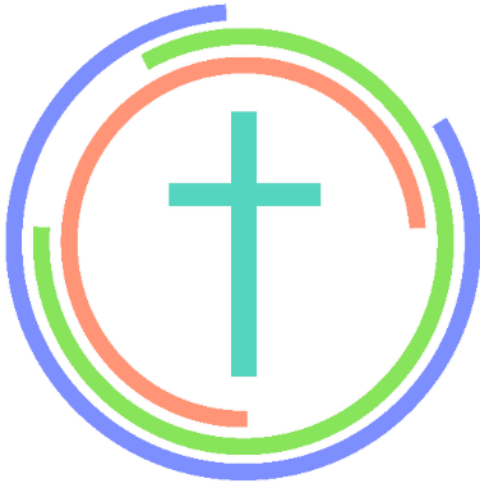




First Lutheran
relationships that transform

*All Saints Day
November 1, 2026*

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“For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!”

- For All the Saints (ELW 422)

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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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ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 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.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Lord, Be Glorified

The Chancel Choir

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,**

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
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, 3, 4, 5, & 7)

ELW 422

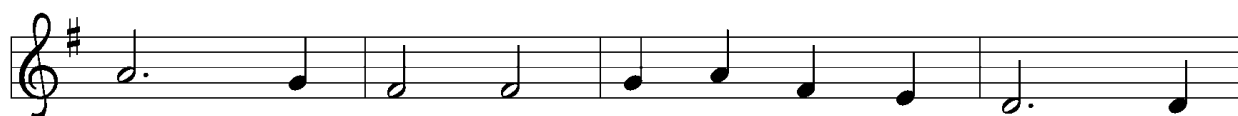
For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who

Stanzas 3-5 below.

6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,

5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are

ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

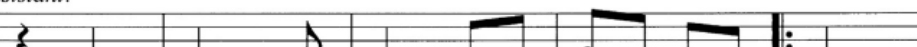
blest.

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

Assistant:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

* *Ending for Kyrie*

God.

A - men.

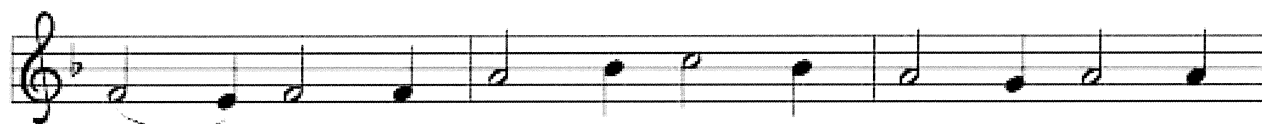
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Vs 1, & 3)

SETTING 5



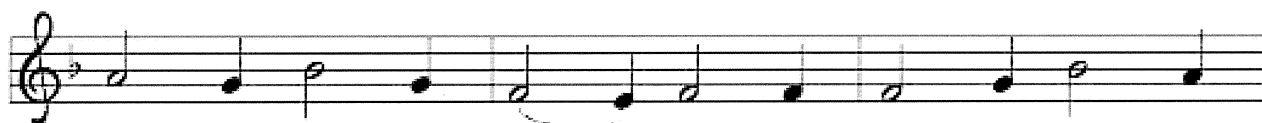
1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be

3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



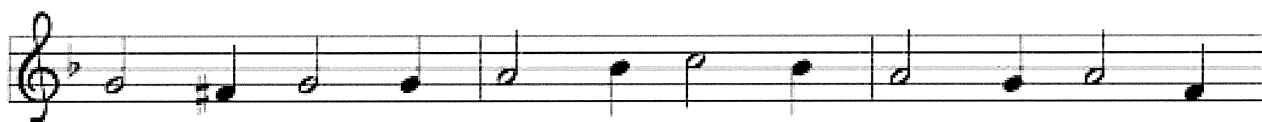
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply: good -

name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



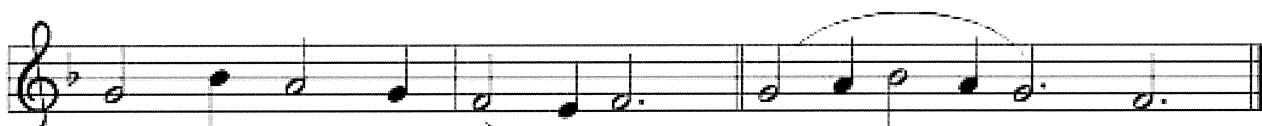
will break forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,

liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.

God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

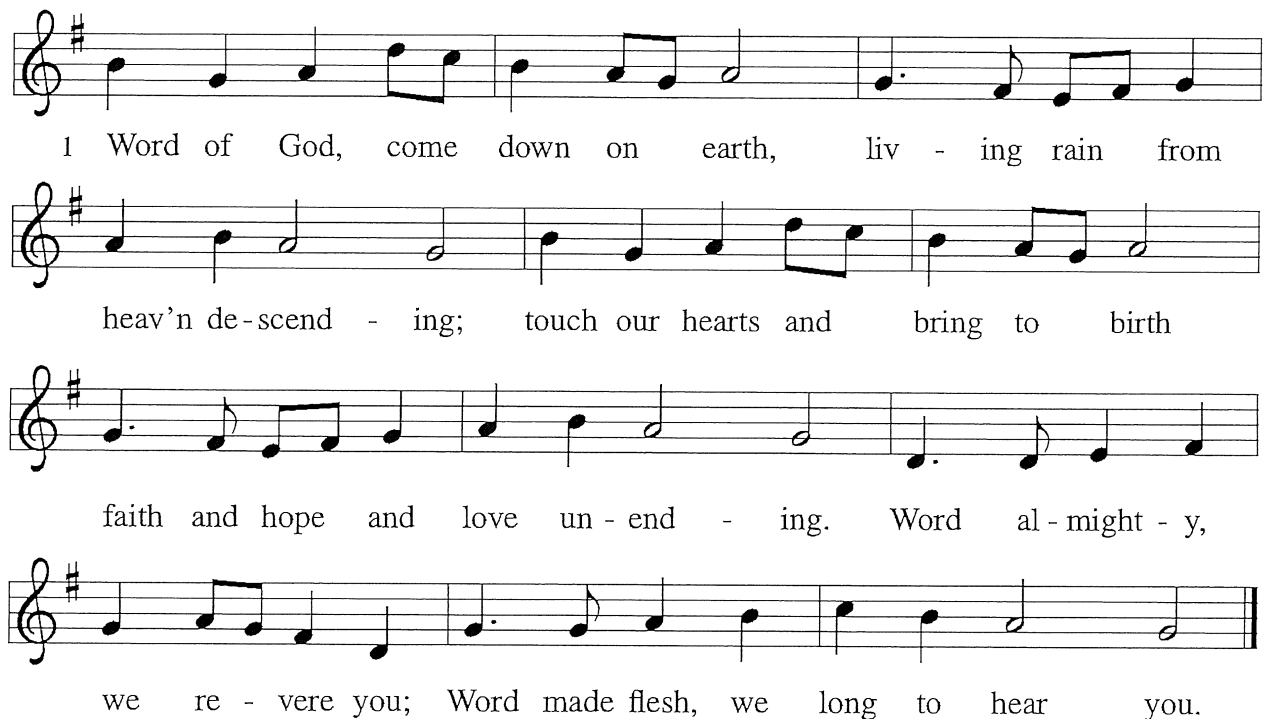
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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: Revelation 7:9 – 17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1 – 3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 5:1 – 12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 427

For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND SCHOOL KITS

Let My Prayer Rise Up

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
lift-ing up of my hands as an of - fer-ing to you.

Leader or Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my
voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
of - fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy

Congregational response: Hear our prayer.

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

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Pass Me Not

Ted Greene, Solo

Please stand.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

ELW 692

As the gifts are presented, the congregation sings.

God, Whose Giving, Knows No Ending

God whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store;

na-ture's won-der Je-sus wis-dom cost-ly cross, graves' shattered door

gift-ed by you we turn to you of-f'ring up our selves in praise;

thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er gra-cious do--nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

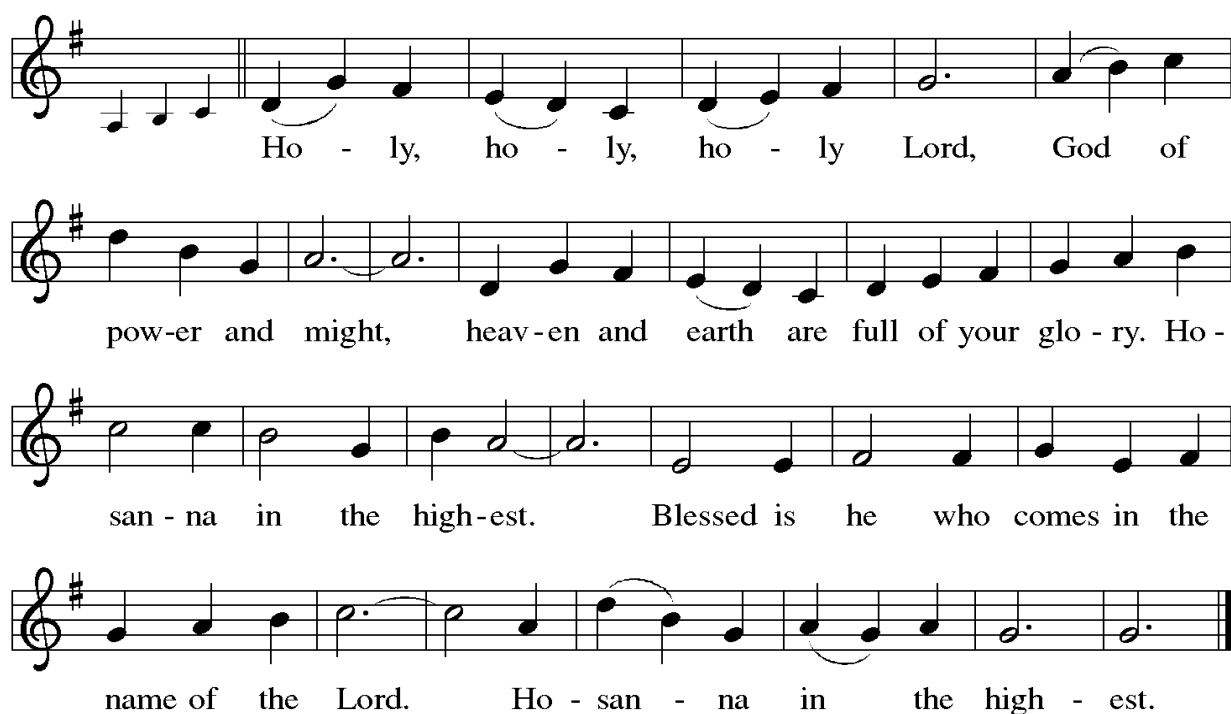
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.



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.

Lamb Of God

Tod Sechrist

Women *Men* *All*

Je - su, Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, have

Women *Men* *All*

mer - cy on - - - us. Je - su, Bread of Life, You take a - way the

Women *Men* *All*

sins of the world, have mer - cy on - - - us. Je - sus, Prince of Peace, You

take a - way the sins of the world, Grant us You - - r peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

In Remembrance

Words and Music by
Ragan Courtney and Beryl Red

VERSE 1 & 2

$\text{♩} = 84$

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

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

6 $B\flat m$ $E\flat$ $E\flat 7$ $E\flat 7sus$ Fm $D\flat$ $G\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat sus$ $A\flat$

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

1

2

BRIDGE

14 Cm $D\flat maj 7$ $B\flat m 7$ $E\flat$ $D\flat maj 7$ $A\flat/C$ $B\flat m 7$ $E\flat 7$ $A\flat$ $F\flat$

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

23 $A\flat$ $F\flat$ $A\flat$ $A\flat/C$ Fm $E\flat$ $D\flat$

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

VERSE 3

32 $A\flat$ $B\flat 7sus$ $A\flat/C$ $B\flat$ $A\flat/B\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat sus$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ Cm $D\flat$

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

40 $E\flat 7sus$ $D\flat/E\flat$ $D\flat$ $B\flat m$ $E\flat$ $E\flat 7$ $E\flat 7sus$ Fm $D\flat$ $G\flat$

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

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In Remembrance - 2

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E $\flat$ A $\flat$ 7sus 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.

Where Charity and Love Are Shown

Donde hay caridad

Refrain / Estribillo

Don-de *hay* *ca - ri - dad* *y_a - mor,* *a - llí* *es -*
Where char-i - ty and love are shown, our God is



tá_el *Se - ñor,* *a - llí* *es - tá_el* *Se - ñor.*
there made known, our God is there made known.



1 U - na *sa - la* *y_u - na* *me - sa,* *u - na* *co - pa,*
1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the
2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet
3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing



vi - no_y *pan,* *los her - ma - nos* *com - par -*
bread, the wine; in one love we are com -
from a - bove. We re - call the Lord's com -
cup we claim, draw us close with - in one



tien - do *en a - mor* *y_en* *u - ni - dad.*
pan - ions, and in u - ni - ty we dine.
mand - ment that we live and grow in love.
fam - 'ly, make us one in Je - sus' name.



Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y el re - cuer - do
Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise
As the gifts of God are giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y
Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f'ring



del Se - ñor; ce - le - bra - mos su me -
of God's Word, here in joy and in re -
and his blood, so we give our - selves to
and his pain, and pro - claim the ho - ly



mo - ria y la en - tre - ga de su a - mor.
mem - brance we re - ceive our lov - ing Lord.
oth - ers and we seek our neigh - bor's good.
mys - t'ry: Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

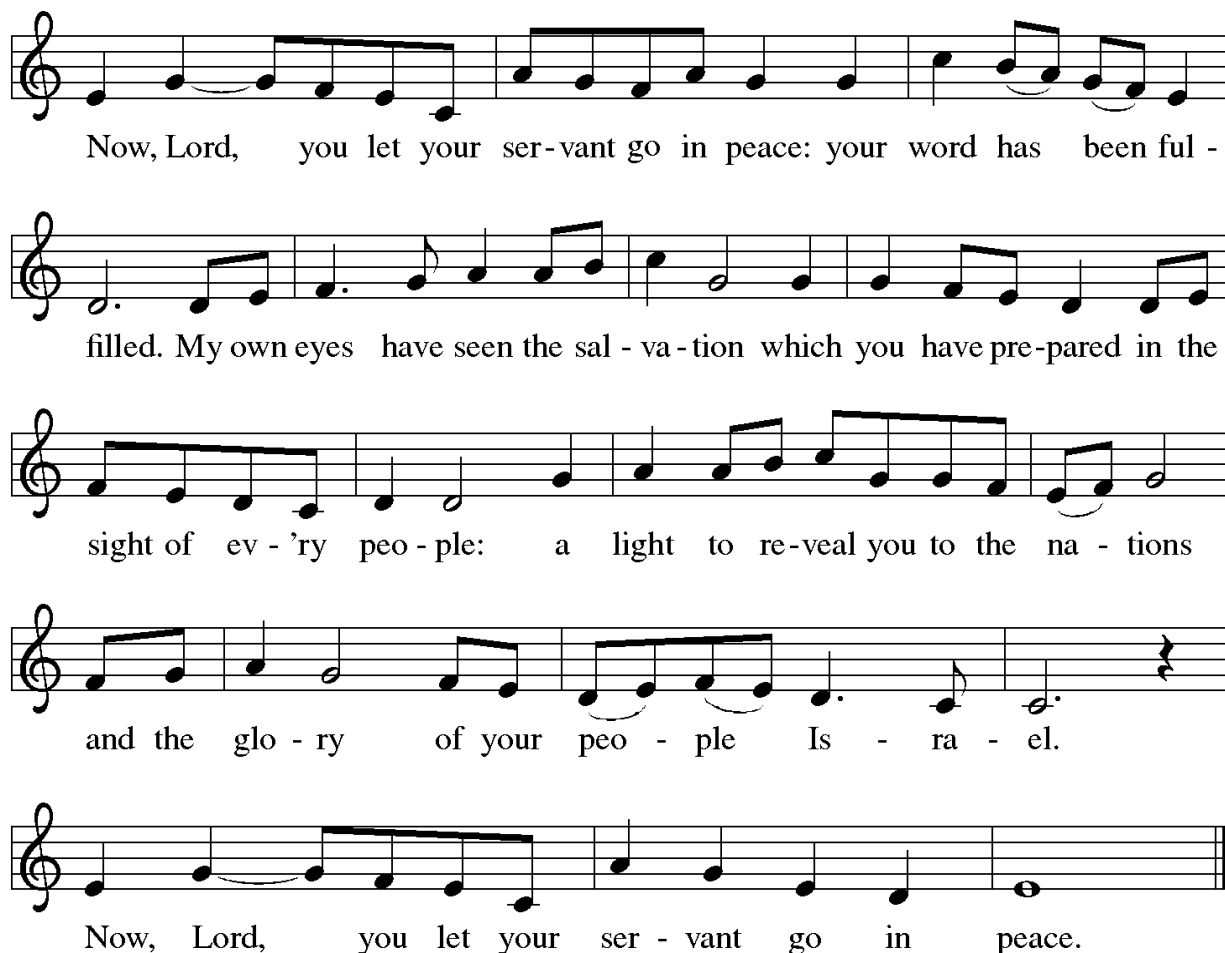
HYMN #3

Jesus Name Above All Names

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.

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, heal the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, in your presence, now and forever.
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

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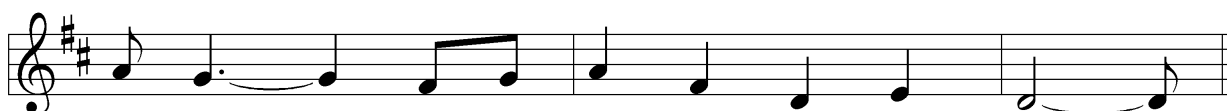
Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1	Oh, when the	saints	go march-ing	in,	oh, when the
2	Oh, when the	Lord	in glo - ry	comes,	oh, when the
3	Oh, when the	new	world is re -	vealed,	oh, when the
4	Oh, when they	gath -	er round the	throne,	oh, when they



saints go march - ing	in,	O Lord, I want	to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes,		O Lord, I want	to be in that
new world is re - vealed,		O Lord, I want	to be in that
gath - er round the throne,		O Lord, I want	to be in that



num - ber	when the	saints	go march - ing	in.
num - ber	when the	Lord	in glo - ry	comes.
num - ber	when the	new	world is re -	vealed.
num - ber	when they	gath - er	round the	throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 2	Tuesday, November 3	Wednesday, November 4
Pastor Jeff's 17 th Anniversary at First Lutheran. 9:00 am Staff Meeting	9:30 am Friendship Circle 1:00 pm Birds of a Feather lunch at Cheddars 3:30 – 5:30 pm Success Center 4:30 – 5:30 pm Fitness class 6:30 pm Family Improvement 6:30 pm Spiritual Journey	10:00 pm Quilters 5:00-6:00 pm Dinner 5:45 pm Bell Choir 5:45 pm Mentoring Plus 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Activity Hour
Thursday, November 5	Friday, November 6	Saturday, November 7
First Lutheran Church's 91 st Birthday. 3:30 – 5:30 pm Success Center 4:30 – 5:30 pm Fitness class		Scout Training Day
Sunday, November 1	Volunteer Schedule this week: November 1	Volunteer Schedule next week: November 8
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. 6:00 pm Bible Study	Lector: 8:15 am: Donna Ashby 10:45 am: Lakeita Walker Communion: Set up: Carolyn Ramirez Clean Up: Lucy Maxwell Offering Counters: Mary Stuart & Deb Butts	Lector: 8:15 am: Patti Reinhart 10:45 am: Bill Anderson Communion: Set up: Joe & Donna Louvier Clean Up: Teresa DeShazer & Randi McRae Offering Counters: Arlene Hicks & Deb Paschal

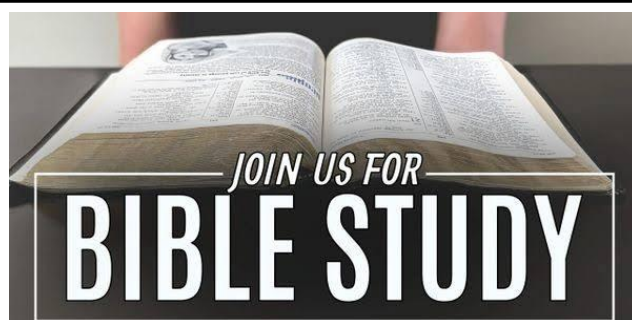
Readings in preparation for Sunday, November 8

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

ANOUNCEMENTS



**Flowers on the altar today
given by
Joe Derry & Allison Derry
In memory of Mary Alice Derry's
birthday.**



**Sunday Evening Bible Study at 6:00 pm
in the activity room.
All are welcome.**

The T-Shirts are in!

**If you ordered a blue church t-shirt they
are on the table in the narthex under the
TV.**



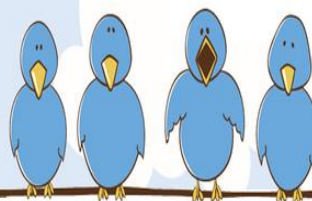
Monthly Bible Studies

Each month, women have opportunities to gather and study God's word. Both groups use the *GATHER* magazine as a study guide.

Friendship Circle
November 3rd
@ 9:30 am
In the Conference Room

Dorcas Circle
November 9th
@ 6:00 pm
In the chapel

**Meeting @ 1:00 pm
November 3rd at Cheddars
3074 N. Eastman Road, Longview**



**Birds of a Feather
Flock Together**
Ladies Group



**Sunday, November 15th
@ 9:30 am**

**Items on the agenda are the 2027 Council
Elections and Budget**

Booklets are in the narthex.



You're Invited to Thanksgiving Worship & Lunch feast!

Come as you are—and come hungry.

Don't want to cook a big meal this Thanksgiving? Have no one to share the holiday with? Is your family too large to fit comfortably in your home? Whatever your reason, there is a place for you at our table.

Join us for a warm Thanksgiving meal filled with good food, friendly faces, and fellowship. We'll provide the gathering place, the turkey, and share the meal together. Please bring one or two dishes to contribute, if you are able. All are welcome—individuals, couples, families, friends, and neighbors.

There is always room for one more at our Thanksgiving table.

Just bring yourself, your appetite, and a dish or two to share!

"To go" meals available for those who are homebound.

RSVP & sign up for a dish to bring in the narthex.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN



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

First Lutheran Church
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The Success Center
Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Volunteers and Students
See John Parsons
for Information.

Weekly Financial Report

Church Cash Flow Year to Date as of:

10/25/2026

Regular Church Offering: 2026		
Contributions:	\$	467,093
Expenditures:	\$	525,519
Difference:	\$	(58,426)

Building Maintenance Fund Activity: 2026		
Contributions:	\$	54,993
Expenditures:	\$	14,189
Difference:	\$	40,804

Your donations to House of Hope help First Lutheran to offset some of the food costs for the meals we provide 2 times per month. If you feel led to help, please specify House of Hope when giving.

Trunk or Treat has wrapped up for 2026. Thank you for giving.
Are you ready for Thanksgiving and Angel Tree?

*Respectfully,
Rachel Keiser*



Do you have questions about:

- Health Savings Accounts?
- Income Tax changes for 2026?
- Required Minimum Distributions?
- Qualified Charitable Contributions?
- Or other tax related questions?

IF SO...You are invited to an informational meeting facilitated by Roger Lineberry and Johnny Davis. You will have 2 opportunities to attend: **Sunday, Nov 15th at 12:00 pm** or **Wednesday, Nov 18th at 4:00 pm.**

**Please RSVP on the sheet available
in the Narthex.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

FLC Members

Michael Fuehr is recovering from a foot infection

Randy Cathey is recovering from a large blood clot in his leg.

Ray Bird is battling cancer.

Carol Bird is recovering from heart bypass surgery.

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, direction and unity 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 Kaplan
Patty Lowe	Johnnie Owens
Joseph Carlson	Albert Holmen
Lois Boldt	

Family and Friends of FLC Members

Charles Mlynarczyk, cousin of Terry McElligott, is having heart problems.

Benjamin Drissen, grandson of Sharon Leikam, in the hospital.

JC Carlson has a long-standing foot infection.

Steve Kelly, brother to Johnny Davis, is recovering from bypass surgery.

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 – U.S. Army The Pentagon

Timothy Martin – Navy

Hannah Perry – Army, San Antonio, Tx

GOSPEL MESSAGE

November 1, 2026

The Church Triumphant

Today the church remembers those who are now in the realm of God, at rest from their earthly labors. Their baptism is complete, and they feast eternally at Jesus' welcome table.

As we speak or hear the names of deceased loved ones today, let us give thanks for the ways in which they shared the gospel with us. None of us would be following Jesus now without a faithful saint or two who told us their favorite Bible passages and stories, shared their favorite hymns with us, and exemplified faithful witness and service. Who was most instrumental in your faith development? Thank them today or, if they have died, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their enduring legacy of faith.

Jesus prepares a place of inexpressible joy for us. Only good things await beyond the door we call death. Abundant blessings are in store for those who once were poor in spirit, mourning, or meek; for those who longed for justice and righteousness; and for the peacemakers and pure of heart. These saints are wrapped in the love of God for all eternity. They no longer experience hunger, thirst, tears, pain, suffering, or sorrow. The former things have passed away. All things have been made new!

While here we grieve the death of our beloved ones, we also take heart, knowing that one day we will join the church triumphant and unite our voices with the faithful of every time and place.

Alleluia, thanks be to God!

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: Donna Ashby

10:45 am: Lakeita Walker

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

Tim Foley, Building & Grounds 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.