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You are the *church*
We are the *church*
Together

Time After Pentecost

November 15/16, 2025

6:00 pm | 8:45 am

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

6:00 pm *“Trumpet Voluntary”* by Gordon Young
Reed Wagner, organist

8:45 am *“Grazioso”,* by Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Bells

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: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray
from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of
oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your
faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the
earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses
instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring
us to new life.

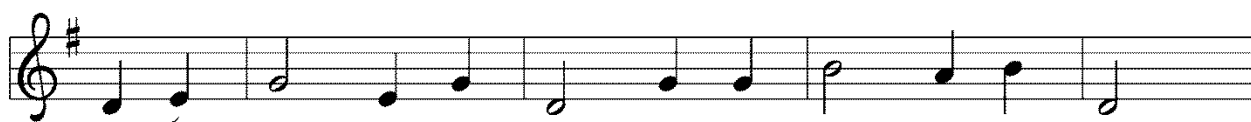
Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you,
 † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of
 the Holy Spirit you are set free.

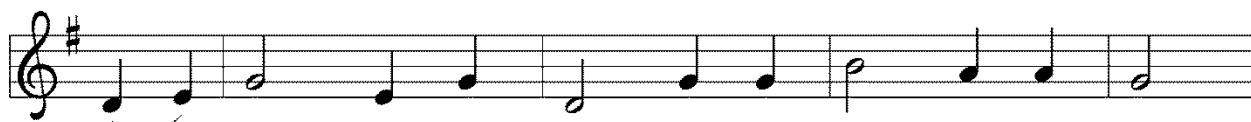
C: Amen.

Processional Hymn

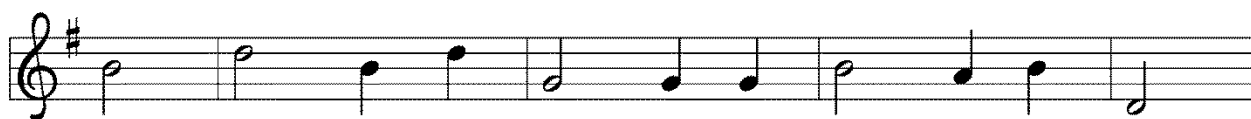
"How Firm a Foundation" ELW 796



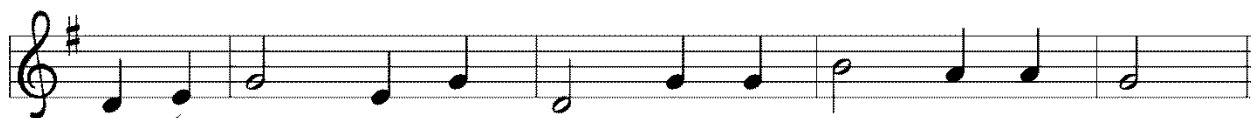
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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Greeting

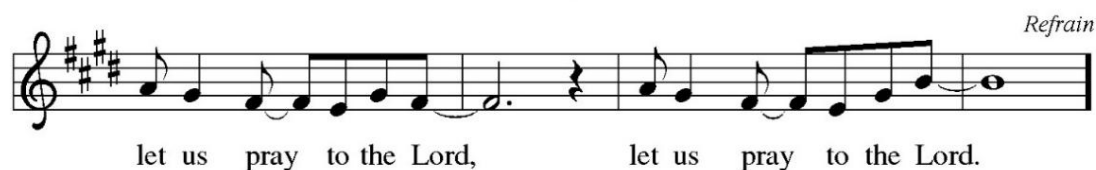
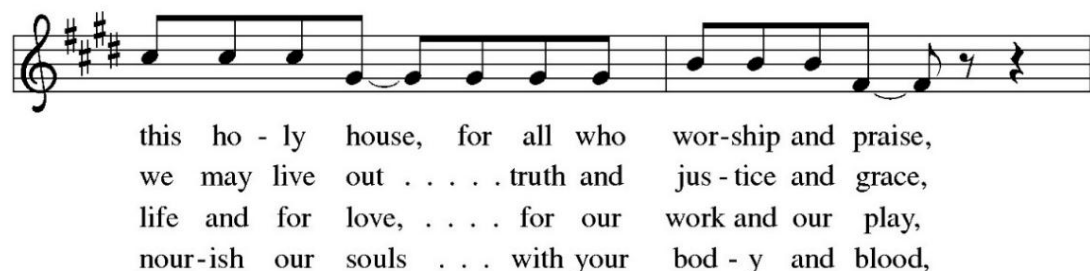
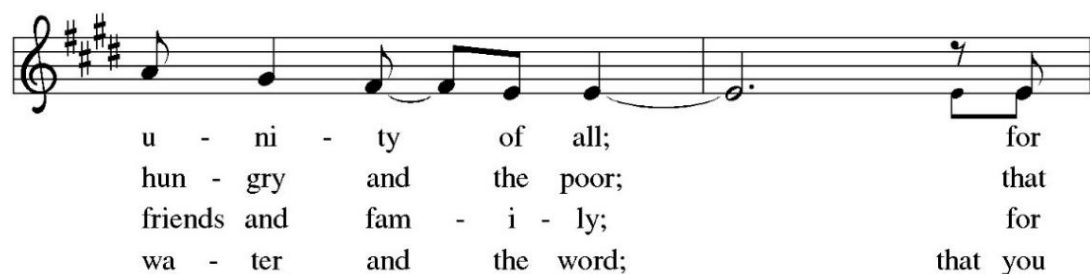
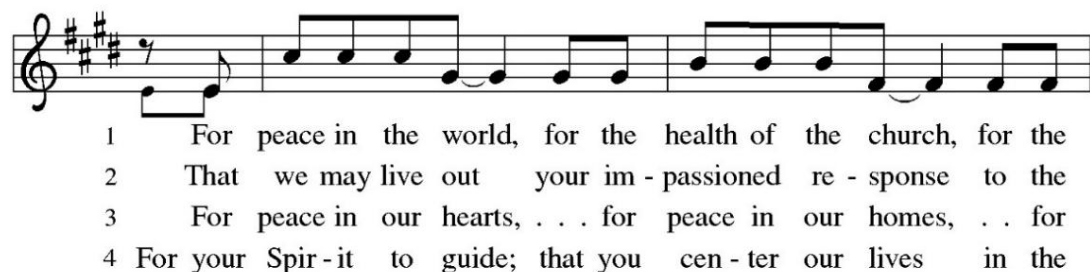
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Congregation sings the Refrain

Leader, verse 2 only



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

8:45am Anthem “As the Deer”, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir

Word

L: A reading of Psalm 98.

L: ¹ *O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.*

² *The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.*

³ *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.*

⁴ *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

⁵ *Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.*

⁶ *With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.*

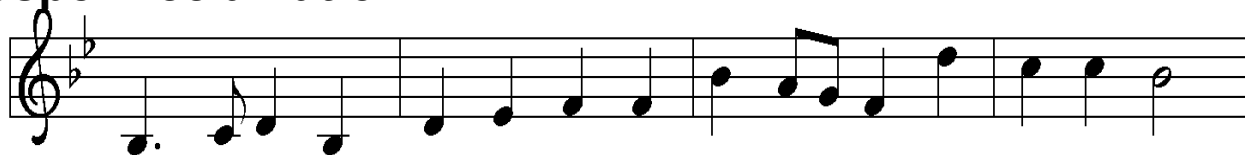
⁷ *Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.*
⁸ *Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy*
⁹ *at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.*
*He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98)*

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

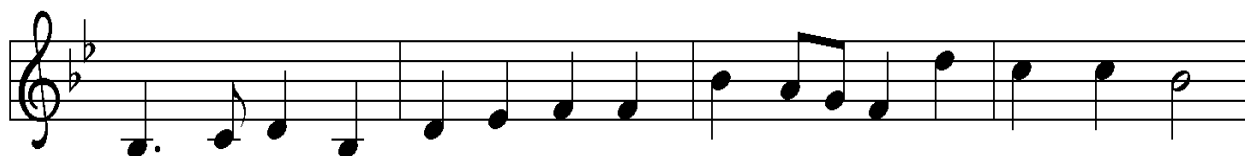
C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

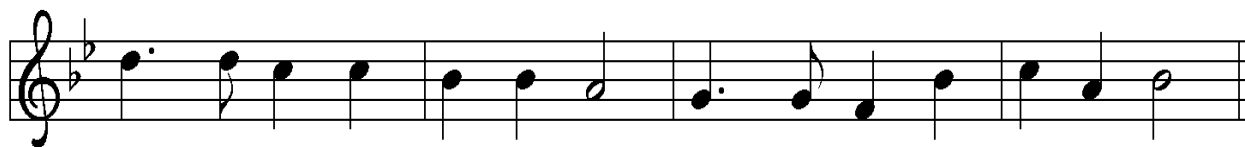
Gospel Acclamation



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 twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.” (*Luke 21:5-19*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message and "Noisy" Offering

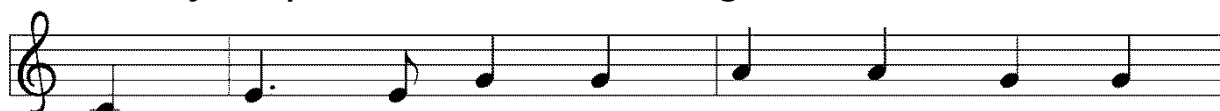
(Children's offering goes towards ELCA North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund)

Sermon **Pastor Michelle Holley Carlson**

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ELW 597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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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: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence for reflection.

L: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. We pray especially for:

Jim Anderson	Monie Karschner	Garth Scism
Bertha Boyer	Rhonda King	Wendell Springer
Vicki Buschelman	Roger Loschen	Debbie Steinbrecher
Gregory Carrico	Michelle Mosley	Joanne Suing
Wayne Deterding	Zachary Parish	Addison Sullivan
Terry Eirich	Mary Renshaw	Tony Tauer
Bob Forbess	Daniel Rheome	Misty White
Leonard Fowler	Eileen Richter	Dean Wiese
Randy Fritson	Michele Rivera	Miranda Wright
Larry Giddings	Daryl & Gena Rodgers	Paula Yoachim
Tami Jobman	Brent Roemmich	James Ziebarth

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- Jim Crick's family and friends on his death.

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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

"Acclamation", Lyndell Leatherman

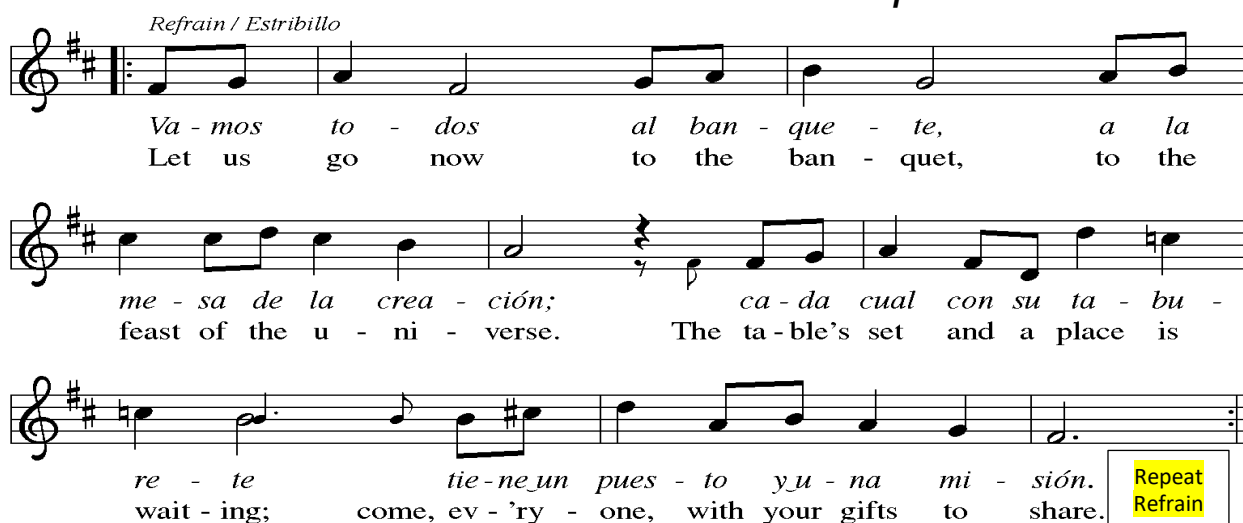
Reed Wagner, organist

Communion Servers: Please come forward at this time.

Offertory Response

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW 523

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

Repeat Refrain

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Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

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 *"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases featuring slurs and ties. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of five lines of music.

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

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

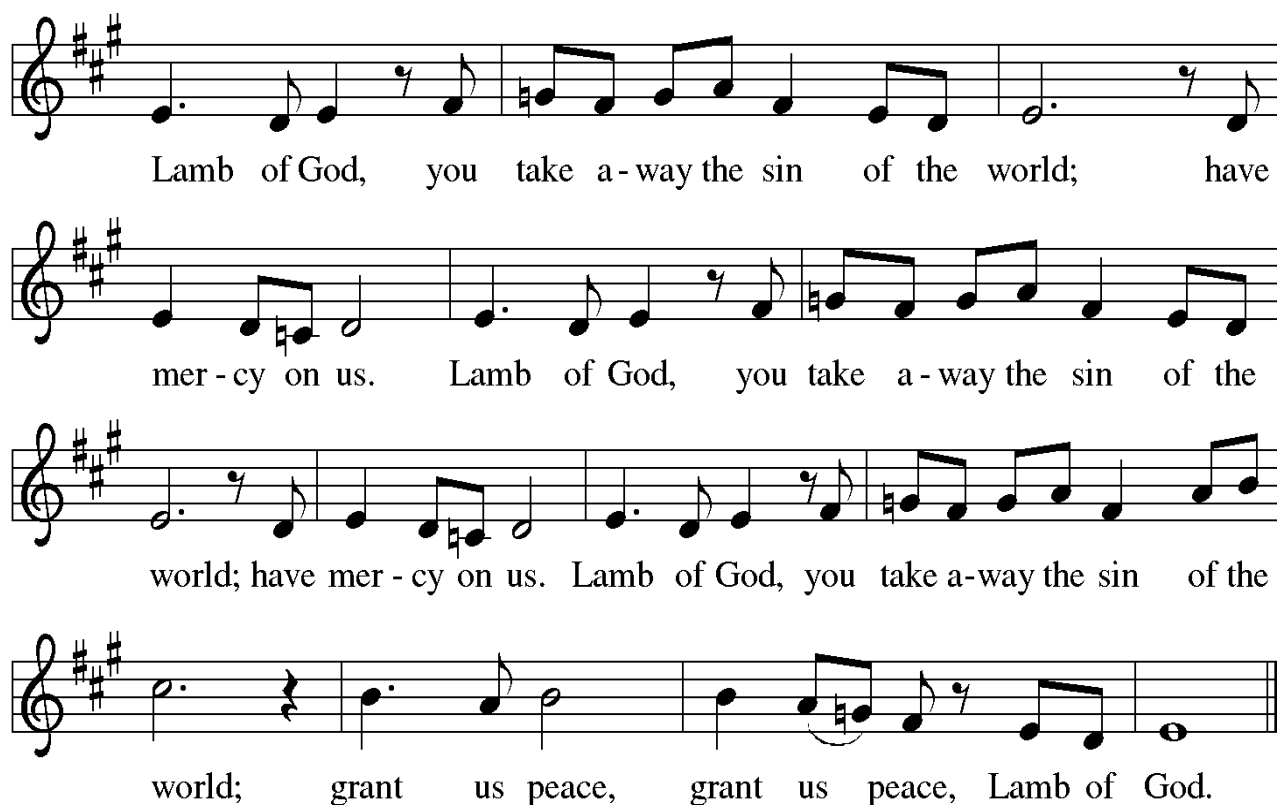
P: There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

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.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands

If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Music

"Passacaglia" by Douglas E. Wagner

Organist: Reed Wagner, 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.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in
Christ's name.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✠
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"God Alone Be Praised" ACS 1023



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Toccata" by Douglas E. Wagner

Organist: Reed Wagner, 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 November are NEW gloves, hats, scarves for women and children.
- **Volunteers of the Month** for November are the crew that dug up a trench on the west lawn to prevent further flooding in the basement. Thank you!
- **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 (Last meeting date for fall: Nov. 19)**
 - 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.=Clrm 20
- **Sun. Nov. 16** – 9:50am - Adult Sunday School w/Pastor Rick /Centennial Hall
- **Sun. Nov. 16** – Sunday School last meeting date for fall
- **Nov. 17 – Dec. 7** – Silent auction items accepted for FLY Brunch.
- **Sun. Nov. 23** – Advent Fair – Centennial Hall 9:50am – Volunteer and supply lists are in the Narthex.
- **Mon. Nov. 24** – Poinsettia orders due.
- **Sun. Nov. 30** – 9:50am – Hymns of Faith – Fellowship Hall.
- **Wed. Dec. 3, 10 & 17** – Advent Services. 6:30pm – 7pm Sanctuary
- **Sat. Dec. 13** – Women of the ELCA Christmas Breakfast. Save the Date!
- **Sun. Dec. 14** – Fly Brunch



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Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Presiding**

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6:00 pm – Jamie Banzhaf
8:45 am – Sara Davis
11:00 am – Sarah Schweitzer
Organist: Reed Wagner**

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