he set foot on the summit? You can enjoy the historical fiction story of his life by reading “Paths of Glory” by Jeffrey Archer, now in our Little Free Library. If you do read books from the Little Library, please return them so others can enjoy them.



Friends in Deed

Members and friends of our congregation donated 523 pounds of food last month to the Pasadena Friends in Deed Food Pantry. Since 1894, this group has been “Doing together what we cannot do alone.” There are over 500 households currently benefiting from their services. The food pantry allows guests to select food items that they personally can use from their shelves. Both churches and

businesses donate their time and resources to aid the less fortunate. Not only do some of our members donate food, they also donate their time monthly to assist the pantry. You can help by adding a few extra items to your grocery cart to bring to church.

Mission Development Team

At our recent community blood drive, 15 people came and 12 of those were able to give blood. We were pleased that most of the participants were from our neighborhood. The summer weather makes us think of an Ice Cream Social. Plan to attend our neighborhood outreach Ice Cream Social and Art event on Saturday, July 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us at our next meeting on July 2 (Tuesday) at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Soup & Sandwich, Wednesday, July 3 will feature Becky Shevlin – a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homeless for Los Angeles County. Come with any questions that you may have so that she can address them.

Soup and Sandwich, Wednesday, August 7 as Pastor Dan Grabowski will be making a presentation about planning your end-of-life memorial service.

Soup and Sandwich, Wednesday, September 7 will feature a presentation by one of our mission projects, Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.

Mission Development Team event – Learn to Paint Your Pet Portrait & Ice Cream Social: July 20th, 2024 (Saturday) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Register for this event by going to the church's website at:

<https://firstlutherantc.org/Event>. Cost is: \$25 per person including materials. Class is limited to 20 people. Please refer to the flyer below for more information for both events.



Learn to Paint Your Pet!

Have you always wanted to learn to paint your furry friend?

Register now for this fun Adult Paint Your Pet Class!

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2pm - 4pm

First Lutheran Church of Temple City

9123 Broadway, Temple City

Cost: \$25 per person including materials - Class size limit: 20

Register by July 18 to jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org.

Pet portrait artist Sally Weiss will help you create a colorful painting of your pet with acrylic paints.

No experience needed!



**...and while you're here:
Celebrate National Ice Cream Day with our**

Ice Cream Social



Bring the kids along! You can all enjoy delicious ice cream, and the kids can have fun with games and crafts while you paint.



Community Prayer Box

Recently, a prayer was left in our prayer box asking us to pray that this person would be delivered from drugs, that he/she would find a job, and that his/her children would be safe. Please pray that this person would truly be delivered from the power of drugs and that he/she would be able to provide financial security, emotional and spiritual health, and that he/she would find a church home and come to know that God loves and does answer prayers.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Vicki Trepanier

July 15



Richard & Susan Swanson
Niel & Renee Erickson

July 3
July 11

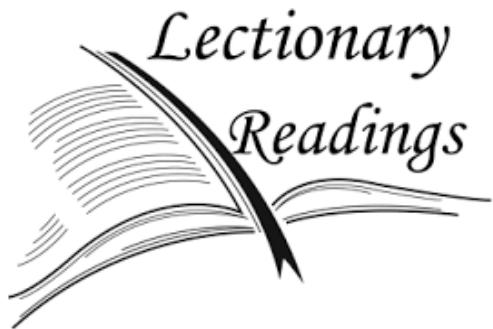
Sunday Worship at Home

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8:00 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740 each Sunday.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana. For those people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.

You may also access and/or review the sermon online by going to:
<https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>.





Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for July as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 7	Ezekiel 2:1–5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:1–10	Mark 6:1–13
July 14	Amos 7:7–15	Psalm 85:1–13	Ephesians 1:3:14	Mark 6:14–29
July 21	Jeremiah 23:1–6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–44
July 28	Genesis 9:8–17	Psalm 136:1–9	Ephesians 3:14–21	Mark 6:45–56

Annual Election

It's election time! Attend the July 7th Voters' Meeting to approve the following slate of candidates as follows:

President: Judith Gunther;
 Vice President: Norma Boehne;
 Secretary: Vicki Trepanier;
 Treasurer: Kathy Janetzke;
 Members at Large:

- (1) Patricia Caballero,
- (2) Sharon Corey,
- (3) Pat Grabowski, and
- (4) Diane Oberlander.



Welcome banner

I am pleased that our new welcome banner warmly greets all of our campus visitors. It's in loving gratitude to my parents, Howard and Ruth Geltz, who raised me in a Christian family life and congregation, and provided me with Christian elementary and university education.

Christine Geltz



LSSSC News for Your Church

Do You Know Someone with Lived Experience in Recovery and/or Mental Health?

People who have had to experience and navigate through “the system” make great coaches, supports, and allies for those currently trying to find services in the system. That’s what a “Peer Support Specialist” (PSS) does – come alongside individuals and families

who are dealing with recovery and/or mental health challenges to offer support. PSSs provide support, advocacy, encouragement, affirmation, acceptance, resources, and hope to others. They share their personal experiences and provide support to help break down barriers and empower people to find and follow their own recovery paths. PSSs do important work!

As a California Mental Health Services (CalMHSA) approved provider, LSSSC offers a 100-hour Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Training that includes 80 hours of online, self-paced, curriculum and a 20-hour supervised internship. Program staff offer assistance with career planning and job placement at agencies throughout the state. This Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Training is free to the residents of California.

For more information, please visit www.lssc.org/peer-support-training/. For questions or enrollment, you may contact Program Coordinator: Mirian Rodriguez at: PSSProgram@lssc.org or call: (951) 588-2000.



Lutheran Pastors' Assistance Fund – Ministering to the Ministers of Gospel



For more than a dozen years, LSSSC has been privileged to administer a fund to come alongside Lutheran pastors (or their widowed spouse) in times of financial crisis. A serious health or family issue, a costly repair or emergency can add financial strain to a person who has dedicated their life to the service of others.

If you are or know of a Lutheran Pastor (active or retired) or surviving spouse of a Lutheran Pastor who served in Southern California, **LSSSC may be able to grant a gift of funds to ease the burden.** All requests for assistance are kept in the strictest confidence. Depending on the specific need and availability of fund, gifts usually range from \$500 to over \$1,000. Please note that tuition assistance cannot be provided.

Please also know that these funds are provided by generous supporters like you. Why not consider making a gift to this fund so it's there when a pastor you know and support needs help?

Full information and online application are available at: www.lssc.org/lutheran-pastors-fund/. If you have any questions regarding either applying or donating to the fund, please contact Paul Fournier at: (714) 621-5845 or email at: Paul.Fournier@lssc.org.



Save the Date – November 8 – “No Place Like Home”



Friday – November 8th, 2024 – at the beautiful and historic Mission Inn in Riverside, will be the time and place for LSSSC's third annual fundraising gala. Celebrating and supporting the accomplishments and opportunities at our San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus. This year's theme will be “*No Place Like Home*”. We would love for you to experience this beautiful facility and a truly inspiring evening.

Please mark your calendars, and ask yourself, “Who at our church, or in our business community, needs to be there to hear about the great things that LSSSC is up to?”

Sponsorship opportunities are also available, providing excellent exposure for your business or ministry. For sponsorship info, or to be placed on the notification list for when registration opens, please give Paul Fournier a call at: (714) 621-5845, or email him at: Paul.Fournier@lssc.org

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8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Holy Communion every 1st & 3rd Sundays only
9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY
Every Sunday