



## November 17, 2024 † 26th Sunday after Pentecost

An asterisk \* invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read aloud responses found in **bold**.

**We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!**

*“God’s Work. Our Hands. To serve ALL people.”*

*P: Indicates the presider throughout the service. AM: Indicates the Assisting Minister throughout the service.*

### we gather

**Prelude -** *Bring Your Mercy* – Larry Olson

**Words of Welcome**

\***Hymn** — no 870

“We Praise You, O God”

\***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

**Amen.**

\***Apostolic Greeting**

P: 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** – page 203, from *ELW, Setting 10*

\*Hymn of Praise — page 204, from ELW, Setting 10

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **we LISTEN and RESPOND**

**A Reading from the book of Daniel — Daniel 12:1-3**

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

1 "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 16** - *the psalm will be read responsively today by whole verse.*

*My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- 8 **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## A Reading from Hebrews — Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” 17 he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] 19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** — page 205, from *ELW, Setting 10*

### **\*Gospel — Mark 13:1-8**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

The Gospel of Mark, the 13th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

**Sermon** —

Pastor Chris Culuris

**\*Hymn** — no. 438

“My Lord, What a Morning”

### **The Apostles' Creed**

P: Together let us profess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

AM: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all the saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Sign of Peace-** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** Please offer one another some sign of Christ's peace.

**Offering - Healer - Dakota Road - Larry Olson**



**\*Offering Prayer**

AM: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

**Amen.**

## **we SHARE the meal**

**\*Great Thanksgiving & Preface** — page 206, from *ELW, Setting 10*

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..... (*Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** — page 207, from *ELW, Setting 10*

**\*Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer**

P: 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, 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.

As God's saints, we pray as Jesus taught us saying: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Invitation to the Table**

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

**Distribution of Communion** - *we will be serving Holy Communion continuously today.*

**“Lamb of God”** — page 208, *from ELW, Setting 10*

**Hymn** — no 785 -

“When Peace like a River”

**Hymn** —no 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **we go in peace**

### **Announcements**

**\*Sending Hymn** — no. 723

“Canticle of the Turning”

### **\*Blessing & Dismissal**

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

AM: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude - *Your Kingdom Come* - Larry Olson, Julie Hennies**

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### **Worship Assistants**

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Cindy Nadeau  
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## **Announcements**

- We are having a special meeting of our congregation today following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on calling an ordained Deacon to be our Church Musician and Director of Christian Education. No other business shall be transacted at this meeting.
- The Buildings and Grounds committee will be providing fellowship after service today.
- Wednesdays at First: 5:30pm Dinner Starts, 6:00 Children's Music in the Chapel, 6:30 Worship in the Sanctuary, 7:00 Education in the Classrooms, 7:00 Bell Choir, 7:30 Youth Group (1st Wednesdays).
- The FLC Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in serving the congregation in various elected positions. We are looking for: 1 member for our Synod Assembly (June), 1 member to serve on the Nominating Committee (2-year term). If you are interested, please let Amy Pehrson (amyrpehrson@gmail.com) or the church office know. Elections will take place at the congregational meeting in December.
- We are still accepting pledges for 2025. You may turn them in to Karen in the church office.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for cooks, servers, and clean up crew for our Wednesday meals in December. Contact Rachel Szybnski with any questions [rszybnski@gmail.com](mailto:rszybnski@gmail.com)
- Our Social Justice Committee is looking for help on Monday, November 25 at "The Kitchen." They especially would like help between 6:15 - 7:15pm. Questions- please contact Marilyn Kochsiek: [marilynkochsiek@gmail.com](mailto:marilynkochsiek@gmail.com)
- Sign up to sponsor your Christmas Altar Poinsettias. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.
- Next Sunday there will be a blessing for all caregivers during worship.
- The four Gospels ( Mathew, Mark, Luke and John) tell similar, yet different accounts of Jesus's life. How do these differences show the interests of their authors and-more importantly- how do they work together to give us a more well-rounded picture of Jesus? Joining us for either or both of these sessions, Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Pioneer Parlor. Dec. 4th "Why 4 Gospels?" Dec. 11th "Birth Stories(?)".
- Minnesota Valley Chorale to present a concert at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. This concert features the "Holy Spirit Mass" by Kim André Arnesen, which had been commissioned by the National Lutheran Choir in 2017 to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic dialogues. This dramatic work uses the English translation of the Ordinary of the Mass (with the "Kyrie" in Greek and the "Agnus Dei" in Latin) and Martin Luther's hymn *Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord*. Norwegian composer Arnesen (b. 1980) is a prominent contemporary choral composer. This Mass features driving rhythms, lush harmonies, and soaring melodies. The concert will also include three works by Norwegian-American composer Ola Gjeilo. Tickets are \$10 at the door or online at [minnesotavalleychorale.org](http://minnesotavalleychorale.org). Children 10 & under free.
- Tickets for SPHS's fall musical, *The Addams Family*, are now available! Support FLC youth that are part of the cast and crew, including Lathe Bly, Rebekah Roemhildt and Ella Twaddle. Shows are November 21, 22, 23 at 7 p.m. and November 24 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://stpeterschools.hometownticketing.com/embed/all> or scan the QR code!



## **Prayers**

We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Elgene Lund, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Betty Gustafson, Karen Wendroth, Paul Aasen, Shirley Storkson, Ella Twaddle, Tim Schwartz, Gretchen Bray, Jim Wendroth, Dale Rettke, Dorothy Lutz, Jan Holte, Byron Larson, Lenore Schnobrich, Judy Fienen, David Ribar, Harvey Kane, Erika Schuldt and Laurie Dietrich.

PRELUDE: ***Bring Your Mercy*** – Larry Olson

Bring Your mercy, bring your mercy, bring Your mercy. LORD (repeat)

- (1) To those who are distant. To those who are here.  
To those with resistance; those who live in fear.
- (2) To our hidden places \_\_ only You can see.  
To the many faces \_\_ yearning to be free.

OFFERING: ***Healer*** – Dakota Road – Larry Olson

Healer, healer, come and heal this world.

Healer, healer, come and heal this world.

- (1) May we all \_\_\_\_\_ offer us our hands.  
May we all \_\_\_\_\_ all together stand.
- (2) May we all \_\_\_\_\_ lay our weapons down.  
May we all \_\_\_\_\_ find our common ground.
- (3) May we all \_\_\_\_\_ offer us our hands.  
May we all \_\_\_\_\_ all together stand.

POSTLUDE: ***Your Kingdom Come*** – Larry Olson, Julie Hennies

Your Kingdom come ( 4 times )

- (1) Do I really want – Your Kingdom come  
When I see the light – I turn and run  
From the truth, from the life, from the sacrifice  
From the will that must be done
- (2) It is you and I – in a troubled land  
We can close our doors – or reach out our hands  
To the high, to the low, to the in between  
Feel the nail scars we don't see
- (3) I can see the light – in a child's eyes  
It is shining still – in the old and wise  
It's the hope, it's the love, stirring deep within  
It's the love that conquers sin



