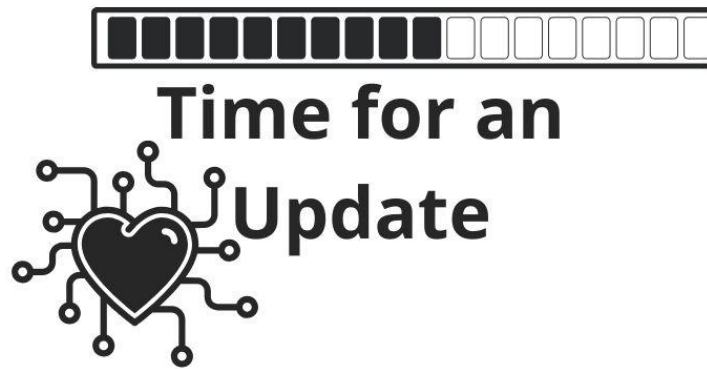




Time after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2025

6:00 pm

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Dedication of Quilts and Kits

P: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts—a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts we have made, to you.

C: We dedicate these quilts and kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt or kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items—making each piece we have created an expression of love.

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt or kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

P: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

C: Amen.

Prelude

"The Solid Rock" by William Bradbury, arr. Cindy Berry

Betty Heggemeyer, Organist

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on those in need.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from those who are poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus,
your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW 504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

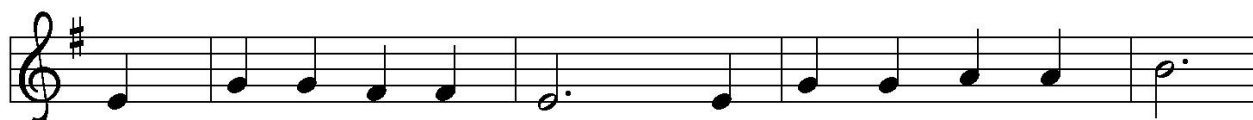
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Greeting

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



Word

L: A reading from Second Timothy, the fourth chapter.

L: ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

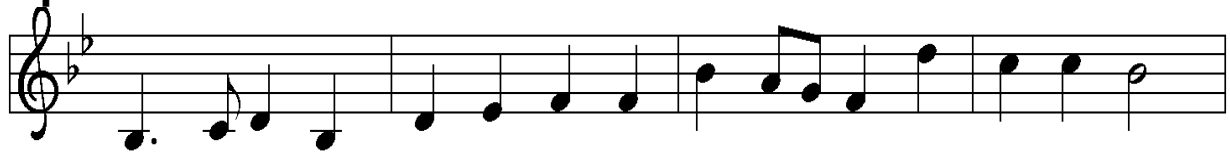
(2 Timothy 4:1-8)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

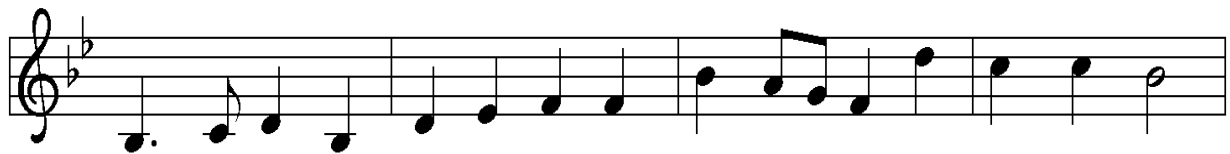
C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation



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.

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Gospel

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁹ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” *(Luke 18:9-14)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering

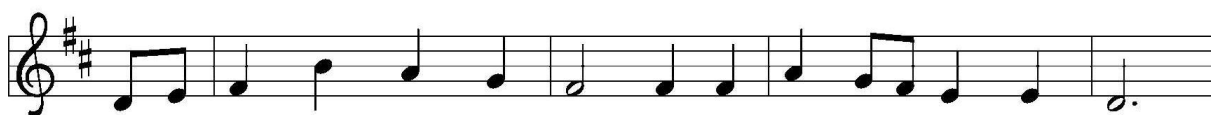
(Children’s offering goes towards ELCA North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund)

Sermon Pastor Logan Ellis

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

"O Word of God Incarnate" ELW 514



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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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.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence for reflection.

L: Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ. Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is transformed and reformed in your abundant grace.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Sustaining God, you create all the beauty around us. We give you thanks for the harvest of your creation. Restore creation as the seasons change.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Governing God, you bring peace and justice through mercy. Guide judges, lawmakers, attorneys, and those in any authority to act with compassion and understanding.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Proclaiming God, you gift the church proclamation through music. We thank you for all of the music ministries of this congregation. Transform your church through the musical arts. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Healing God, you comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, and illness. Bring your healing mercy to any in need. We pray especially for...

Jim Anderson	Tom Henning	Garth Scism
Bertha Boyer	Tami Jobman	Joanne Suing
Vicki Buschelman	Monie Karschner	Addison Sullivan
Gregory Carrico	Rhonda King	Tony Tauer
Jim Crick	Marlene Kotrc	Amy Townsend
Wayne Deterding	Roger Loschen	Misty White
Terry Eirich	Mary Renshaw	Wendell Springer
Bob Forbess	Daniel Rheome	Dean Wiese
Leonard Fowler	Eileen Richter	Miranda Wright
Randy Fritson	Daryl & Gena Rodgers	Candy Woodward
Larry Giddings	Brent Roemmich	Paula Yoachim
		James Ziebarth

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

L: Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

"How Firm a Foundation" by Joseph Funk, arr. Cindy Berry

Betty Heggemeyer, Organist

Offertory Response

"One Bread, One Body" ELW 496

Refrain

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of several lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line is marked 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.' This is followed by a three-part setting: '1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,' '2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,' and '3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,'. The final line is another 'Refrain' with the lyrics: 'wom-an or man, no more. one in the Lord of all. gath-ered to one for all.'

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;
one cup of bless-ing which we bless, and
we, though man-y through-out the earth,
we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain
wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

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Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

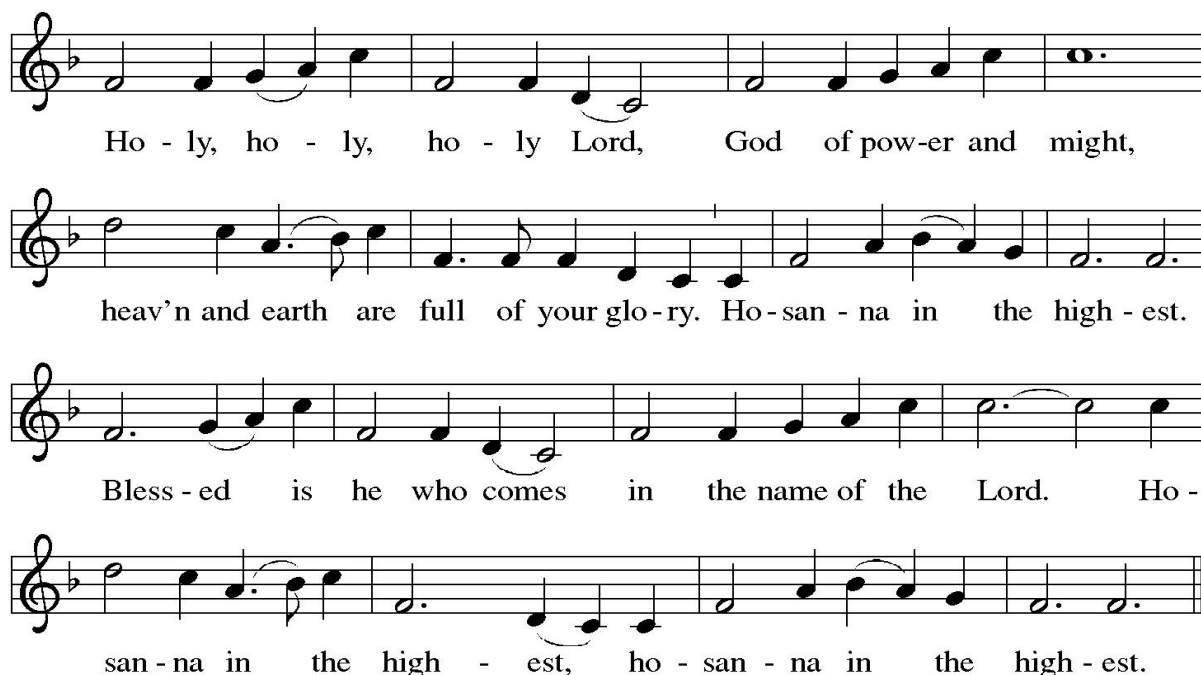
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Words of Institution

P: 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.

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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. 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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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Communion Music

“Across the Miles (You’re the Word of God)”

by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty, arr. James Koerts

Betty Heggemeyer, organist

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.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

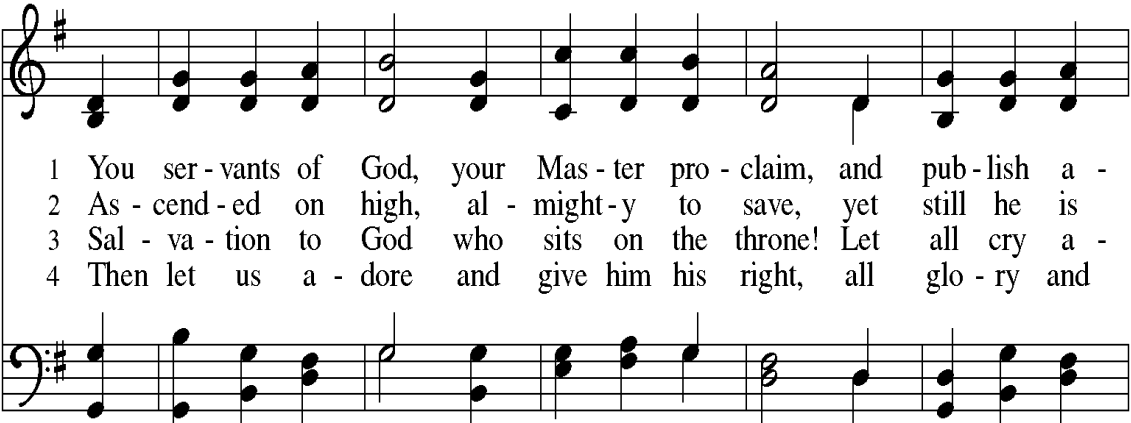
Blessing

P: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
who gives food to those who are hungry,
who sets those who imprisoned free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

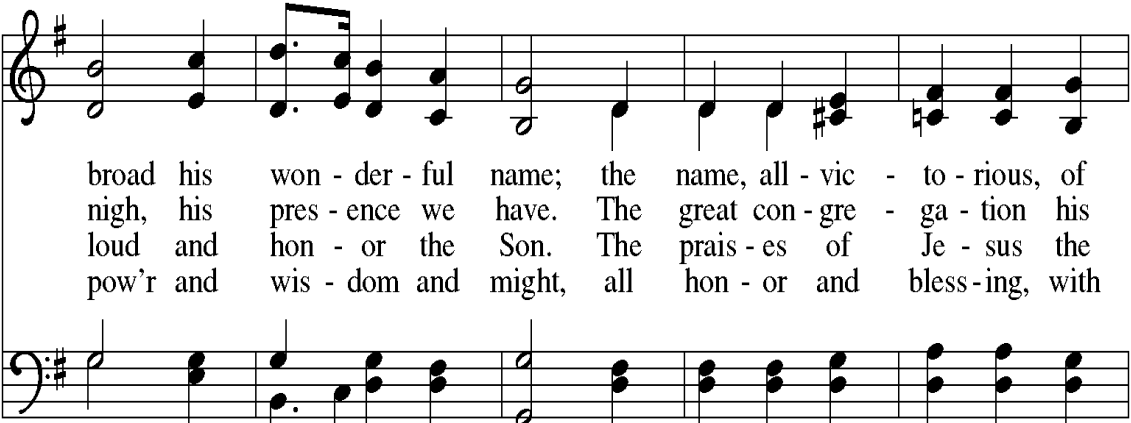
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

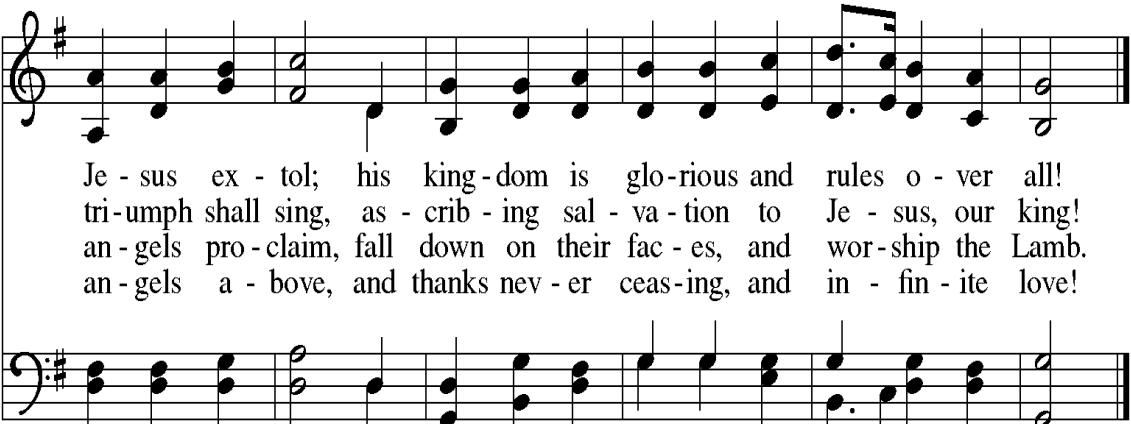
"You Servants of God" ELW 825



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Martin Luther
Betty Heggemeyer, organist**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Nursery** – is available for anyone to use.
- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:45am & 11:00am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly / 2:00pm
- **Prayer Chapel**—across from Centennial Hall.
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a “T” (t-coil) setting.
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** - for October are Women’s Feminine Hygiene Products.
- **Volunteers of the Month** for October are Asheville, NC Mission Trip Volunteers.
- **First Lutheran Church Preschool** – we have three spots open in our all day PreK classroom. Please share with anyone you know who’s looking for a preschool. They can join us anytime!
- **Communion registration**—Please register annually to maintain membership.
- **Visitors**—please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **Tuesdays – 5:30pm** – Chancel Bells – Sanctuary
- **Wednesdays through Nov. 5 @ 10:30 am** - Adult Bible Study-Fellowship
- **Wednesdays**
 - 5:15 pm – Praiser Bells
 - 5:30 pm – Feeding the Flock | Centennial
 - 6:15 pm – F.R.O.G. Opening | North Hall
 - 6:15 pm – Heavenly Treble Makers | Room 9
 - 6:30 pm – Chancel Choir | Sanctuary
 - 6:30 pm – Fly | Check weekly emails for location.
 - 6:50 pm – Confirmation – 6th/7th Gr.=Fellowship Hall; 8th Gr.=Clsm 20
- **Sun. Oct. 26** – Reformation Unity Sunday: 9:50am – Sunday School: 11am Service, 12:15pm Potluck; 1pm-2:30pm Trunk or Treat
- **Mon. Oct. 27** – LWR Packing Day – Fellowship Hall
- **Sun. Nov. 2** – Congregational Meeting. 9:50am – Centennial Hall
- **Sun. Nov. 9 & 16** – Adult Sunday School w/Pastor Rick
- **Sun. Nov. 23** – Advent Fair – Centennial Hall 9:50am – Centennial Hall



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