

Time after Pentecost



Abundant Grace

**September 20, 2026
11:00am**

**Time after Pentecost
Holy Communion**

Gathering Music



Abundant Grace

“Strong”
Stacy Bean

SEPTEMBER 19/20, 2026
TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Preaching



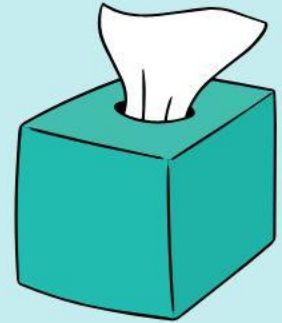
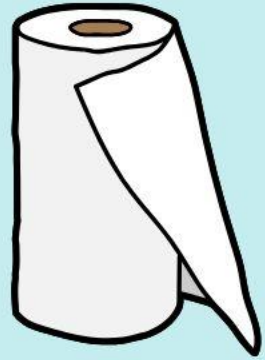
Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Presiding



S.A.F.E. Center Donations for September:

Paper Products

- *Kleenexes*
- *Paper Plates*
- *Paper Towels*
- *Toilet Paper*



Please set items on the sharing shelf in the narthex.

New Member Class



- Curious about what we believe?
- Looking for a church to call home?
- Need to reinstate your membership?

Join us!

- Sundays | 10:00am | Fellowship Hall
- September 20, 27, October 4
- Welcome Reception Sunday, October 11

Contact the church office for more information - or simply show up to the first class.



***Our Parent of Young Kids Group will meet
after the second service on September 20th
in Dryden Park. Let Pastor Logan or Erin
know if you would like to come.
This will help us plan for food accordingly.***

Second Grade Bibles

**will be presented at the
8:45am service
Sunday, October 4th**

**Please contact the church
office if you have not signed
up your second grader.**



**Instructional class October 4th at 9:50 a.m. for second graders
and their parents in Fellowship Hall.**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please have pets on a leash or in a carrier

Sunday, October 4 at 12:30 pm
South Parking Lot





— Save the Date —

FLY's Annual Chili Cook-Off



Wednesday, October 14th



5:30 to 7:30pm



Centennial Hall

Join us for an exciting night of Chili, Cinnamon
Rolls and Fellowship.
We'll also have a panel of distinguished guests.

GOOD FOOD
GREAT FRIENDS
STRONG FAITH



If you're interested in participating in the cook-off, please sign up in the Narthex
or email: office@firstlutherankearney.org



WELCA Leader Installation

****At this time, all WELCA Leaders
please come forward****

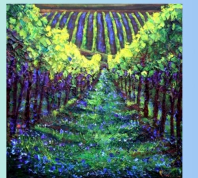
**INSTALLATION of the LEADERS
of the WOMEN of the ELCA**



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WELCA Leader Installation

Liturgist: Today we recognize *women* who have offered *themselves* for service to God through the ministry of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In Holy Baptism, we are called to a life of faithful service and witness. You have been asked to serve Women of the ELCA as officers and chairpersons.



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WELCA Leader Installation

Will you give yourself joyfully to this responsibility, offering praise and thanksgiving to God?

Women: We will, with God's help.



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WELCA Leader Installation

Liturgist: You have been given many gifts to build up the body of Christ. Will you be open to receive the witness of others and to walk with them in a journey of faith?

Women: We will, with God's help.



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WELCA Leader Installation

Liturgist: May God, who has chosen you for this task, graciously dwell in you and give you the strength and compassion to fulfill it.



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WELCA Leader Installation

(Addressing the congregation)

Liturgist: Will you, as people of God, encourage these leaders by remembering them in prayer and accepting them as partners in the gospel?

C: We will.



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Greeting

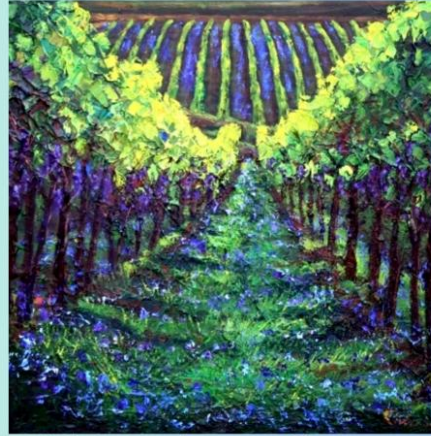
GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the
Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



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Worship Song



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“10,000 Reasons”

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,

Oh, my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before,

Oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

**The sun comes up.
It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.**



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

**Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing
When the evening comes.**



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,

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Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

**You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger.
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind.**



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

**For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.**



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,

Oh, my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before,

Oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

**And on that day
When my strength is failing,
The end draws near
And my time has come,**



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

**Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forever more.**



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,

Oh, my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before,

Oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.



Abundant Grace

“10,000 Reasons”

**Yes, I will worship
Your holy name.
Lord, I worship
Your holy name.**

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Arr. By Dan Galbraith and Brad Henderson. CCLI Song #6016351

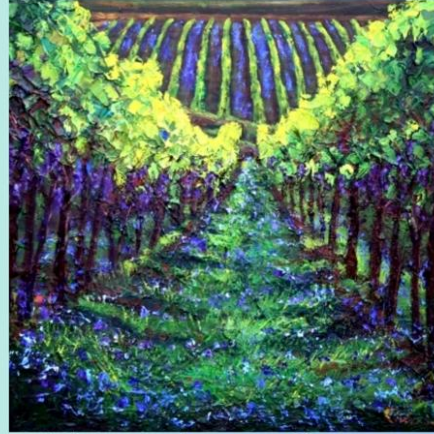
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Worship Song



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“Goodness of God”

“Goodness of God”

**I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held
in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the
goodness of God.**



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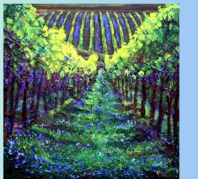
“Goodness of God”

And all my life You have been faithful.

**And all my life You have been so,
so good.**

With ev’ry breath that I am able.

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.



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“Goodness of God”

**I love your voice.
You have led me through the fire
and in darkest nights.
You are close like no other.**



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“Goodness of God”

**I've known You as a father.
I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived
in the goodness of God.**



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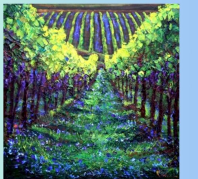
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With ev’ry breath that I am able.

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.



Abundant Grace

“Goodness of God”

**‘Cause Your goodness is runnin’ after,
it’s runnin’ after me.**

**Your goodness is runnin’ after,
it’s runnin’ after me.**



Abundant Grace

“Goodness of God”

**With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now.
I give You eve'rything
'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after,
it's runnin' after me.**



Abundant Grace

“Goodness of God”

**‘Cause Your goodness is runnin’ after,
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“Goodness of God”

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so good.
With ev’ry breath that I am able.
Oh, I’m gonna sing of the
goodness of God.**



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Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.
Oh, I’m gonna sing
of the goodness of God.**

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Greeting

Liturgist: 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.



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Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



Abundant Grace

Word: Philippians 1:21-30

Word

L: A reading from Philippians the first chapter.



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Word: Philippians 1:21-30

L: ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.



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Word: Philippians 1:21-30

²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.



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Word: Philippians 1:21-30

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you.



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Word: Philippians 1:21-30

For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.



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Word: Philippians 1:21-30

²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

(Philippians 1:21-30)



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Word: Philippians 1:21-30

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.



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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.



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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,



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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.



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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,
¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?



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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’
¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
(Matthew 20:1-16)

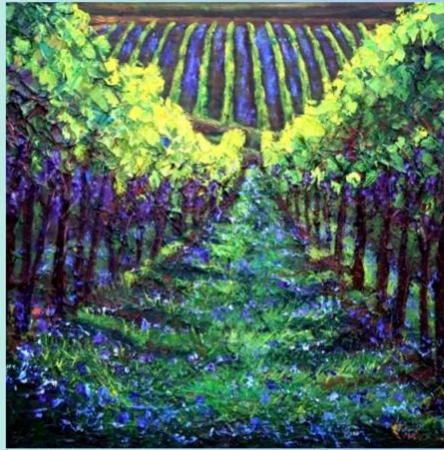


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Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

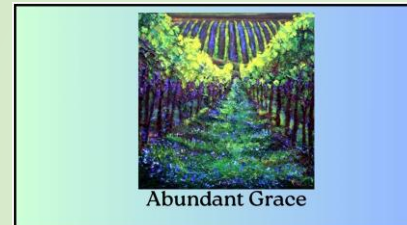


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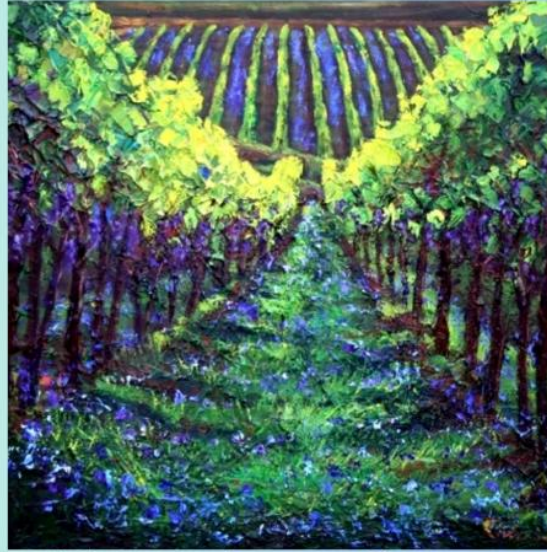
Children's Message

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE “NOISY” OFFERING

The Children's offering goes to Lutheran World Relief to help children in Lebanon and Ecuador.



Sermon

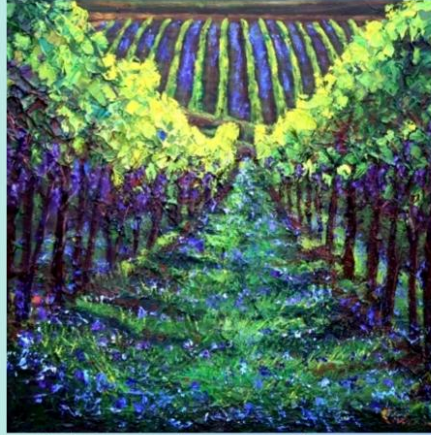


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SERMON

Pastor Michelle Holley Carlson

Worship Song



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“O Come to the Altar”

“O Come to the Altar”

**Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.**

**Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.**



Abundant Grace

“O Come to the Altar”

**O come to the altar,
the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**



Abundant Grace

“O Come to the Altar”

**Leave behind your regrets
and mistakes.**

**Come today, there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.**

**Bring your sorrows and
trade them for joy.**

**From the ashes, a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.**



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Abundant Grace

“O Come to the Altar”

**Oh, what a Saviour, isn't He wonderful.
Sing allelujah, Christ is risen.
Bow down before Him,
for He is Lord of all.
Sing allelujah, Christ is risen.**



Abundant Grace

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Abundant Grace

“O Come to the Altar”

**Bear Your cross
as You wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure
You’ve found.**

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Creed

AM: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord and Savior. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body and
the life everlasting.

Amen.



Abundant Grace

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence for reflection.



Prayers of Intercession

AM: Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love.



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Prayers of Intercession

AM: Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness.



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Prayers of Intercession

AM: Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity.



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Prayers of Intercession

AM: Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents.



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Prayers of Intercession

AM: Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need. We pray especially for:



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Prayers of Intercession

Jim Anderson
Shelby Blankley
Bertha Boyer
Bo Burton
Vicki Buschelman
Pastor John Carlson
Savanah Ellis
Rich Ferris
Corinne Fischer

Leonard Fowler
Emersyn Fritson
Randy Fritson
Derek Johnson
Lil Larson
Pat Meyer
Tom Meyer
Natalie Radcliffe
Mary Renshaw



Prayers of Intercession

Michelle Sawicki
Garth Scism
Bryan Slater
Yvonne Steinocher
Joanne Suing

Betty Warren
Dean Wiese
Xander Wright
Paula Yoachim
James Ziebarth



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Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Comfort and Peace:

- *David and Beth Westesen, Sarah and Ryan Haack and families on the death of David's mother and Sarah's grandmother, Marjorie Westesen.*
- *Doug & Beth Koster and family on the death of Doug's father, Neil Koster.*



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Prayers of Intercession

AM: Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled.



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Prayers of Intercession

Liturgist: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



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Offering

“Strong (reprise)”
Stacy Bean

Communion Servers:

Please come forward at this time.

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Offertory Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

AM: Let us pray.

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth
abundantly.



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Offertory Prayer

All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our
neighbors, today and always.
C: Amen.



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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.



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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Compassionate God,
C: we confess that we struggle to
embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our
relationships.



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Confession and Forgiveness

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.



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Confession and Forgiveness

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**



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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.



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The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

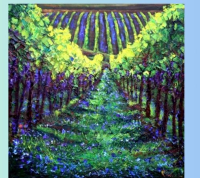
C: And also with you.

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.



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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.



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Words of Institution

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.



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Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



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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.



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The Lord's Prayer

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.



Abundant Grace

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry,
come!

Please be seated.



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Communion

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.

Communion Music

“The Truth”

Stacy Bean



Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

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

C: Amen.



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Prayer after Communion

AM: Let us pray.
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant
life.



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Prayer after Communion

By your Spirit, send us from this table to
serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation,
healing, and love,

following the way of Jesus, in whose
name we pray.

C: Amen.



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Blessing

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.



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Blessing

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

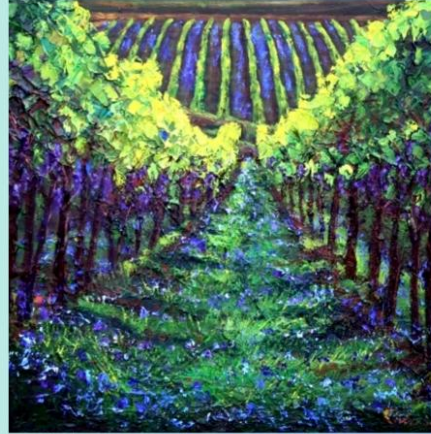
P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



Abundant Grace

Worship Song



Abundant Grace

“Lord, Reign in Me”

“Lord, Reign in Me”

**Over all the earth, You reign on high,
every mountain stream,
every sunset sky.**

**But my one request, Lord, my only aim
is that You'd reign in me again.**



Abundant Grace

“Lord, Reign in Me”

**Lord, reign in me, reign in Your power;
over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.**

**You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't You reign in me again.**



Abundant Grace

“Lord, Reign in Me”

**Over every thought, over every word,
may my life reflect
the beauty of my Lord;
You mean more to me
than any earthly thing.
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Dismissal

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.



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Postlude



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