August 9, 2026 ☩

11th Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!

"God's Work. Our Hands. To serve ALL people."

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

P: Indicates the Presider. AM: Indicates the Assisting Minister.

We Gather

Prelude – Air from Suite No. 3 J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

*__Gathering Hymn__ - no. 822 "O Sing to the Lord"

*__Confession and Forgiveness__

Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

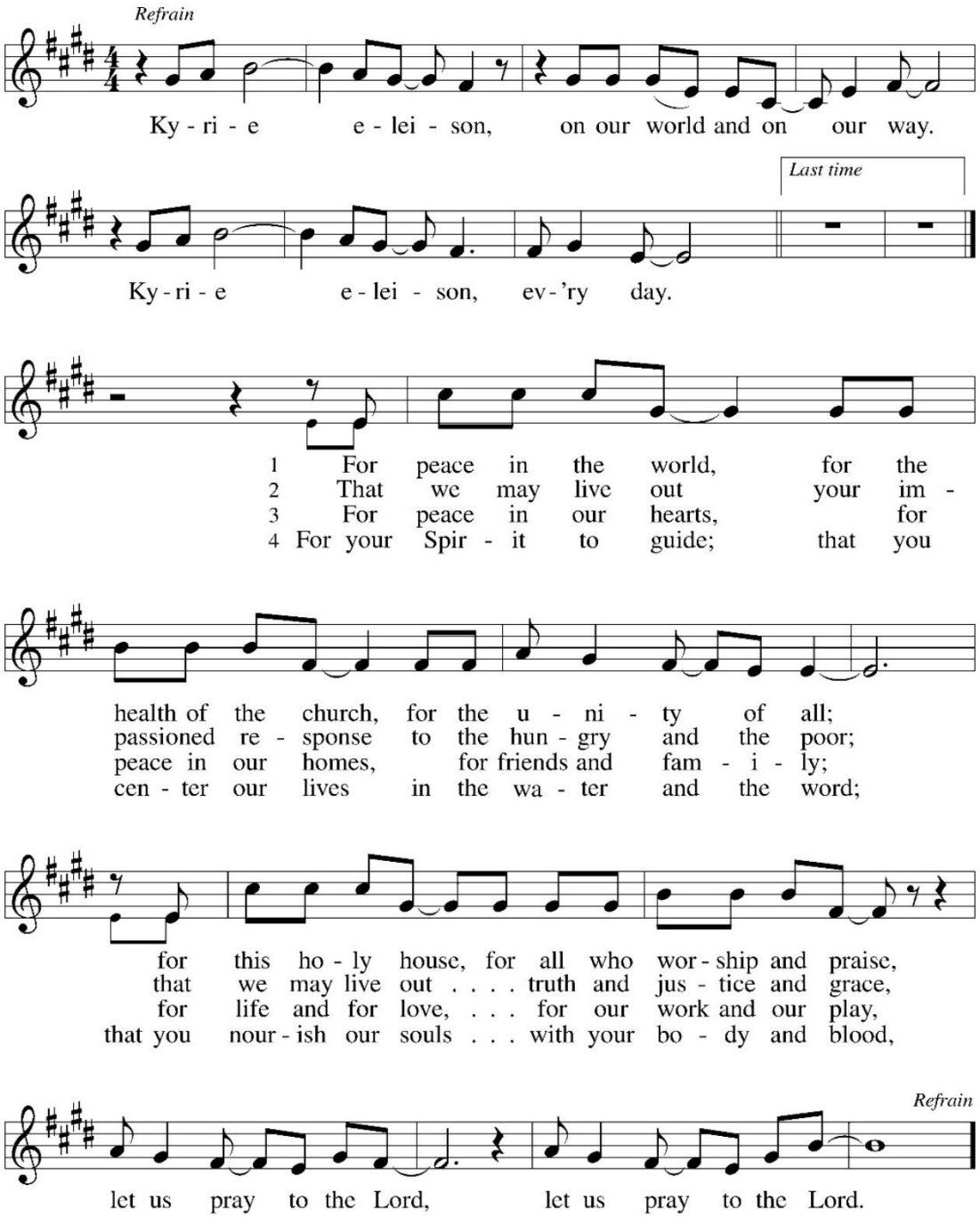
Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.**
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
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__ – *see next page*

Kyrie eleison

*__Hymn of Praise__ – no. 857 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

*__Prayer of the Day__ -

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

We Listen to God's Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

9 At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.
Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15 Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Psalm: The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
9 **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,**
that your glory may dwell in our land.
10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,**
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
13 **Righteousness shall go before the LORD**
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

1 5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who
does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not
say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will
descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say?
"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), 9 because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus
is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one
believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to
salvation. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is
no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who
call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to
believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to
proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How
beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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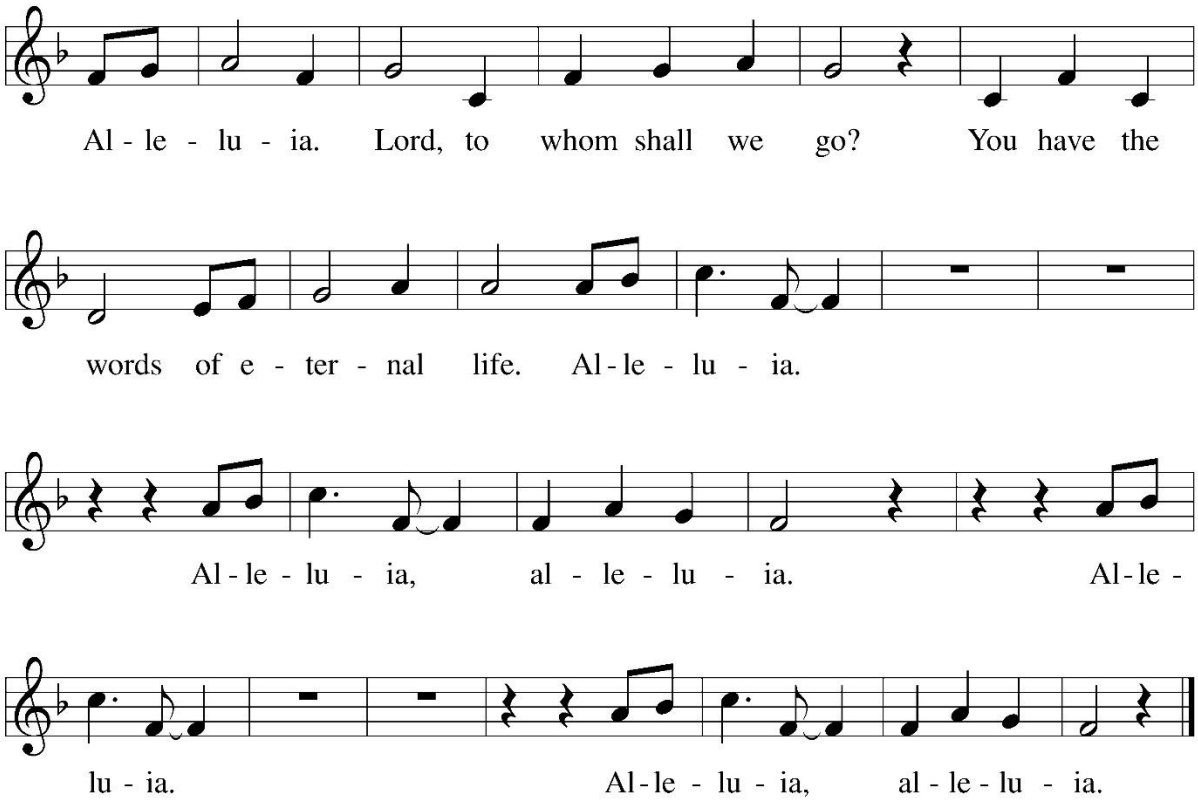
***Gospel Acclamation –**

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?



***Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

The Gospel of Matthew, the 14th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

22 [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of
Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up
the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time
the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And
early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw
him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in
fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He
said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward
Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he
cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to
him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind
ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God.

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

Sermon –"Faith in Turbulent Waters" Pastor Bill Nelsen

Hymn –no. 755 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

*__The Apostles' Creed –__
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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *After each petition:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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Offering Music – "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Charles H. Gabriel

*__Offering Prayer__

AM: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

We Share God's Holy Meal

*__Great Thanksgiving and Preface__ (spoken)

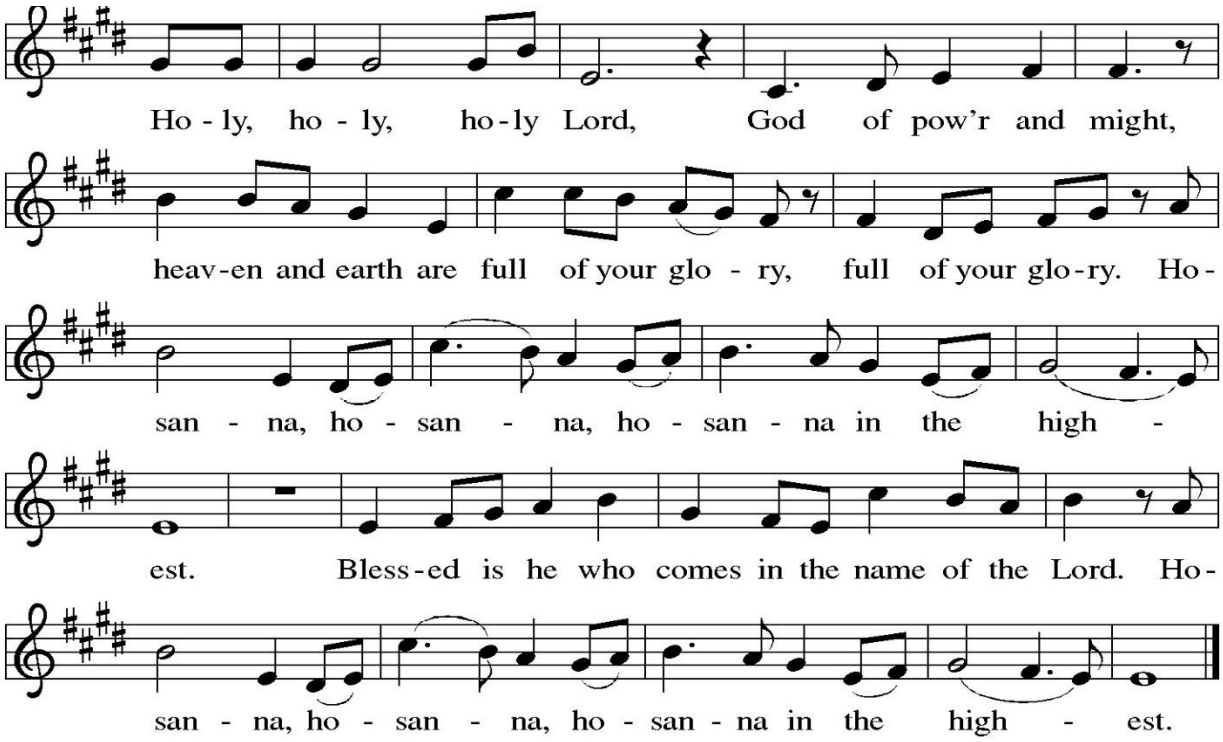
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

*__Holy, Holy, Holy__ – (next page)



*__Words of Institution__ – page 108-109, *ELW Setting One*

*__The Lord's Prayer__ –

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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Distribution of Communion – *Communion will be served at the rail today*.

"Pie Jesu" Gabriel Faure

Hymn – "Peace Be Still"

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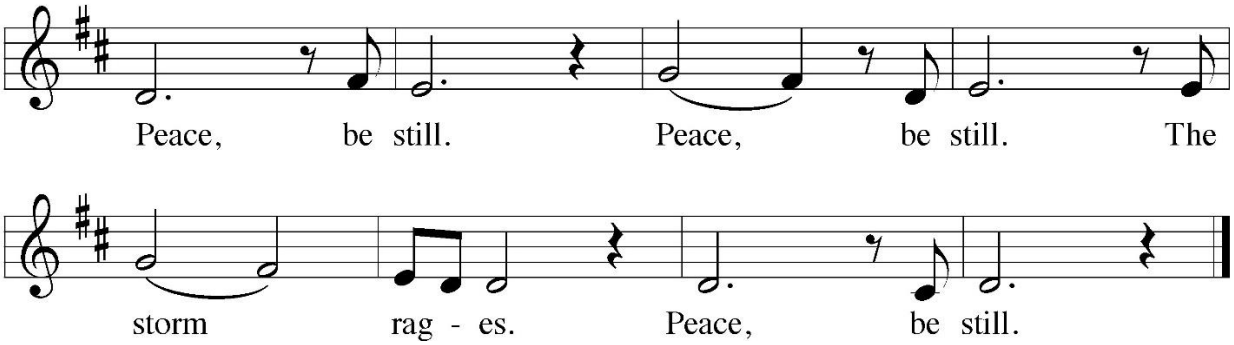
Peace, Be Still



Hymn – no. 773 "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Prayer After Communion

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

We Go in Peace

Announcements

*__Sending Hymn__ – no. 774 "What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

*__Blessing & Dismissal__

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

AM: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

*__Postlude__

In Worship Today

Pastor: Bill Nelsen
Organist: Doran Schoeppach
Assisting Minister: Mary Spear
Musicians: Carrie Stelter, cello; Don Myers, sax

Ushers:
Communion Preparers: Cheryl and Bill Kautt
Communion Servers: Carolyn Trnka

Tech: Rachel Ribar
Bread Baker: Betsy Bolint

Prayers: We pray for those on our long-term list: Betty Gustafson, Paul Aasen, Karen Handel, Erika Schuldt, Ruth Edberg, Bob Lamb, Dorothy and Paul Lutz, Steve Erickson, Barbra Grabowski (Ted Kunze's sister), Garrett Paul, Mary Ann Scharf, Kay Moline, Kevin Nicholson (Betty Thompson's nephew), Leah Crosby and baby (niece of Aileen Bipes), Hazel Adelman (niece of Mary Gaebler), Lisa Handel-Dalvand, family of Barb Moss (friend of Deacon Brenda).

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FLC Refrigerator Page

Worship, Education and Service:

- **Fellowship** will be provided by Joan and David Olson.
- **FLC Director of Choirs and Handbells position is open.** If you are interested in applying for this position to lead Youth and Adult Choirs, or Handbells, please contact Kaari Bly, Pastor Chris, or Deacon Brenda.

- **Rental Assistance:** The need for emergency funds continues as many of our immigrant neighbors who have been recently released were told NOT to return to work. All money collected will be dispersed through the Good Neighbor Diversity Council's Emergency Fund.

- **Personal care donation for SPAF:** FLC is collecting toothbrushes during August. Place any donations in the grocery cart in the Gathering space. Thank you!

Events at FLC and around the area:

- **Pizza and Pickleball for Junior and Senior High Youth** on Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Please RSVP to Deacon Brenda by August 10.
- **Are you available to serve as a teacher for our Education Hour this coming school year?** Deacon Brenda is building teams of teachers for our student classes which meet on Wednesday nights. Contact her if you can assist in team teaching this fall.
- **Next Hymn Sing Sunday:** August 30. Place titles of your favorite hymns in the basket on the sign-up table.
- **Pastor Chris will be away from August 3 – 16.** One week of vacation and one week of continuing education. If you have an emergency, please call the church office: 507-934-3060.
- **Deacon Brenda will be away on vacation from August 7 – 11.**