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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025
6:00 pm / 11:00 am
Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

PRELUDE

“*Toccata*” by Douglas E. Wagner
Organist, Reed Wagner

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have rejected your discipline. We have avoided your pruning of our cluttered lives. We have failed to maintain the tools of stewardship, outreach, and witness you have provided for the nurture of your church. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, train us, and redirect us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!” ELW 314

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE [11:00 am Only]

Cantor



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly

Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor

De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and
root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

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 Music: MY FATHER, HOW LONG, African American spiritual
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

God, our vinedresser, you train and discipline us as faithful growers do their orchards and loving parents do their children. Prune our lives of all that would cause us to be weak and unproductive, make open the way that our fruit may grow in your light, and strengthen our bond to the true vine, that we may grow in the ways of your statutes and commands, bearing fruit that is abundant and pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

11:00 am Special Music

“Gesù Bambino”, Pietro Yon
Marissa Wright, Soloist
Reed Wagner, Piano

WORD

L: A Reading from 1 Corinthians the Twelfth Chapter.

L: ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts. *(1 Corinthians 12:12:-31a)*

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [verse 1 only]

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952
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GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Fourth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:14-21)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND “NOISY” OFFERING

SERMON

Pastor Michelle Holley Carlson

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Streams of Living Justice” ELW 710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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6:00 pm APOSTLES' CREED

L: With the whole church, let us profess our faith.

C: 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.

11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM OF Parks Chase Robert Jelden and Primrose Swails Jelden

INTRODUCTION

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

PRESENTATION

P: Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?

Sponsors: We present **Parks Chase Robert Jelden** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?

Sponsors: We present **Primrose Swails Jelden** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: As you bring *Parks and Primrose* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *they* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P: Parents, will you fulfill these promises?

Parents: We will.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Parks and Primrose* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help *them* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do

PROFESSION

P: Let us profess the faith in which we baptize today.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Parks Chase Robert Jelden is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Primrose Swails Jelden is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Parks and Primrose*, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Amen.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P: Parks Chase Robert Jelden, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Primrose Swails Jelden, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon *Chase and Stevie*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptisms so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

P: Members of First Lutheran, you have witnessed the Baptism of *Parks and Primrose*. Will you pray for *them* and share your faith with *them*? Will you remind *them* that *they* belong to Christ and that as Christ's people we all belong to each other?

C: We will.

P: Then, welcome your new *brother and sister* in the name of Jesus.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence for reflection.

L: As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery. We pray especially for...

Skyler Marie Adams	Chuck Gilson	Addison Sullivan
Jim Anderson	Jan Greene	Tony Tauer
Bertha Boyer	Karen Hiskett	Dave Vest
Vicki Buschelman	Ron Kruse	Ann Walker
Gregory Carrico	Roger Loschen	Carl Weber
Jim Catterson	Emily McArthur	Misty White
Tammy Chamberlin	Tom Meyer	Dean Wiese
Ann Day	Bob Placzek	Marty Wilcox
Wayne Deterding	Eileen Richter	Miranda Wright
Terry Eirich	Brent Roemmich	Xander Wright
Randy Fritson	Tricia Samuelson	Paula Yoachim
	Garth Scism	

L: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, and beloved friends and family who have died.

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

6:00 pm *“Trumpet Tune”* by Gordon Young
Organist, Reed Wagner

11:00 am **Special Music** *“I Am Bound for the Kingdom”*
arr. Larry Shakley **Chancel Choir**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE [Verse 1 only]

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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Music: BARB'RY ELLEN, Appalachian traditional
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. With gentle hands you prune and shape your people, cutting away that which is dead to you or would keep the warmth of your light from us. You graft us to the true vine, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that he may abide in us and we in him. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

C: Amen.

SANCTUS

Long, Long Ago In Jerusalem

Verses: Cantor or choir



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and



scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts



tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain: Assembly



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's



glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O Lord, for creation:
when all was formless and void,
you sent your Spirit to brood over chaos,
preparing it for the dawning of light and life.
Blessed are you, O Lord, for your election of Israel:
throughout the ages you have shown your love
by rescuing and disciplining your people,
forming them to be your treasure among the nations.

Blessed are you, O Lord, for the incarnation of your Son:
for he is the true vine,
through whom you give us, his branches, the life of your grace.

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

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

With this bread and cup, then, we remember him:
his birth and baptism;
his call of the disciples,
and his training of them by hard words and consolation;
his acceptance of punishment on our behalf, and his sharing of
our death;
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and his promise to be present with us as teacher and host,
so that his joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete.

Send your Spirit upon this meal and all who share it.
As you have united us with your Son, unite us with each other.
Prune what is wayward; heal what is out of joint;
and fit us to pursue peace and holiness.
In your Spirit, through your Son,
with your people of every time and place,
we give you thanks and praise,
offering all the fruits of our heart, our soul, our mind, and our
strength,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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

P: Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements at the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

LAMB OF GOD

O Lamb of God, to Earth You Came



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to



save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from



on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

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Music: THE SUFFOLK MIRACLE, Appalachian traditional
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COMMUNION MUSIC

“Hymn” by Douglas E. Wagner

Organist: Reed Wagner

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE GRACE

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

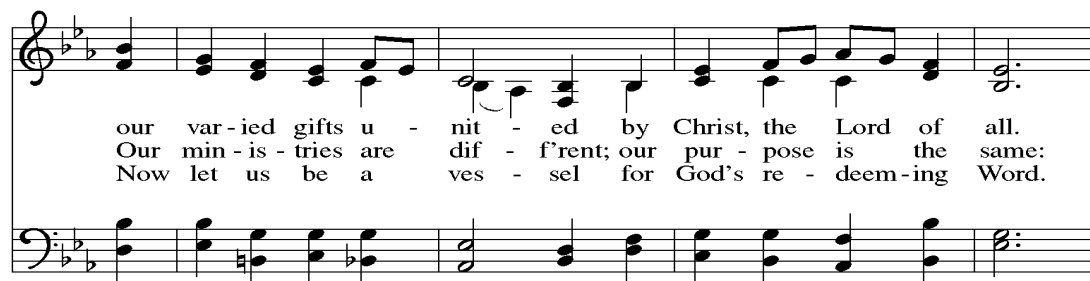
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "We All Are One in Mission" ELW 576



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



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



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



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

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Sent Forth by God's Blessings" by John A. Behnke

Organist: Reed Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:45 am & 11:00 am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly at 2:00 pm
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a “T” (t-coil) setting; the coverage works **best** on the main floor in the **center** aisles. (It is not available in the balcony.)
- **Prayer Chapel**—across from Centennial Hall, a place for quiet prayer
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** - for January are diapers and baby wipes. Please put donations on the sharing shelf in the Narthex.
- **Volunteers of the Month** – for January are Matt and Jenni Nielson. Matt graciously donated his time and his construction crew in December to repair areas in the church parking lots for free! We appreciate your thoughtful generosity!
- **Called to Serve** – Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please fill out the forms located in the pews and put them in the offering plates.
- **Communion registration**—Please register annually to maintain membership. Registration cards in pew racks & on Welcome Stations.
- **Visitors**—please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **January** – FLC Provides Jubilee meals on Thursday evenings in January. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- **Wednesdays** – Adult Bible Study 10:30 am-11:30 am in Classroom 14.
- **Sunday School** – Pre-K through 8th grade 9:50 am - 10:50 am.
- **Wednesday evening activities:**
 - **Feeding the Flock** –meal is open to everyone – not just the youth. Served 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in Centennial Hall.
 - **FROG** – Pre-K through 5th grade 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm.
 - **FLY**—Wednesday night Youth Group, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.
 - **Confirmation Class** – 6:50 pm – 7:55 pm.
 - **Praiser Bells** – 5:15 pm.
 - **Heavenly Treble Makers** – 6:15 pm.
 - **Chancel Choir** – 6:30 pm.
- **Registration is now open to the public** – for the 2025/2026 First Lutheran Church Preschool year.
 - The Registration link can be found at: FirstLutheranKearney.org under the “Resources” tab, then “Preschool”. \$40 referral credit available to current enrolled families.
- **Sunday, Jan. 26** – Hygge Sunday. One Sunday service at 11:00 am.
- **February 2, 9, and 16** – New Members Class | 9:50 am | Fellowship Hall.
- **February 23** – Deadline to register for 4th & 5th Grade Communion Class.

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11:00 am – John Love**

Organist: Reed Wagner

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