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October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME! We pray that all will experience a warm welcome and experience the presence of the Lord in this house of worship. If you have a moment please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew. After the service we invite worshipers to enjoy some refreshments in our Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP NOTES:

- ♦ **Bold printed words** indicate the congregation's responses.
- ♦ For families with young children, you're invited to take advantage of our worship activity bags for children located in the lobby. A nursery for children 4 and younger is located in Room #7.
- ♦ If you have a moment please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.
- ♦ For those with hearing loss, we have hearing devices available at the welcome window; ask an usher for assistance.
- ♦ For those with eyesight issues, we have large print bulletins; ask an usher for one.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michelle Hanson

Please observe silence in preparation for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

#698

"How Long, O God"

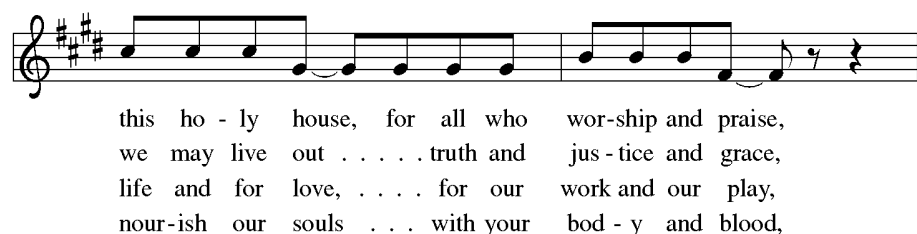
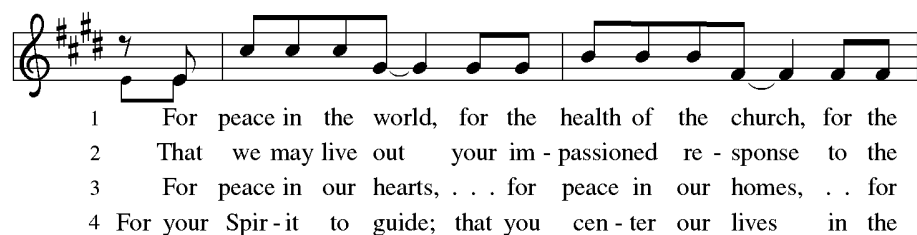
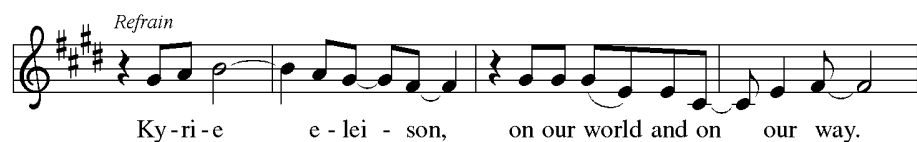
TRINITARIAN GREETING

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 (OPENING PRAYERS)

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Today 10/19/2025

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Confirmation Class
9:00 am	New Member/Inquirer's Class - Library
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Confirmation Class
4:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice

Monday 10/20/2025

10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
7:00 pm	Council Meeting - Classroom #2

Tuesday 10/21/2025

9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
9:00 am	Preschool
12:00 pm	Happy Stitchers' Bible Study
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday 10/22/2025

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00 pm	Ladies Book Club - Library
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm	The Chosen - Youth Room

Thursday 10/23/2025

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study - Library
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool

Friday 10/24/2025

10:00 am	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
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Saturday 10/25/2025

8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
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Sunday 10/26/2025

Reformation Sunday	
9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Confirmation Class
9:00 am	New Member/Inquirer's Class - Library
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary
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HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a purple prayer request card and drop it in the offering plate or you can email office@firstlc.com. All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME:

Cathy Abreu; Donna Amundson; Sharon Bauman; Tina Bean; Betty Benjamin (Lisa Mullinix's mother); Andrew Bessette; Dean & Carla Benson; Dick Carr; Dale Clements; Tracy Coburn; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Joan Douglas; Bernadette Farrington (Annick Dixon's mother); Scottie Grace; Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammon; Jack Heier; Patricia Hill (Martha Wentzel's mother); Mark Holland (Cara Dahlberg's father); Beverly Hudman (Larry Hudman's mother); Larry Hudman; Ann Hurley; Jeff Hustad; Mackenzie & Zane Igor; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law); Mary Krippner; Steven Krippner; Andy Kruckeberg; Harlan Lerum; Bill Lockman; Allan Magnuson; Geri Magnuson; Mike Martin; Kristy Merrill; Tim Metcalf; Jay Meyer; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (Larry Hudman's sister); Heidi Neis; Josh Neis; Don Newman (Richard Magnuson's cousin); JP Pannebaker; Heidi Peoples; Priscilla Rainey; Bob Scarr; Laura Schoonmaker; Julie Sundberg; Scot Swenson (Vernal & Jackie Swenson's son); Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Marie Warwick; Daniel Young.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Craig Bukowski; Adam Craig; Keith Evans; Eric Gratzke; Alton Helm; Jack Hogan; TJ Litterer; Garrett Marchington; Andrew Mitchell; Mike Monroe; Mike Stultz; Brianna Townsend; Jody Townsend.

Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru September \$241,539; Year to date Expenses thru September \$246,978

Year to date net Cash Flow thru September -\$5,439

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 140, Live Stream: 89

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God" p. 213

♩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

♩ glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

♩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

♩ glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

♩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

☐ you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☒ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 26*)

Genesis 32:22-31

Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of Genesis, chapter thirty-two, beginning with verse twenty-two.

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 every-

an outside (of the church) accountant. Third, the revised wording will give the Finance ministry team greater flexibility each year to meet the needs of the congregation as it relates to our financial transactions.

This proposed change will be brought to the congregation to be voted on at the annual meeting on November 9. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to have addressed before the meeting, please contact a member of the Finance ministry team.

The Power of Prayer

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

— James 5:16b

Prayer is one of the most profound gifts God gives His people. It is not a way to get God to do what we want, but a means through which He shapes our hearts to trust His will. When we pray, we are not informing God of something He doesn't know - we are being drawn closer to the One who already knows, already loves, and already provides.

Martin Luther wrote, "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness." God invites us to pray not because He needs to be convinced to act, but because He delights to hear our voices and respond with grace.

When we pray, we stand in the same faith as the saints before us - Abraham, Hannah, David, Mary - who found strength, comfort, and direction in conversation with their Lord. In joy or in sorrow, in confidence or confusion, we are never alone. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, and Christ Himself prays for us before the Father.

So, whether our words are long or few, eloquent or simple, may we trust that God listens, loves, and answers according to His good and gracious will.

Prayer:

Gracious Lord, teach us to pray — not only in times of need, but in all things. Strengthen our faith to trust that You hear us, and let our hearts rest in Your perfect will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT FELC:

We all know that life brings joys - but also challenges: illness, loss, loneliness, and change. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to walk alongside people during those difficult seasons, offering Christ's love and care in a confidential way. We're looking for compassionate, listening hearts to join our next training class. If you've ever felt God nudging you to serve others in a personally significant way, this might be your call. We encourage you to pray about this opportunity and talk with our Stephen Leaders, Annick Dixon or Pastor Mike after worship or give us a call this week to learn more.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Day is Saturday, November 1st and we will be celebrating that occasion on Sunday, November 2nd. During the worship service portion of the "Prayers of the People" we will be lifting up in prayer the names of faithful loved ones that were called to the saints in light this past year (November 2024 - October 2025). If you have a loved one who passed away this year that you'd like included in our remembrance, please fill out an All Saint's form (see the bulletin insert). During the All Saint's service family members will be invited to light a candle on the altar in memory of their loved when their name is read aloud.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9th following worship. We will be voting on new officers, council members, ministry team chairs, and a proposed change to the bylaws. Please join us; food will be provided and there will be child care available.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Council is proposing the following change in Article 3.2 of the bylaws; the added words are shown in italics.

"Periodically (not to exceed 5 years) ensure an independent audit *or review* of the financial transactions of this congregation is conducted to ensure ethical fiscal responsibilities are being upheld."

The reasons for this change are three-fold. First, very few accounting firms are willing to do audits because of the potential liability involved. Second, the estimated cost for such an audit is on the order of \$25,000, which is not consistent with our budget. A review would be on the order of \$2,000, and would still be done by

thing 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.

This is God's word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 967*)

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Paul's second letter to Timothy, chapter three, beginning with verse fourteen.

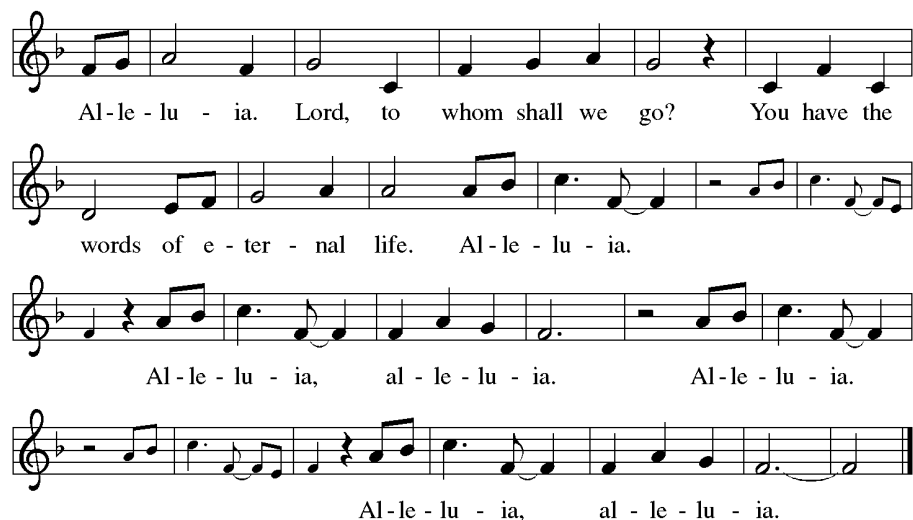
¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, 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.

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pew Bible p. 853*)

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter eighteen, beginning with verse one.

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 our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Knauff

"The Yes, No, Maybe, and Not Yet of Prayer"

If you're curious and have questions come join us for any or all sessions. For those considering membership we do ask you to attend at least four of the six classes. Contact Pastor Mike or the church office if you're interested in attending. *Knowing how many are attending, and if there are nursery needs, helps the office staff a nursery, get the right size room to meet in, and have enough materials.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT "THE CHOSEN" DISCUSSION GROUP

Come join a discussion group centered around Season Five of the popular Christian series "The Chosen." What's realistic about this rendition of the "Greatest Story ever told?" What's objectionable? How does it inspire you? How does it confuse you? Pastor Mike will lead the discussion each Wednesday evening (October 1st - November 19th) starting at 6:30 and going to 8:00 pm. Movie snacks will be provided :-)

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Our Men's Ministry President, Dave McDaniel's term is expiring this fall and we're looking for new leadership to continue our Men's Ministry. Dave is asking for any and all men of FELC who're interested in this ministry to come to the Saturday, October 25th 9am Men's Breakfast at FELC. Be warned - our last group of leaders were elected in absentia; the only safe way to not be "voluntold" into an office is to be in attendance. :-) That being said... It's good food, good company, a good cause, and God's good Word. Come join us!

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCT. 26TH

Sunday, October 26th FELC will be celebrating its roots in the Reformation by remembering the day (Oct. 31, 1517) Augustinian monk Martin Luther posted his protest of the practice of selling indulgences on the doors of the Wittenberg Church. This call to return to the central doctrine of Christianity being "Saved by Grace through Faith" started the Reformation. This is a "red letter day" for Christianity and we ask you to join in the celebration by wearing red, next Sun. Oct. 26th.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 31st from 5 - 7 pm. If you can participate, please decorate your car and come join the fun! (*We're looking for at least 10 families to provide a "trunk" to trick or treat from; a sign-up sheet is at the welcome window.*) If you cannot be here, you may donate candy for the event. A drop box will be located in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER

During October, we will begin preparing our boxes for Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child to distribute around the world. You may pick up boxes, directions, information and labels this month in the church narthex. These Christmas boxes contain presents for young children, so please take the time to fill the box and return it to the Church by November 23rd. These boxes through Operation Christmas Child bring the message of Jesus' love to children all around the world.

CHINA SERVICE VENTURES

Thanks to everyone who helped! We were excited to welcome back Mim Nellermoe from China Service Ventures. We heard an update on how FELC's support makes a difference in the lives of Chinese families around the world. Mim asked us to remember to pray for the Christians in China for their safety as they bravely spread the message of Jesus. Thanks to everyone who helped host Mim and promote her ministry!

SPECIAL CONFIRMATION CLASS TODAY

Due to the sensitive topic of the 6th commandment, Pastor Mike will be presenting the lesson today following the church service. We'll meet in classroom #2 starting at noon today. Lunch will be provided, and parents are invited to sit in on the class.

FELC'S INQUIRER'S CLASS/NEW MEMBER COURSE

It's not too late! If you're interested in finding out more about what a "Lutheran Christian" is... this is your chance. You don't need to commit to joining to be part of the study and questions are highly encouraged. However, if you *are* interested in becoming part of our FELC church family, this is also your opportunity. The group will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:00 am) in the library and will be led by Pastor Mike. It will last six weeks from October 12th through November 16th. The class will look at foundational parts of Christianity from a Lutheran perspective such as:

- What's so Amazing about Grace?
- What is the authority of ancient scripture in a modern day world?
- What's so important about Baptism and Communion?
- As well as inform folks as to the history and inner workings of FELC.

SONG OF THE DAY

#517

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

THE SERMON

Pastor Mike Knauff

"You Can't Always Get What You Want?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Gathered as the created, redeemed, and sanctified children of God let us confess our faith...

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

(Each petition will conclude with "Lord in your mercy;" the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERING

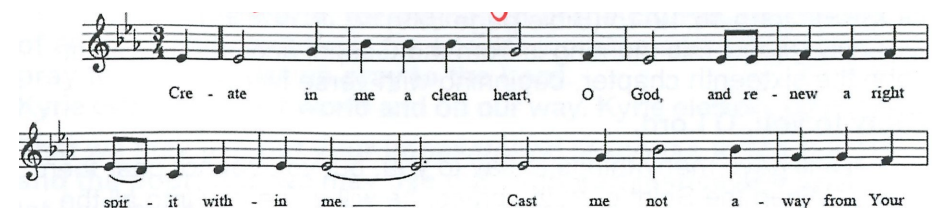
SPECIAL MUSIC

King's Men

"Christ Is the Rock"

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WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 and 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.

THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION

We invite all who are baptized in Christ, and believe in receiving the bread and wine they receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins, to join us. Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Holy Communion will be served at the altar rail this morning. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may choose white grape juice or red wine. The serving station at the center of the altar rail is our hypoallergenic station with gluten-free wafers. Please return to your seats by a side aisle.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#453 *"Baptized and Set Free"*

#821 *"Shout to the Lord"*

#773 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Almighty God; The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

#624

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN!**