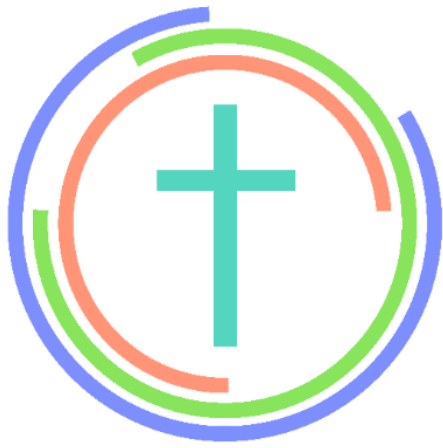




First Lutheran
relationships that transform



19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church.

We worship God using the form of worship which has been used by Christians throughout church history, which is commonly called “liturgical worship.” Liturgy is defined as the “work of the people,” which means that this is a participatory form of worship for all people, whether leading from the front, or singing and responding as a part of the congregation.

In worship, we come out of the chaos of the world to prepare ourselves to meet God, who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Through confession/forgiveness, prayer, and proclamation of the Word of God, we are led to the center of our worship which is the celebration of Holy Communion (also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist). It is in that act of eating and drinking the true body and blood of Jesus in the forms of bread and wine, that we make a sacred connection with God. As our worship concludes, we are sent back into the world, as people who have been changed by an encounter with God, to be light in the midst of the chaos and confusion of the world.



Are you having trouble hearing the sermon?

An assistive listening system is available in our sanctuary.

You may select a receiver from the basket in the rear of the sanctuary, near the sound booth; please return it following worship.

There are **printed** copies of the sermon available in the narthex near the bulletins

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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 19, 2025 8:15 am & 10:45 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship, we are glad that God has brought us together today! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a card to receive more information about First Lutheran Church. The cards are in the narthex near the bulletins or from an usher or staff member.

NURSERY

Children 3 and under are invited to our staffed nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Meet the leader at the back of the sanctuary. The children meet in the chapel and will return to the service just before Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

I Sing Praises

The Chancel Choir

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
And of the ✙ Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God,
That we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Let us make personal confession of our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Gracious God,
We acknowledge that we are sinners, and we confess our sins –
Those known to us and that burden our hearts,
And those unknown to us but seen by You.
We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed.

**Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The sharing of the peace is a time for us to be reconciled with one another through the peace, love, and forgiveness of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more sim-ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the head.
and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet-ness of our Lord.

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Assistant:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

* Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



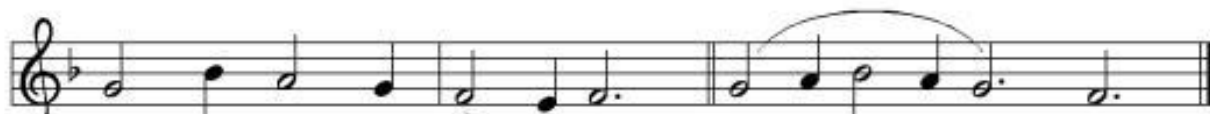
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless our lector who will read to us the scriptures. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22 – 31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

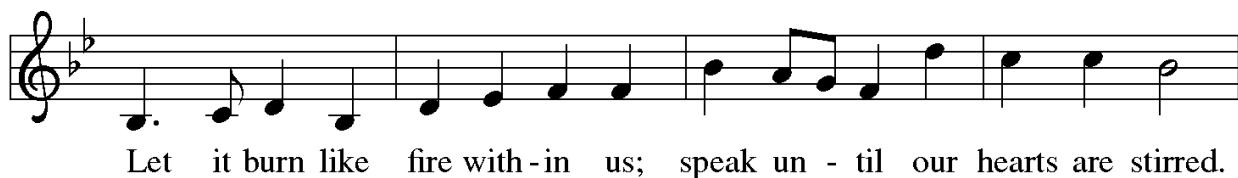
¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 18:1 – 8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated.

SERMON Be Careful, You Might Get What You Ask For

Pastor Jeffrey Borgwardt

SILENT REFLECTION

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1005

Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

(8:15 AM) NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

(10:45 AM) APOSTLE'S CREED

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

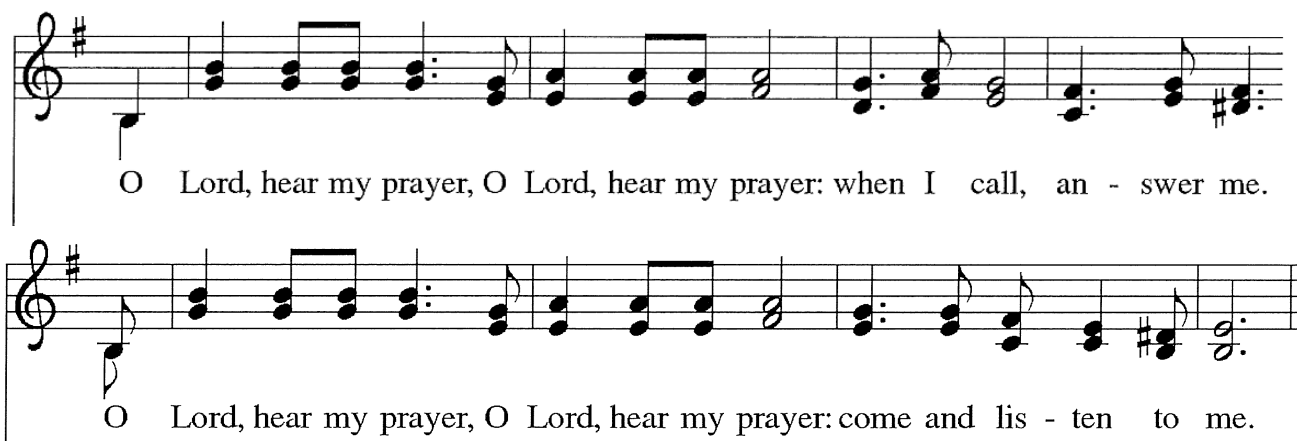
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

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.

HYMN

O Lord, Hear My Prayer



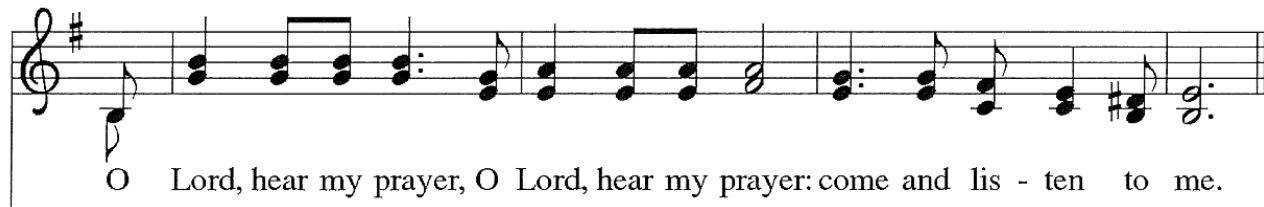
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Congregational response:



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Receive our prayers...in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a hymn. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single line, and the lyrics are written below it. The second staff is identical to the first, also beginning with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below it.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Please be seated.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Please stand.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

As the gifts are presented, the congregation sings.

God, Whose Giving, Knows No Ending

The musical score is written for a congregation, featuring a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and end-less store; na-ture's won-der Je-sus wis-dom cost-ly cross, graves' shattered door gift-ed by you we turn to you of-f'ring up our selves in praise; thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er gra-cious do-nor of our days." The score consists of four systems, each with a soprano line and a bass line. The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system continues the melody. The third system continues the melody. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

1 God whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store; .

na-ture's won-der Je-sus wis-dom cost-ly cross, graves' shattered door

gift-ed by you we turn to you of-f'ring up our selves in praise;

thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er gra-cious do-nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

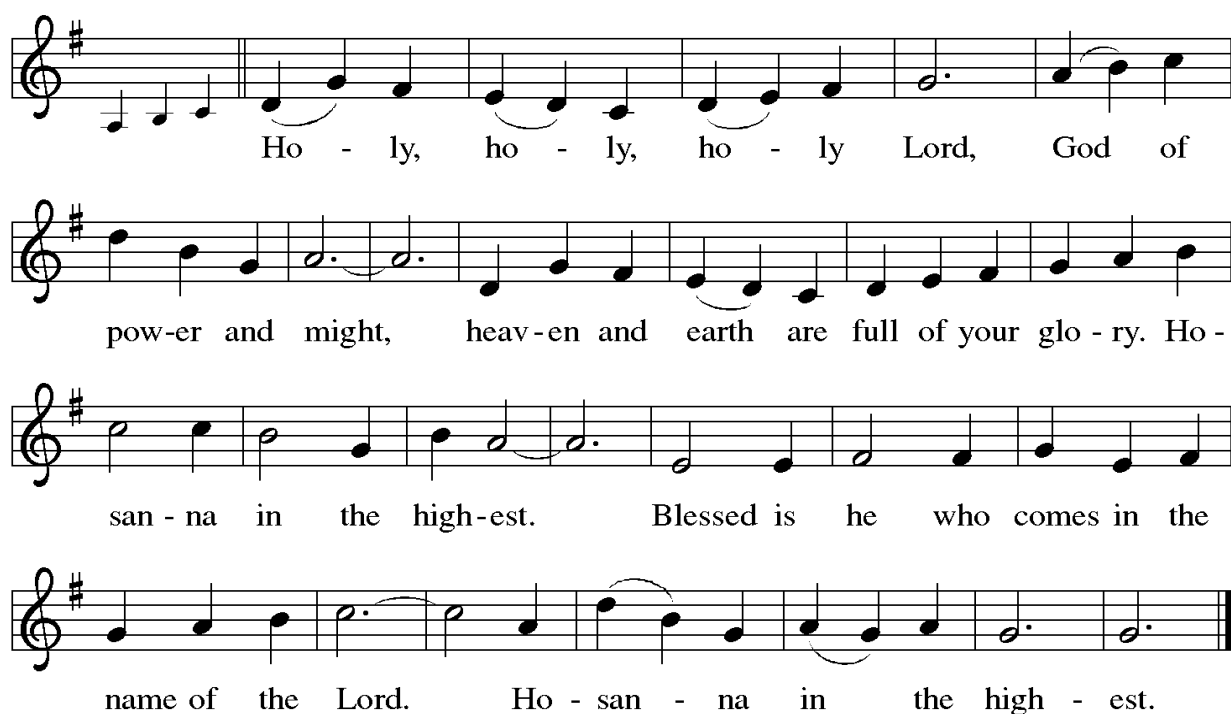
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. . .

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. We teach that Holy Communion is a celebration of the real presence of Christ under forms of bread and wine. For those who prefer, cups in the center ring of the tray are filled with white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing, signal this by crossing your arms against your chest.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God *Your Only Son*

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have'. The second staff continues: 'sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y'. The third staff continues: 'sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of'. The fourth staff continues: 'God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me'. The fifth staff concludes: 'in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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Jesus, Name Above All Names

D F#m⁷

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Em⁷ A

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -

D F#m⁷

man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -

Em⁷

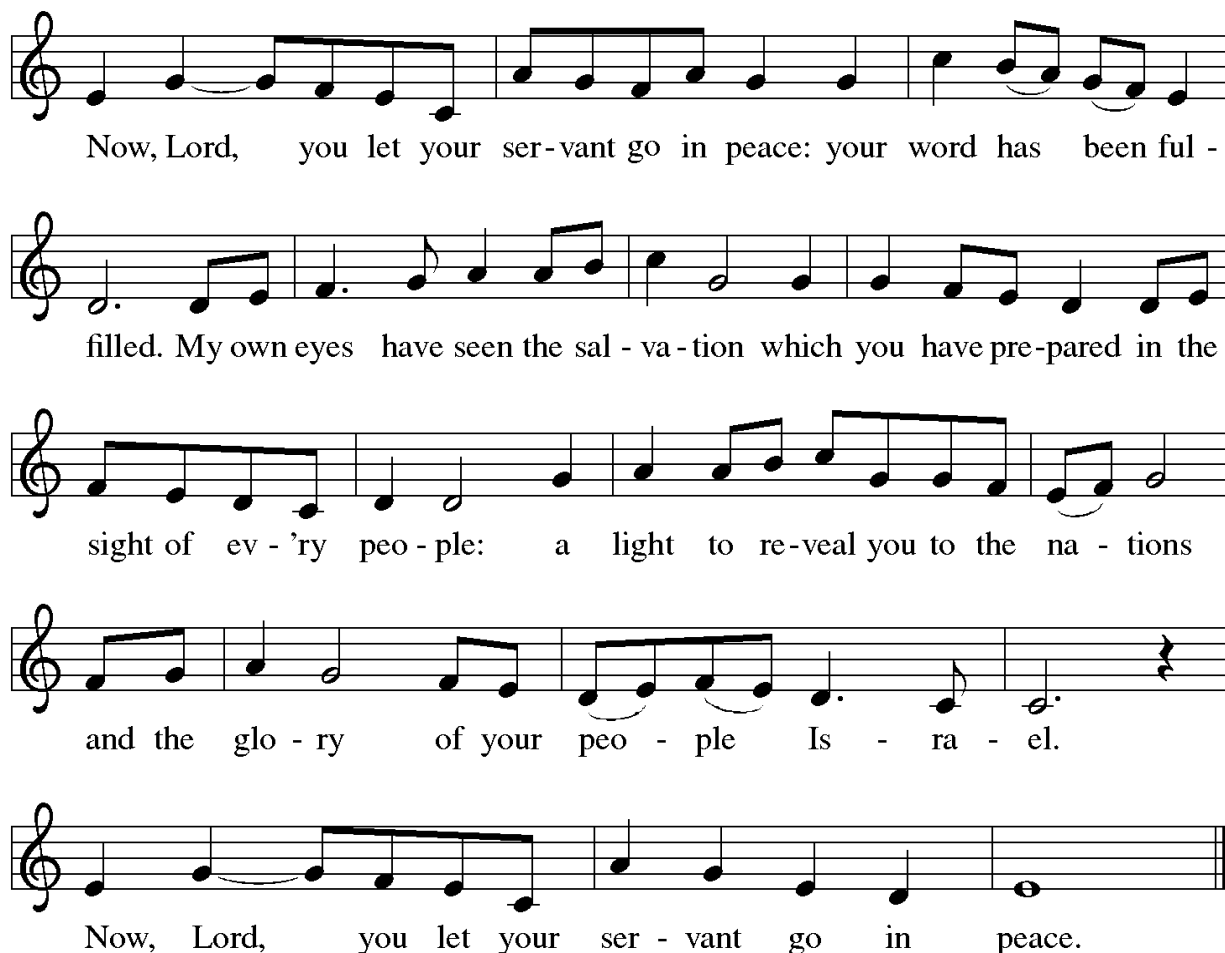
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deem - er, liv - ing Word. Word.

Please stand.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
Amen.

CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

TFF 187

HEALING, FORGIVENESS

God Forgave My Sin in Jesus' Name

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Freely, Freely

1 God for-gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a - gain in
2 All . . . pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, in . . . earth and heav'n in

Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I come to you, to share his
Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I come to you, to share his

Refrain
love as he told me to. He said, "Free - ly, free - ly
pow'r as he told me to.

you have re - ceived, free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my

name, and be - cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Bass/Tenor) in G major, 4/4 time. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The score includes a main melody and a bass line, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "1 God for-gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a - gain in 2 All . . . pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, in . . . earth and heav'n in". The second system of the main melody has the lyrics: "Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I come to you, to share his Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I come to you, to share his". The third system is the refrain, marked "Refrain", with the lyrics: "love as he told me to. He said, 'Free - ly, free - ly pow'r as he told me to.". The fourth system has the lyrics: "you have re - ceived, free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my". The fifth system has the lyrics: "name, and be - cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live.".

Go in peace. We are formed and loved by Christ to live!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK:

Monday, October 13	Tuesday, October 14	Wednesday, October 15
9:30 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Serve dinner at House of Hope 6:00 pm Dorcas	3:30 pm Success Center 4:30 pm Fitness Class 6:00 pm Traumatic Brain Injury Group 6:30 pm Spiritual Journey 6:30 pm Family Improvement Times vary for Scout meetings	10:00 am Quilters 5:00 – 6:00 pm Dinner 5:45 pm Bell Choir 5:45 pm Mentoring plus 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Youth Group
Thursday, October 16	Friday, October 17	Saturday, October 18
3:30 pm Success Center 4:30 pm Fitness Class 6:30 pm Council Meeting		11:00 am - 2:00 pm Touch a Truck at the Longview Mall
Sunday, October 19	Volunteer Schedule October 12	Volunteer Schedule October 19
8:15 am Worship with Holy Communion, and Children's Church. 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Choir warm-up 10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion, and Children's Church. 6:00 pm Revelation Bible Study	Lector: 8:15 am: Carolyn Ramirez 10:45 am: Ranette Carter Communion: Set up: Carol & Ray Bird Clean Up: Teresa DeShazer & Randi McRae Offering Counters: Arlene Hicks & Ranette Carter	Lector: 8:15 am: Bev Bell 10:45 am: Belinda Walenta Communion: Set up: Ed Bero Clean Up: Eva Touchstone Offering Counters: Bill Anderson & Johnny Davis
Readings for in preparation for Sunday, October 19: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5; Luke 18:1-8		

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers today are given in honor of
Cole & Deb Paschall's wedding
anniversary.



Bibles, Buddies & Beverages

Men's Fellowship

October 20 @ 6:00 pm

FLC Fellowship Hall



**The Rite
of
Confirmation**

Confirmation Service & Reception

Sunday October 26th

Reception at 9:30 am

Rite of Confirmation 10:45 am

Confirmands:
Aaron Reynoso & Memphis Hutchins

BUNCO NIGHT



The FLC Quilters need bed sheets they use to make the backs of the quilts. If you or anyone you know has, clean, not stained, full size or bigger sheets to donate please bring them to the church. Thanks!



Family Improvement

Food & Childcare Provided

Tuesdays
6:30 - 7:30pm

Come and join the
First Lutheran

BOOK CLUB

- Meetings monthly on 3rd Tuesday in the Cafe' @ 6:00 pm
- Discover New books
- Make friends

**The next meeting is
October 21st**

HELP NEEDED FOR THE FAMILY IMPROVEMENT MEAL

One of the things that makes the Family Improvement class work so well for families is that we serve them a meal (cooking is not required). We need volunteers to help provide a meal. Those who are willing to help in this way, please contact the church office or Donna Louvier who is coordinating the meals (903-399-8553) or donnalouvier@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

**FRIENDSHIP
CIRCLE**

October 21st
9:30 am
in the Conference room



Diaper Shower for the Bruno Family

Let's "Pamper" baby **Joseph** and Big Sister **Emilia** with a diaper shower! They are the children of Jimmy & Cara Bruno.

They need size 1 and size 3 diapers. As always, an offering can be given designated to "Diaper Shower" and Donna and Tina will be happy to shop for you!



Saturday, October 25th 5:30—8:00 pm
Game Managers and Decorated Trunks
Are still needed, please sign-up today!

See Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Trunk set up is 3:00 – 5:00.

All other volunteers please arrive by
4:00 pm

Please bring candy!

We need a lot of candy!

As always \$\$ donations are welcomed!

Financial Report

Church Cash Flow Year to Date as of:

10/13/2025

Regular Church Offering: 2025	
Contributions:	\$ 385,869
Expenditures:	\$ 391,663
Difference:	\$ (5,794)

Building Maintenance Fund Activity: 2025	
Contributions:	\$ 66,401
Expenditures:	\$ 15,535
Difference:	\$ 50,866

Respectfully,
 Karen Smith

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send all prayer requests and updates to the church office at: prayerchain@firstlutheran.us

FLC Members

Lois Boldt has been admitted to hospice care.

Ed Bero is recovering from neck surgery.

Doris Bero is recovering from a viral infection.

Deb Butts' daughter, Nicole Sunshine is recovering from a hemorrhagic stroke.

Susan Croft, Adrienne Carmack's mom is hospitalized with complications due to Parkinsons.

Stewart Jenkins is recovering from neck surgery.

The family and friends of Kathleen Bullock who died 9/22/25.

David Smith is having a reoccurrence of B Cell Lymphoma.

Holland Caraway is having cancer treatments.

Pray for the children and teens who attend our church and The Success Center.

Pray for church growth, numerically and spiritually.

Pray for wisdom and direction for our church leadership.

Pray for the homebound of our church and their caregivers.

Jane Bailey

Robert Kohnfelder

Durwin Sewell

Mary Ann Gamel

Chuck & Paula Kaplan

Bruno Schueler

Patty Lowe

Johnnie Owens

Joseph Carlson

Albert Holmen

Family and Friends of FLC Members

The family of Dewayne Jenkins, Stewart Jenkins' who died August 27, 2025.

Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Those who are imprisoned.

The homeless

Members Serving in the Military

Eric Jenkins – Air Force, Ft. Meade, MD

Timothy Martin – Navy

Terrina Anderson – Army, Ft. Huachuca, Az

Hannah Perry – Army, San Antonio, Tx

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 12, 2025

On Common Ground

Ten people are healed by Jesus, but only one returns to thank him. That is the central tension of today's gospel story. But there is also a twist, one we may have missed if we were not listening closely: the one who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan.

The faithful of Jesus' time would have known all about the hostility between Judeans and Samaritans. The conflict between the two groups stretched back generations and generations. It was animosity so entrenched that people probably did not remember the specifics of the fight. They just knew they hated the other side. A Judean would never associate with a Samaritan, much less heal one of them.

But as we see in this story and others throughout the gospels, Jesus did not seem to care about the labels the world assigned to people: scribe or Pharisee, sinner or tax collector. Jesus also did not stop to consider whether the person was from Judea or Samaria. He looked into the eyes of all who came to him and saw directly to their humanity. He brought healing and wholeness to everyone.

Just as Jesus told the Samaritan, he could tell us, too, that our faith makes us well. God gives us faith that overcomes the destructive words of the world, allowing us to transcend barriers and labels and to recognize the humanity in each individual. God is also calling us as a whole community to go and seek out the Samaritans of our own time and place—anyone whom the rest of the world rejects and reviles—and show them the same compassion and mercy we have received.

God's love makes us whole. Words can hurt, but thanks to Jesus, words can heal too. More often than not, we will find common ground through God's power to heal, even among the Samaritans.

Assisting In Worship Today

Celebrant: Jeffrey Borgwardt

Musicians: Donna Ashby, Pat Mueller
and The Chancel Choir

Live Stream: 8:15 am Deb Butts,
Eric Chandler, and Daniel Chandler

10:45 am: Diane Borgwardt

Lectors:

8:15 am: Beverly Bell

10:45 am: Bill Anderson

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