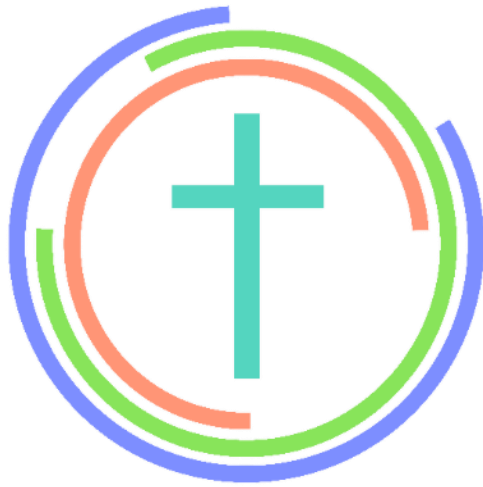




First Lutheran
relationships that transform



*God
Provides*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church.

We worship God using the form of worship which has been used by Christians throughout church history, which is commonly called “liturgical worship.” Liturgy is defined as the “work of the people,” which means that this is a participatory form of worship for all people, whether leading from the front, or singing and responding as a part of the congregation.

In worship, we come out of the chaos of the world to prepare ourselves to meet God, who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Through confession/forgiveness, prayer, and proclamation of the Word of God, we are led to the center of our worship which is the celebration of Holy Communion (also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist). It is in that act of eating and drinking the true body and blood of Jesus in the forms of bread and wine, that we make a sacred connection with God. As our worship concludes, we are sent back into the world, as people who have been changed by an encounter with God, to be light in the midst of the chaos and confusion of the world.



Are you having trouble hearing the sermon?

An assistive listening system is available in our sanctuary.

You may select a receiver from the basket in the rear of the sanctuary, near the sound booth; please return it following worship.

There are **printed** copies of the sermon available in the narthex near the bulletins

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10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 2026 **8:15 am & 10:45 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship, we are glad that God has brought us together today! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a card to receive more information about First Lutheran Church. The cards are in the narthex near the bulletins or from an usher or staff member.

NURSERY

Children 3 and under are invited to our staffed nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Meet the leader at the back of the sanctuary. The children meet in the chapel and will return to service just before Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

I Sing Praises

The Chancel Choir

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us make personal confession of our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.”
 In the name of God,
 Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
 your sins are forgiven.
 Rest in God’s love.
Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

*The sharing of the peace is a time for us to be reconciled with one another
 through the peace, love, and forgiveness of Christ.*

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN (Vs. 1, 2, & 4)

ELW 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



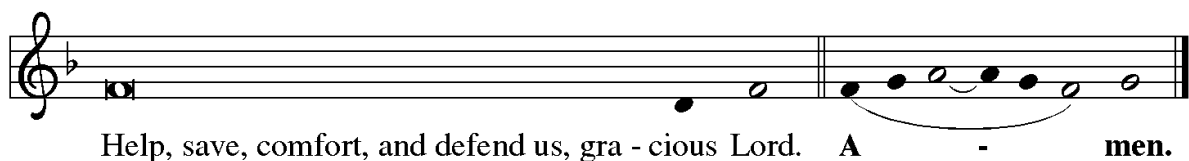
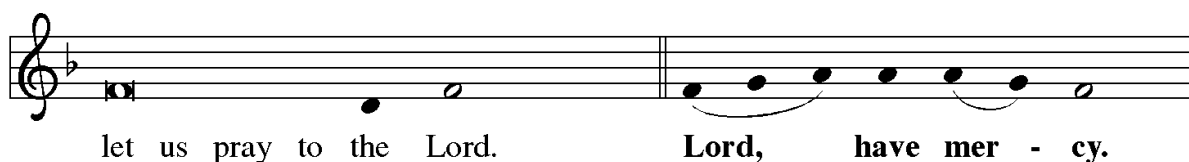
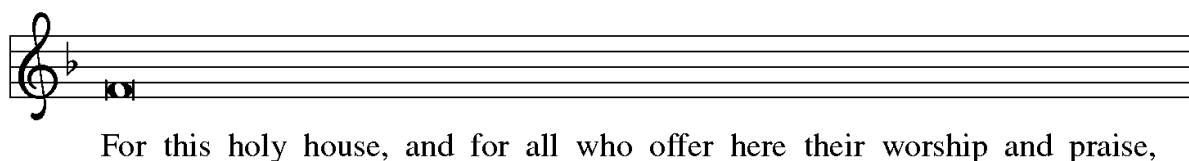
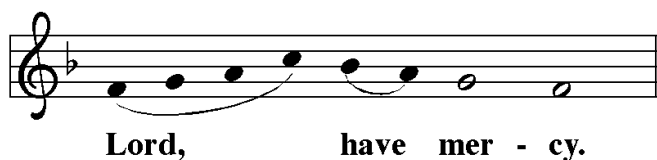
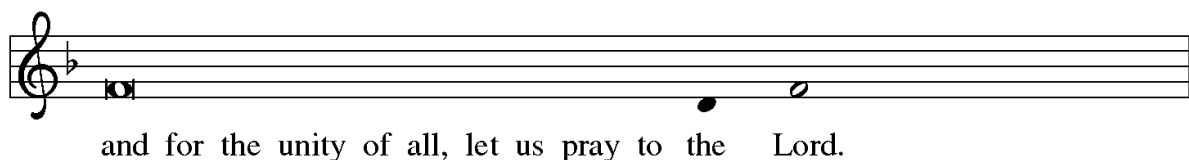
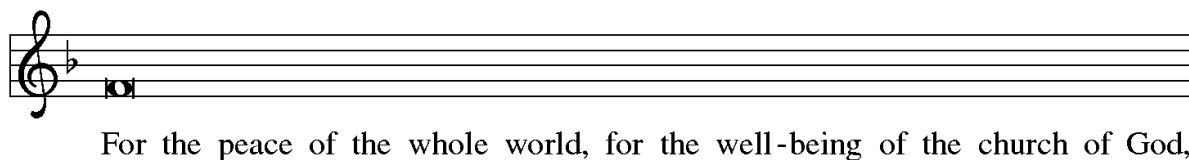
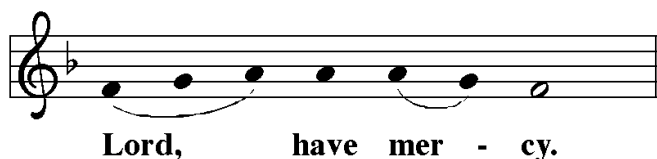
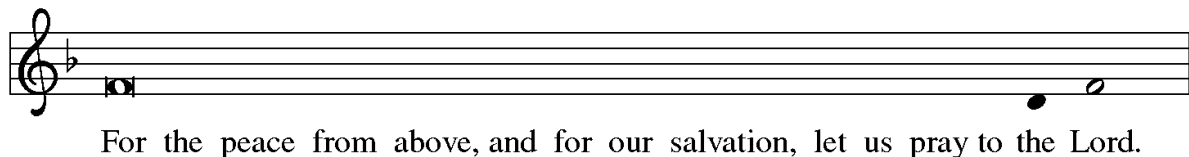
join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

GREETING

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.

KYRIE

SETTING 3



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

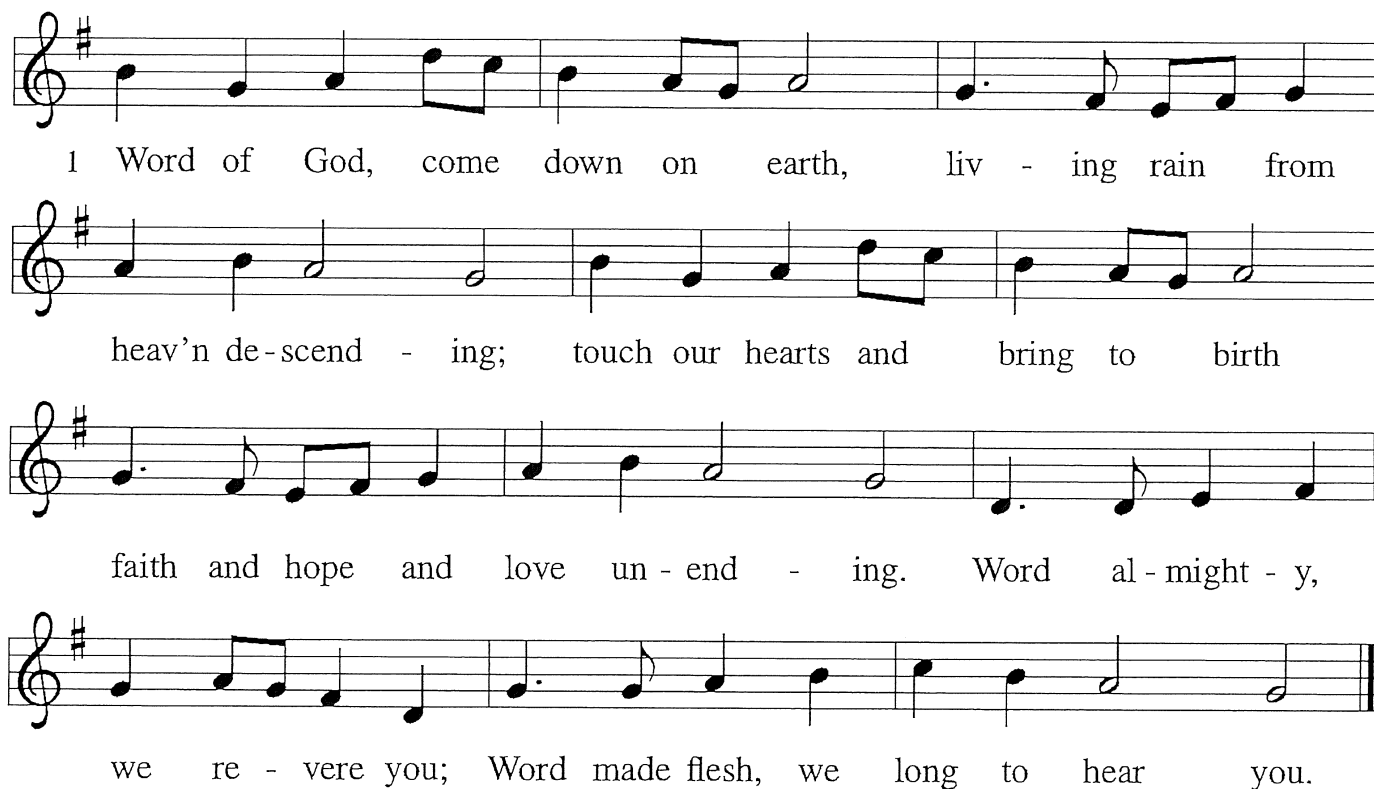
Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

ELW 510

Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless our lector who will read to us the scriptures. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1 – 5

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1 – 5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting 10



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13 – 21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON

Messianic Abundance

Pastor Jeff Borgwardt

Transcripts of the sermon can be found near the bulletins in the Narthex.

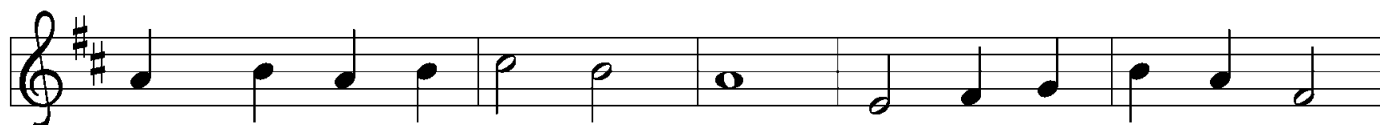
SILENT REFLECTION

Please stand.

Break Now the Bread of Life



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

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.

HYMN

ELW 751

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me." and "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

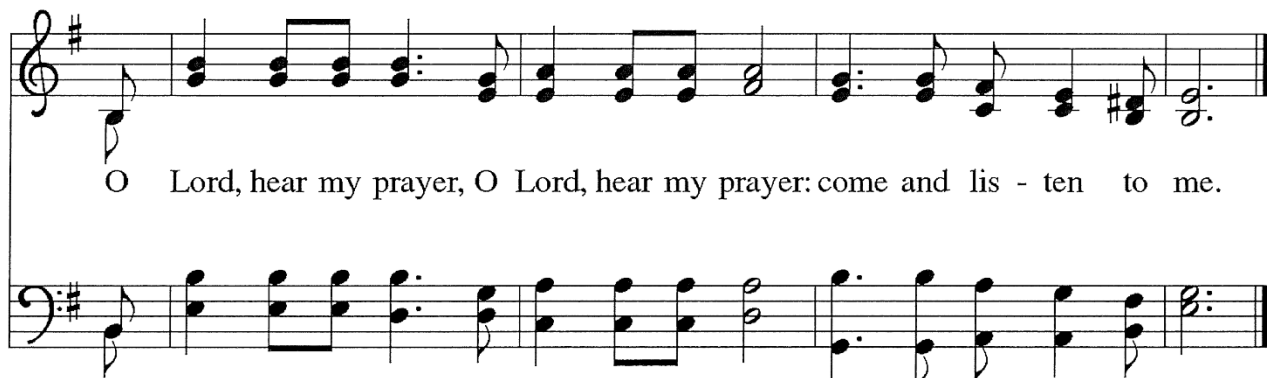
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: O Lord, hear my prayer.

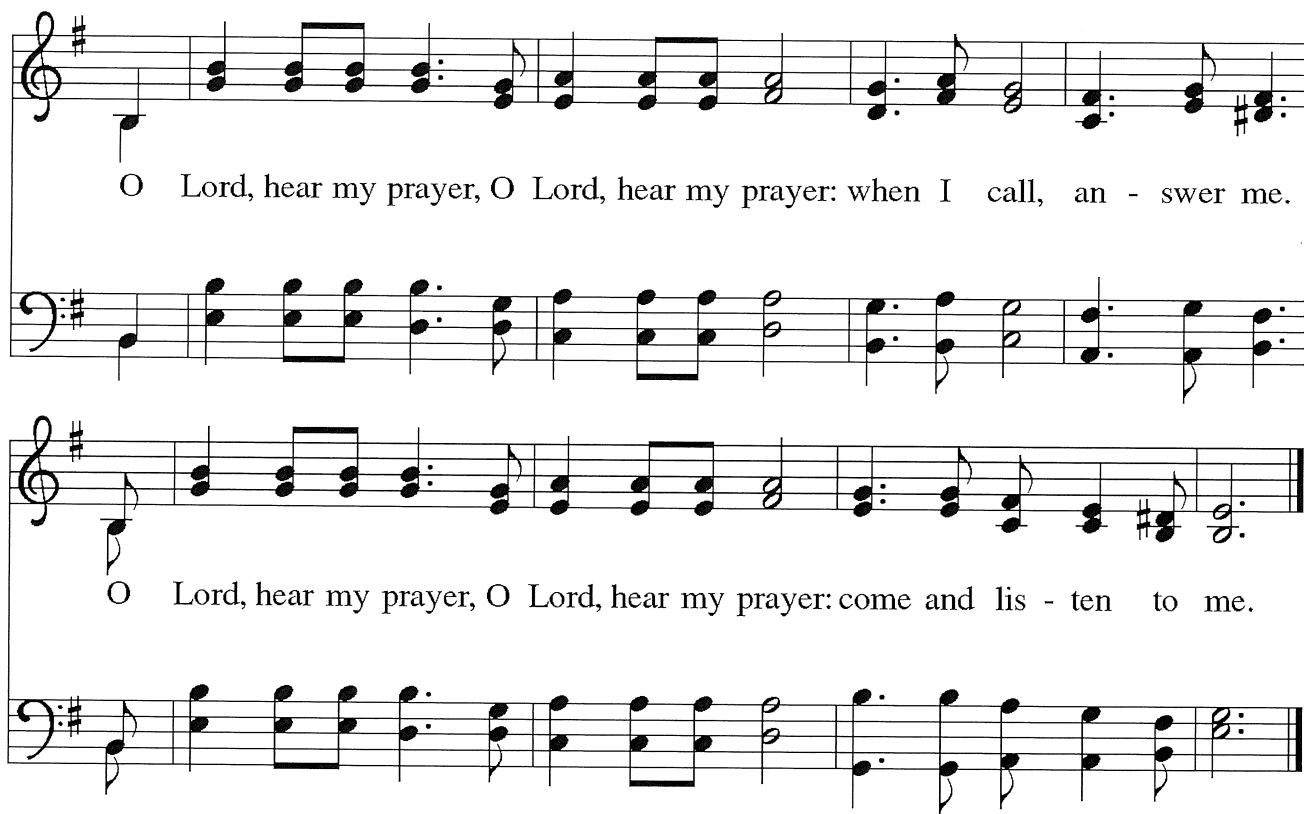
Congregational response:



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Receive our prayers...in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Please be seated.

OFFERING ANTHEM

In the Presence of Jehovah

The Chancel Choir

Please stand.

As the gifts are presented, the congregation sings.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,

The first system of musical notation for 'Give Thanks' is in F major, 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign at the end of the system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Am Dm⁷ Gm C⁷ FM⁷

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be-cause of

Dm⁷ Eb C⁷ D.C. Last time F

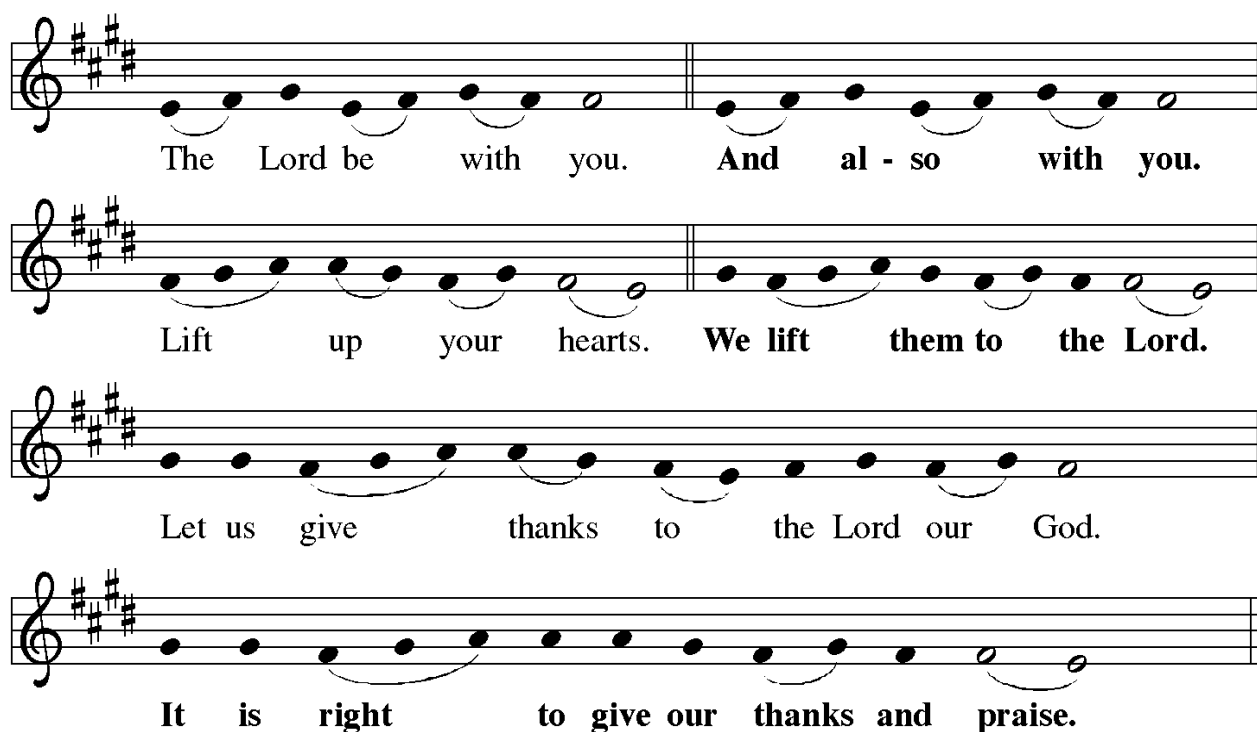
what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,
 we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
 Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
 so that all creation can taste your abundance.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



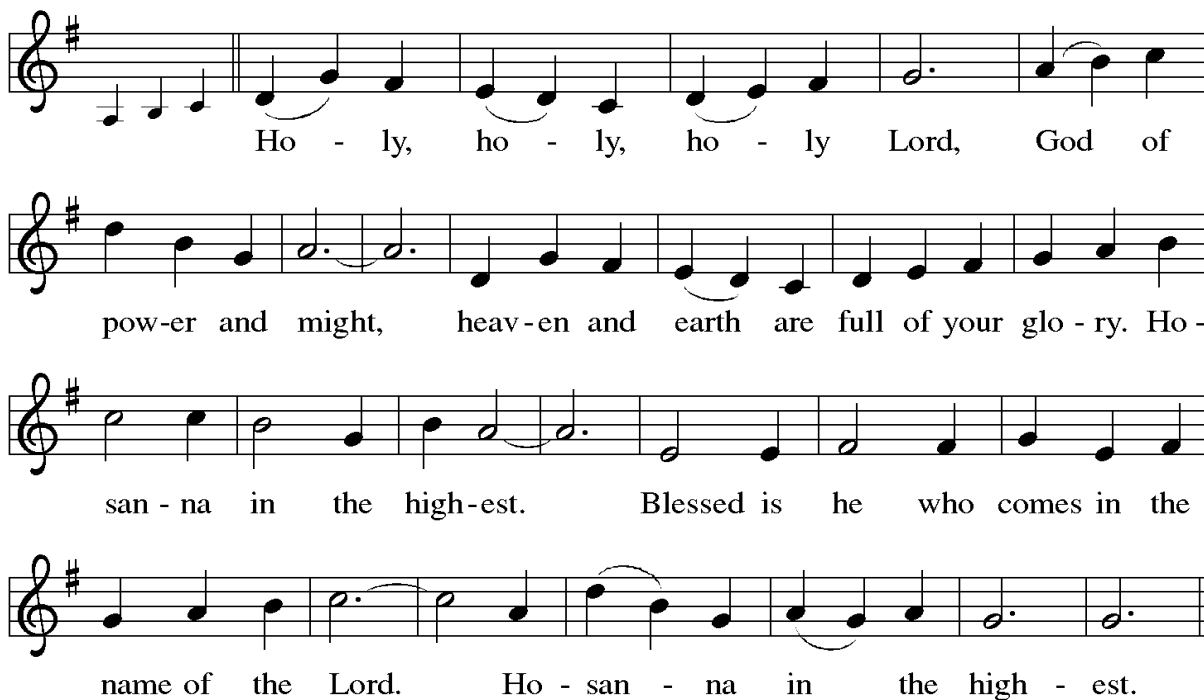
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. . .

Please be seated.

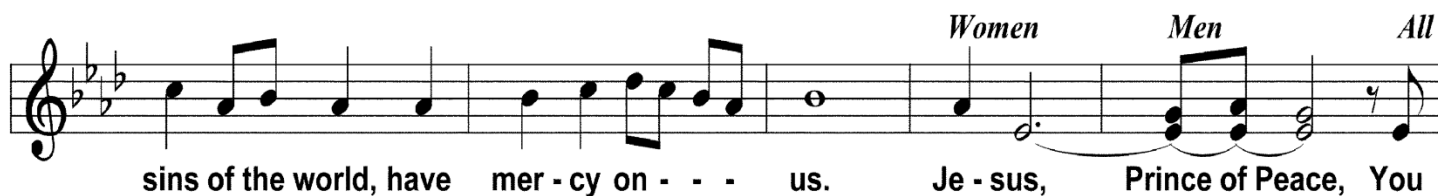
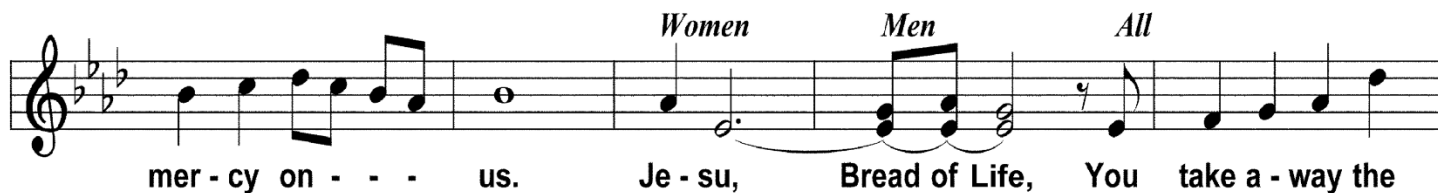
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. We teach that Holy Communion is a celebration of the real presence of Christ under forms of bread and wine. For those who prefer, cups in the center ring of the tray are filled with white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing, signal this by crossing your arms against your chest.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb Of God

Tod Sechrist



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

In Remembrance

Words and Music by
Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

VERSE 1 & 2



1. In re - mem - brance of Me, eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of
(2. In re) - mem - brance of Me, heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of

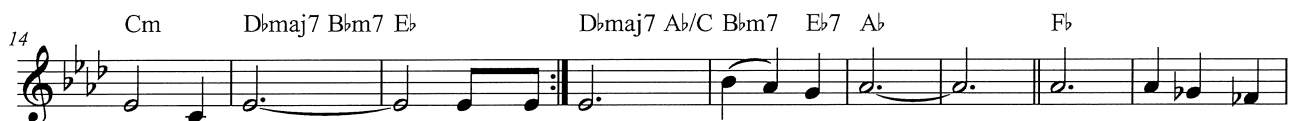


Me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of Me, pray for the time when God's own
Me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of Me, o - pen the door and let your

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BRIDGE

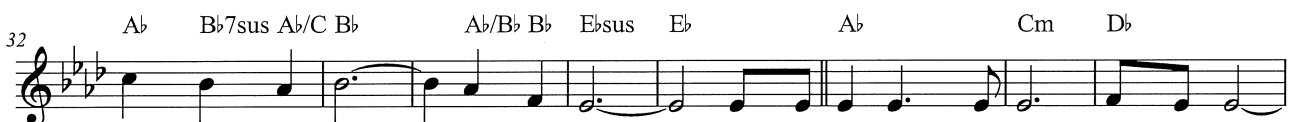


will is done. 2. In re in, let him in. Take, eat, and be
broth-er

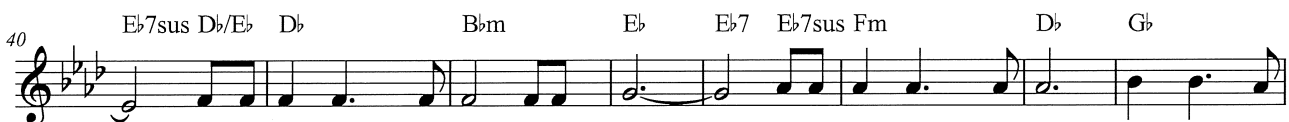


com - fort - ed, drink and re - mem - ber, too, that this is My bod-y and pre - cious

VERSE 3



blood shed for you, shed for you. 3. In re-mem-brance of Me, search for truth.



In re-mem-brance of Me, al-ways love. In re-mem-brance of Me don't look a -

48 $E\flat$ $A\flat$ sus $A\flat$ Cm $D\flat$ $D\flat/E\flat$ $A\flat$ $D\flat$

-bove, but in your heart, look in your heart for God. Do this in re -

56 $D\flat/E\flat$ $E\flat$ 7sus $A\flat$

- mem - brance of Me.

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain

All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

This block contains the first line of the musical score. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note D, an eighth note E, and a quarter note F. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a quarter note D, a half note G, and a quarter note F. The lyrics “And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,” are written below the staves.

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

This block contains the second line of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with a quarter note G, a half note A, and a quarter note B. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note G and a quarter note F. The lyrics “and I will raise you up on the last day.” are written below the staves.

Jesus, Name Above All Names

D F#m⁷

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Em⁷ A

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -

D F#m⁷

man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -

Em⁷ Optional repeat D G/A A Last time D

deem - er, liv - ing Word. Word.

Please stand.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, may share your love freely,
as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Go in peace. We are formed and loved by Christ to live!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

SCHOOL KIT

Shopping List

The following items are needed in each School Kit:



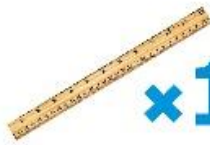
x4

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



x1

One box of 16 or 24 crayons



x1

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



x1

One pencil sharpener



x1

One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



x5

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers



x5

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



x1

One 2½" eraser

Collecting through 8/23/26

*We have enough erasers

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK:

Monday, August 3	Tuesday, August 4	Wednesday, August 5
9:30 am Staff Meeting	1:00 pm Birds of a Feather meeting at Posado's restaurant. 4:30 – 5:30 pm Fitness class 6:30 pm Family Improvement 6:30 pm Spiritual Journey	10:00 am Quilters 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Choir
Thursday, August 6	Friday, August 7	Saturday, August 8
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Fitness Class		7:00 am Newgate Breakfast 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Classic Quilters
Sunday, August 9	Volunteer Schedule this week: August 2	Volunteer Schedule next week: August 9
8:15 am Worship with Holy Communion, and Children's Church. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion, and Children's Church.	Lector: 8:15 am: Carolyn Ramirez 10:45 am: Nancy Lineberry Communion: Set up: Carolyn Ramirez Clean Up: Lucy Maxwell Offering Counters: Diann Greifenkamp & Peri Topel	Lector: 8:15 am: Beverly Bell 10:45 am: Cathleen Potichko Communion: Set up: Donna & Joe Louvier Clean Up: Teresa DeShazer & Randi McRae Offering Counters: Arlene Hicks & Rachel Grundmann
Readings in preparation for Sunday, August 9 1st Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33		

ANNOUNCEMENTS



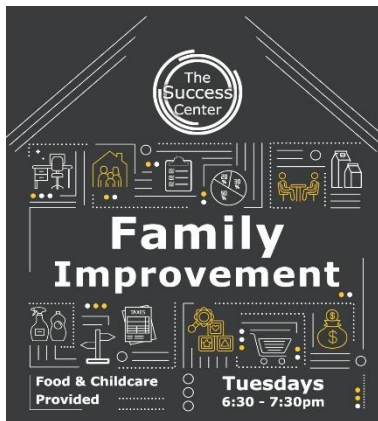
**There will be a special event on Wednesday,
August 12th following Quilting.**

10:00 am Quilting in the fellowship hall

12:00 pm Lunch and presentation by Diane Covert from Lutheran World Relief (Please RSVP for lunch on the blue sheet in the narthex.)

Join us for a special presentation by Diane Covert, CFRE, Donor Advisor with Lutheran World Relief. Have you ever wondered where the quilts you lovingly create end up? Come hear inspiring stories of how these handmade gifts of comfort are reaching families in times of disaster, conflict, and hardship throughout the United States and around the world. More than a warm blanket, each quilt is a tangible expression of God's love, offering hope, dignity, and comfort to people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Weekly First Lutheran Happenings



Do you know a family that is struggling with managing all that life brings? Invite them to join our Family Improvement class where practical teaching helps parents and families build better lives! Contact John Parsons for more information 903-295-7423.

FAMILY IMPROVEMENT MEAL

One of the things that makes the Family Improvement class work so well for families is that we serve them a meal (cooking is not required). We need volunteers to help provide a meal. **Those who are willing to help in this way, you may sign up for a Tuesday night on the sheet in the narthex.**

EXERCISE CLASS



Tuesdays & Thursdays
4:30—5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



Stepping into God's will and purpose for your life

TUESDAYS
6:30 PM

Join us in taking steps that can help develop a healthy, peaceful, and harmonious relationship with God, with others, and with yourself.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, & the wisdom to know that one is Me. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as Jesus Christ did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that Jesus will make all things right if I surrender to His will. So, that I may be reasonably happy in this life & supremely happy with Him forever & ever in the next! Amen!

SERENITY PRAYER

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Classes offered on
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am

- **Reflective Bible Study**
Led by Vivian McElligott
- **Study of the book of Genesis**
Led by Kevin Bond
- **The Augsburg Confession**
Led by Pastor Jeff & Bill Anderson

Weekly Financial Report

Church Cash Flow Year to Date as of:

07/26/2026

Regular Church Offering: 2026	
Contributions:	\$ 338,564
Expenditures:	\$ 358,299
Difference:	\$ (19,735)

Building Maintenance Fund Activity: 2026	
Contributions:	\$ 34,178
Expenditures:	\$ 6,189
Difference:	\$ 27,989

Summer Camp: 2026	
Donations	\$ 7,560
Expenditures:	\$ 21,730
Difference:	\$ (14,170)

*Respectfully,
Rachel Keiser*

Sunday August 23rd 9:30 am Snow Cones & Backpacks



Enjoy a snow cone in
the narthex



Help pack school
supply back packs
upstairs.

OR enjoy
your Sunday
School class
as usual!

Snow Cones in loving memory of Donna O'Sullivan's birthday Aug. 14th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send all prayer requests and updates to the church office at: prayerchain@firstlutheran.us

FLC Members

Zoie Perry is having chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Paula Kaplan is in hospice care.

Lois Boldt is in hospice care.

Pray for the children and teens who attend our church and The Success Center.

Pray for church growth, numerically and spiritually.

Pray for wisdom and direction for our church leadership.

Pray for the homebound of our church and their caregivers.

Jane Bailey	Robert Kohnfelder
Durwin Sewell	Bruno Schueler
Mary Ann Gamel	Chuck & Paula Kaplan
Patty Lowe	Johnnie Owens
Joseph Carlson	Albert Holmen
Lois Boldt	

Family and Friends of FLC Members

Pastor Sonia Cancel has broken her arm, pray for complete healing.

Darren Hawks, Sharon Leikam's son, is facing some health problems.

Mr. Stoker, friend of Charlotte Cherry, is recovering from surgery.

Diana Stigleman, friend of Jenny Jenkins, is on hospice care. Pray for her family also.

Babs Colclasure, friend of Sharon Leikam, has terminal cancer.

Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Those who are imprisoned.

The homeless

Members Serving in the Military

Eric Jenkins – Air Force, Ft. Meade, MD

Terrina Anderson – White House Military Office

Timothy Martin – Navy

Hannah Perry – Army, San Antonio, Tx

GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 2, 2026

True Abundance

In our gospel reading, Jesus hears about John the Baptizer's death and wants to be alone, to withdraw "to a deserted place" (Matthew 14:13). But the crowds follow him, the disciples follow him, and it seems everyone wants something from him. Jesus' response is compassionate, and he meets their needs, healing those who were sick. Then evening falls, and the disciples come to him with a request: "You've healed everyone. Now send them home. They can buy food in the villages for themselves."

Some compassion is needed here for the disciples too. With the twelve of them plus Jesus, there are at least thirteen people to feed with what they have—just five loaves and two fish. That's not enough even for them.

So Jesus does this miracle—he takes what he is given and multiplies it so everyone has something to eat, and there are twelve baskets left over. (Twelve baskets means one for each disciple to carry and then realize that true abundance comes from Jesus!)

The miracle fed the people, but it also taught the disciples that, with Jesus, there is always compassion and always enough to share. After feeding the thousands, each disciple now had a basket full of food. By sharing what they had, through Jesus they received back more than they had to begin with.

This is the true message of Matthew's text today: God gives us what we need, we share what we have with others, and in the end, we are given more than we could ever imagine. This is loving the neighbor. This is being God's grace in the world. At no time is sending people away God's answer. Jesus taught his disciples this important lesson, and we continue to learn and struggle with it today.

Assisting In Worship Today

Celebrant: Jeffrey Borgwardt

Musicians: Donna Ashby, Pat Mueller
and The Chancel Choir

Live Stream: 8:15 am Deb Butts,
Eric Chandler, and Daniel Chandler

10:45 am: Diane Borgwardt

Lectors:

8:15 am: Carolyn Ramirez

10:45 am: Nancy Lineberry

Church Staff

Jeffrey E. Borgwardt, Pastor
Donna Ashby, Director of Music
John Parsons, Dir. of Family and Outreach Min.
Tina Sewell, Secretary
Rachel Keiser, Bookkeeper
Steve Howie, Facilities Coordinator

2026 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Beverly Bell (*President*)
Randy Cathey (*Vice-President*)
Arlene Hicks (*Secretary*)
Ranette Carter (*Treasurer*)
Jenn Belcourt (*Relationship with God*)
Johnny Davis (*Relationship with Community*)
Mary Stuart (*Relationship with One Another*)

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We receive gifts for the mission of the congregation and the Church in the world. An offering plate is available in the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer to give by credit card you may do so at www.firstlutheran.us/donate or by scanning the QR code below



FLC regularly supports the work of the following ministries of our denomination and community with financial, volunteer, and food offerings:

Longview Community Ministries

Newgate Mission

Living Water International

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response

For more information on how to get involved contact the church office (903)295-7423.