

**“For many are called,
but few are chosen.”**

Time after Pentecost

October 10/11, 2026

6:00 pm | 8:45 am

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

6pm “Jesus Loves Me” Betty Heggemeyer, musician

8:45am “Make a Joyful Noise!”, Jeff Reeves

Heavenly Treble Makers

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Amen.

Liturgist: 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.

Processional Hymn "Thine the Amen" ELW 826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer-cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

8:45am ANTHEM “Worthy of Worship”
Chancel Choir

Please be seated.

Word

L: A reading from Philippians the fourth chapter.

L: ¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. (*Philippians 4:1-9*)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”
(*Matthew 22:1-14*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering

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

Sermon Vicar Libby Florian

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

"As We Gather at Your Table" ELW 522



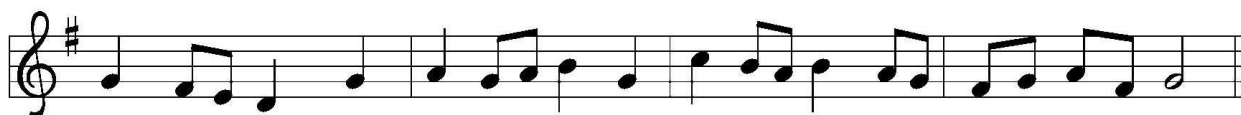
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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6:00pm

Apostles' Creed

AM: 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.**

8:45am Reception of New Members

P: This is a really exciting time at First Lutheran! Part of the excitement is that we are receiving new members this weekend to join us in God's mission and ministry. We invite those present at this service to please come forward at this time.

Dan and Sharon Babi

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Each new member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Creed

P: Congregation, do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence for reflection.

AM: Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. We pray especially for:

Jim Anderson Shelby Blankley Bertha Boyer Vicki Buschelman Pastor John Carlson Kathy Durell Rich Ferris Adam Fie	Corinne Fischer Leonard Fowler Emersyn Fritson Randy Fritson Derek Johnson Lil Larson Pat Meyer Tom Meyer Mary Renshaw	Michelle Sawicki Garth Scism Yvonne Steinocher Joanne Suing Betty Warren Dean Wiese Xander Wright Paula Yoachim James Ziebarth
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AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Liturgist: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

Liturgist: 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 *"My Soul Cries Out"*
Betty Heggemeyer, musician

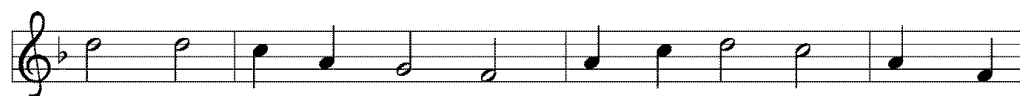
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Offertory Response

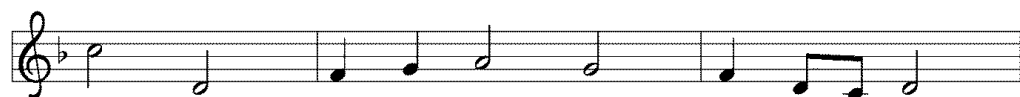
"We Place upon Your Table, Lord" **ELW 467 Vs. 1 only**



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

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Offertory Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

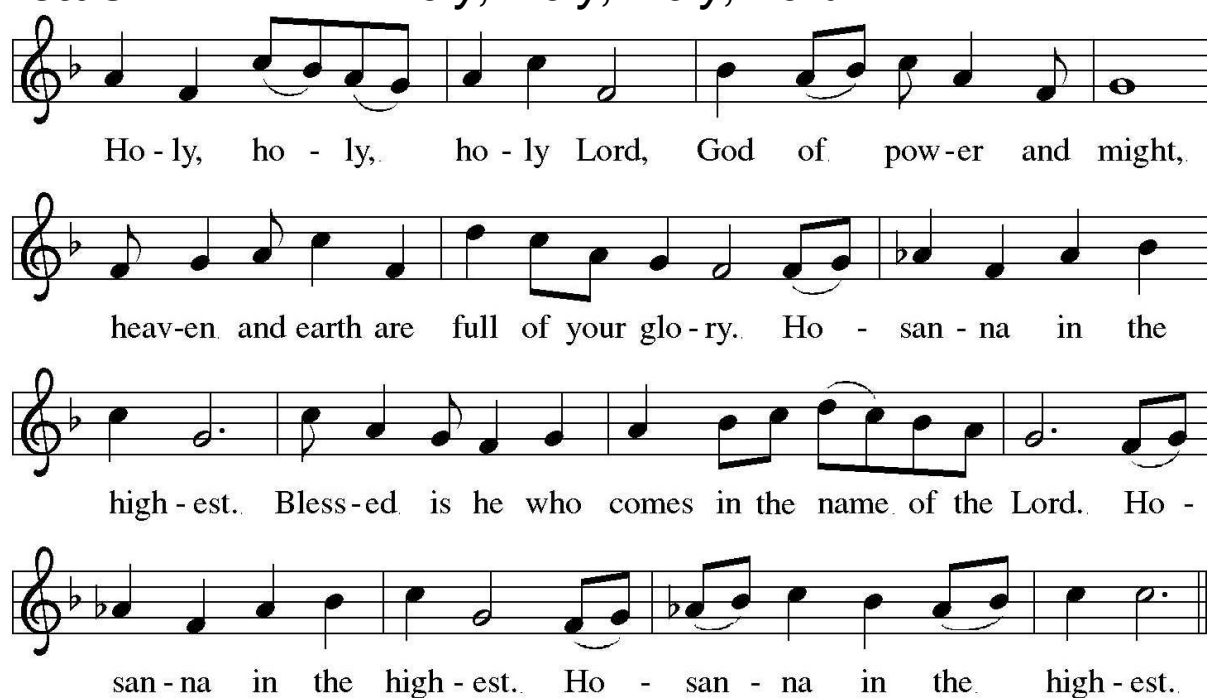
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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

S 135a

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.

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Communion Music “My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness” Betty Heggemeyer, musician

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

AM: Let us pray.

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

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.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

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.

Sending Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW 547

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be-ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *“Bless The Lord, O My Soul”*

Betty Heggemeyer, musician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:45 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. T-coil is not available in the balcony.
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** – for October is Hand Soap, Dishwash Soap and Dishwasher soap pods.
- **Volunteer of the Month** is Heidi Andersen. Heidi faithfully serves our church by scheduling our Lectors for worship services – a role she has lovingly filled for many years!
- **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.
- **The Nursery** is available for anyone to use and includes a “toddler restroom”. Services are livestreamed inside.
- **Oct. 10/11** - New Members received at all services.
- **Oct. 11, 10:00am** - New Members’ Reception – Centennial Hall
- **Oct. 12, Mon. 6-7pm** - Faith and Blue public event – Harmon Park.
- **Oct. 14, Wed. 5:30pm-7:30pm** – FLY Chili Cook-Off
- **Oct. 18, 9:50am** – Adult Forum, Centennial Hall - 2027 Mission Trip
- **Oct. 24 through November 15** – Directory Photos taken before and after all services – Centennial Hall SW Door.
- **Oct. 25** – Reformation Unity Sunday | One Sunday Service at 11:00am followed by a potluck lunch.
- **Oct. 25 – 1:00pm – 2:30pm** - Trunk or Treat – S. Parking lot.
- **Oct. 31/ Nov. 1** – Quilt and Kit blessings – all services.
- **Nov. 1** – LWR Packing day

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Anderson	Pat Meyer
Leonard Fowler	Tom Meyer
Emersyn Fritson	Michelle Sawicki
Randy Fritson	Garth Scism
Lil Larson	Dean Wiese

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH

Shelby Blankley- Justin & Adriane Madsen's friend
Bertha Boyer – Susan Slater's aunt
Vicki Buschelman – Angie Wright's aunt
John Carlson – Monie Karschner & Becky Bredenkamp's cousin
Kathy Durell – Janiene Rewerts friend
Rich Ferris – Larry and Nancy Merz's friend
Adam Fie – Connie Fie's son
Corinne Fischer – Bridget VonSeggern's sister
Derek Johnson – Kylee Vreugdenhil's brother
Mary Renshaw – Linda Peterson's sister
Yvonne Steinocher – Deb Rohla's cousin
Joanne Suing – Angie Wright's aunt
Betty Warren – friend of First Lutheran
Xander Wright – Dave & Angie Wright's nephew
Paula Yoachim – Deb Beerman's friend
James Ziebarth – Jane Ziebarth-Bovill's brother

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Marcy Kernick,
mother of Brad Kernick.



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Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Liturgist
Vicar Libby Florian, Preaching**

**Assisting Ministers:
8:45 am – Miranda Obermeier
11:00 am – Lori McArthur**

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