

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.



All Saints
Sunday
November 2nd, 2025
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas today, as we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southwest Texas Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

All the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and the hymnal found in the pew.

As Lutherans, we confess our belief that the Holy Eucharist (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion) is the place where Our Lord Jesus is truly present (*real presence*). All people who believe in Christ are invited and encouraged to participate in the Eucharist. Young children are also invited to share in this celebration and may receive the sacrament if they, with their families, feel it is appropriate. Children who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to receive a blessing. Those unable to partake of the wine be assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in the bread alone.



Presider: Rev. Gabriella
Maria Conklin

Music Director: Dr.
Vivian Munn

Cantor: Claudio Esquivel

Organist: Marylin Martin

FIRST TIME VISITORS — Please sign the guest book located between the double doors at the front of the Narthex. We hope you will worship with us again. If you have any questions about First Lutheran Church, please call the office at 956.383.2647.

Mission Statement: Grace in Action, Mindful of a Changing World, We Seek ALL People.

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Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday
10:00am-3:00pm

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+ HOLY EUCHARIST +

GATHERING

PRELUDE

STAND CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross
is made in remem-
brance of Holy Bap-
tism.*

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 422 *For All the Saints (Verses 1-3)*

THE APOSTOLIC 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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

SIT

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

THE FOLLOWING PSALM IS SPOKEN

I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD,

the maker of heaven and earth.

The LORD will not let your foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD watches over you;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

The sun will not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The LORD will preserve you from all evil

and will keep your life.

The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth forevermore.

A READING FROM JOHN

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

A READING FROM HEBREWS

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us and who have died since last All Saints Day.

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place.

Here individual names may be spoken.

As we remember these people strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Strengthen us to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and give of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

STAND GATHERING HYMN ELW 422 *For All the Saints* (verses 6-7)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT CHOIR ANTHEM *Death Be Never Last, Makeever*

Vs. 1 We walk in light of countless faces bright as beams of rising sun, certain as the morning chases night in endless ages' run.

Refrain: Turning eyes now to their shining mem'ry, to their faithful past, saints be now the truth divining: death be now but never last.

Vs. 2 When sorrow's heavy hand has weighted loss against the greater gain, pinning down that grief sore fated laden on the bed of pain.

Refrain

Vs. 3 When joy returns with laughter singing thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us follow after bringing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING - Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 149



Sing the LORD's praise in the as - sem - bly of the faith - ful.

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD ¹ a new song,
God's praise in the assembly ¹ of the faithful.
- ² **Let Israel rejoice ¹ in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful ¹ in their ruler.
- ³ Let them praise their maker's ¹ name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- ¹ rine and harp.
- ⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure ¹ in the people**
and adorns the ¹ poor with victory. R
- ⁵ Let the faithful re- ¹ joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy ¹ on their beds.
- ⁶ **Let the praises of God be ¹ in their throat**
and a two-edged sword ¹ in their hand,
- ⁷ to wreak vengeance ¹ on the nations
and punishment ¹ on the peoples,
- ⁸ **to bind their ¹ kings in chains**
and their nobles with ¹ links of iron,
- ⁹ to inflict on them the judg- ¹ ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. ¹ Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING - Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glori-

ous inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

STAND

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. .

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

This is the Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

HOMILY

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 427 *For All Your Saints, O Lord*

NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

The creeds are an expression or brief summary of our faith and serve as a measuring stick by which we can identify beliefs that are contrary to the orthodox faith. For example, we profess in the creeds that Jesus came to earth for the sake of our salvation. To suggest that salvation comes by some means other than through Jesus contradicts the creed and thus is contrary to our beliefs.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

The sign of the cross made at the words of the final statement of the creed also signify that it is through baptism that we look for the resurrection

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Brief Silence

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Together as a community,
we lift our prayers of God
on Behalf of those in
need.*

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care (especially). Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed (those who have died during the past year may be named). Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

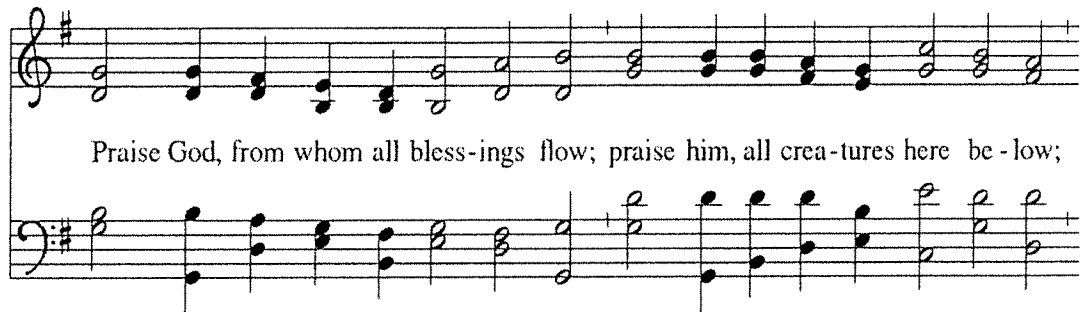
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

+ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

SIT OFFERING

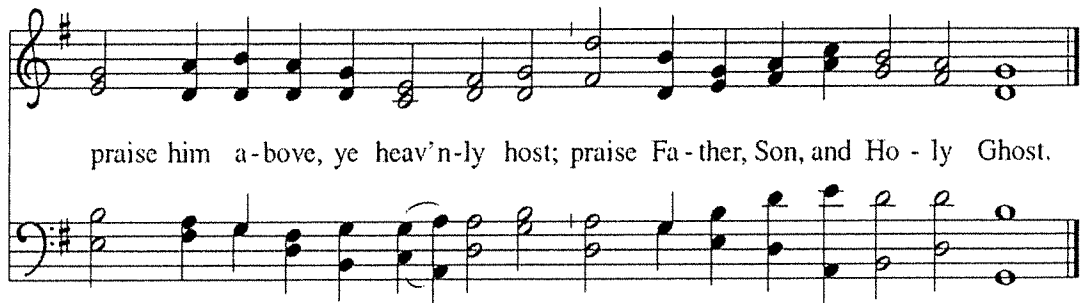
STAND and SING OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

The first system of musical notation for the Offertory. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staffs.



praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The second system of musical notation for the Offertory. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving to the Father.

Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked him) for his works of kindness and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

S 107

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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O LORD Holy Father, through Christ our LORD. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)

S 108

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. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Sanctus is a series of acclamations based on the angels' cry which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3, also Psalm 118:26) and with which the people greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on his way to his sacrificial death (Mark 11:9-10).

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.

We praise you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

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.

And so Father, we who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Holy Spirit, we who join all the saints in praise of you, now bring before you these gifts with praise and thanksgiving.

We praise you, we bless you, We give thanks to you, And we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your name.

Remember Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those who we remember today with photos, mementos and by name... *(names of loved ones may be spoken aloud)*.

May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence light, happiness and peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

By water and the Holy Spirit we are children of God and thus we have the courage to pray...

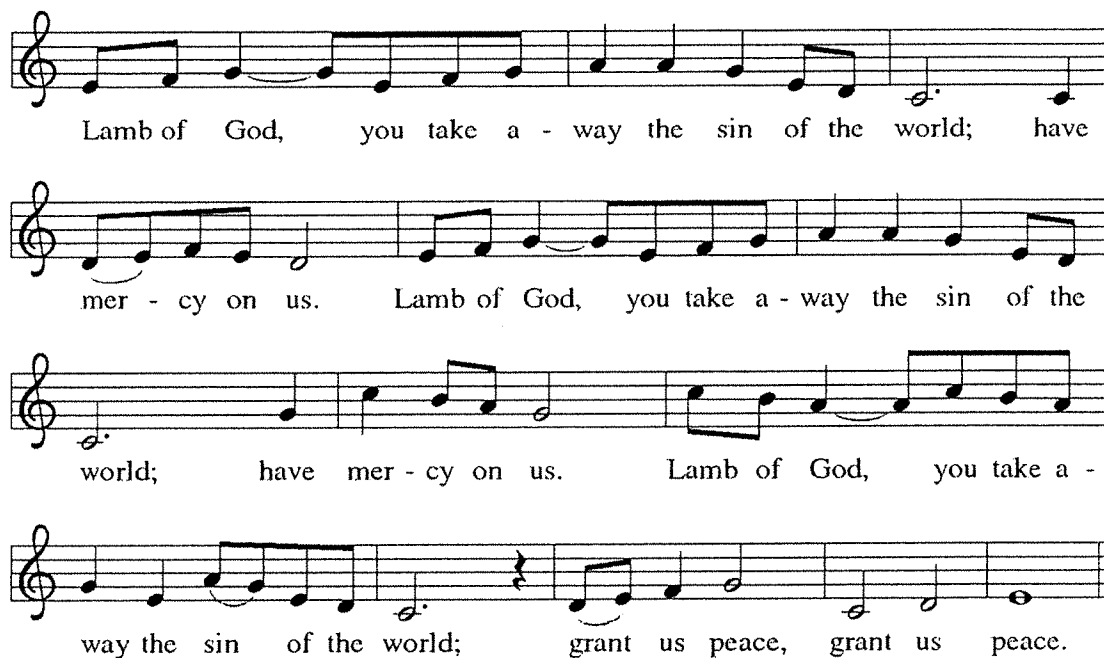
**Our father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

SIT FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

SIT AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 423 *Shall We Gather At The River*
ELW 870 *We Praise You, O God*

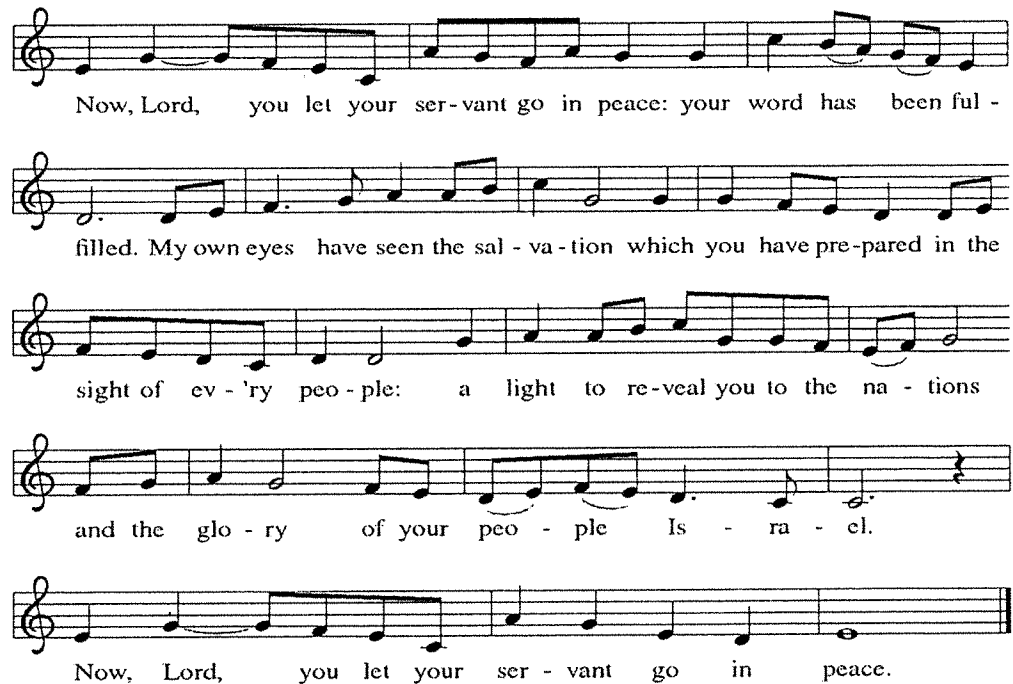
STAND

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

We are sent into the world to proclaim with our words and by our deeds, the good news of forgiveness, love and the mercy of God.

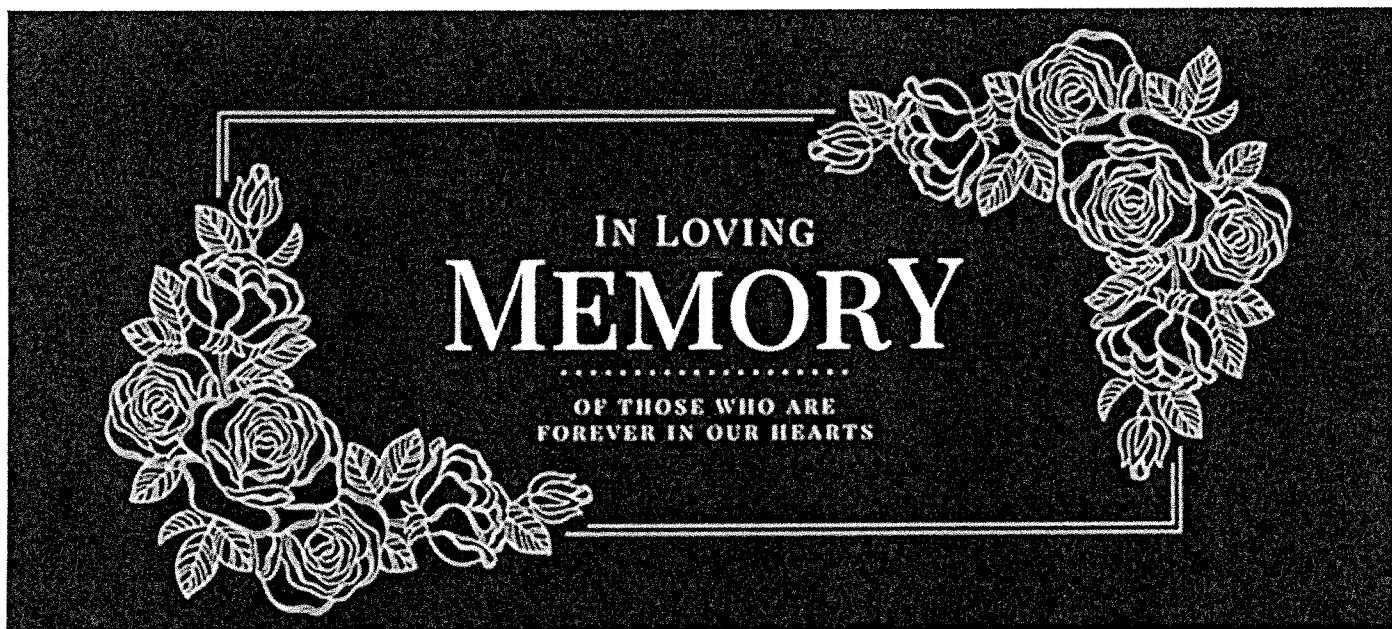
SENDING HYMN ELW 418 *Rejoice in God's Saints*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Helgi Davis

Carol Hillman

Remmie Morin

Those for Whom We Pray

Lolly Tangen, James Flores, Veronica L. Esquivel, Amanda Vale, Sandra Flores, Letty Flores, Nicole Paredes, Victoria Trevino, Javier Davila, Enriqueta Olvera, Teresa Trevino, Ernesto Trevino III, Vanesa Guajardo, Aurora Buentello, Magda Buentello, Oscar Enrique Vergara, Francis Luna, Richard Martin, Hiram Alanis, Mike Salyers, Kim LaFleur, Emma Salinas, Zaida Flores Avila, Laura Cortez, Carey, Melanie Valdez, Colleen White, George Wolf, Larry Laiskonis, Bill Waugh, Mary Flores, Danny Garza, Irasema Garza, Gloria Trevino, Rene Guajardo, Rylie Guajardo, John

Prayer request cards are located in the hymn rack. Let us know when God has met your prayer needs! Call the church office at 956.383.2647 or email at flcedinburg@gmail.com, so the requested name can be removed from the prayer list, and we may rejoice with you.

Announcements

- November's lector and altar set-up sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin table, if anyone would like to volunteer.
- There is still time to add to our newsletter, please send any statement that you would like to add by Tuesday, November 4th.
- Pastor Gabbi will be out of the town Wednesday, November 5th to Sunday, November 9th.
- A new prayer list will be starting Thursday, November 6th, please let the office know if you would like to keep or add a name to the prayer list.

- Cross Trails Ministry, our synod's camping ministry, is holding a family retreat at camp Rio in Brownsville from November 14-16th. For more information to register see the flyer in the narthex or you can talk to Pastor Gabbi.
- Join us on Tuesday, November 18th, at 6:30pm for Alt. BS group (the Alternative Bible Study). Location will be announced in a later date.
- Join us on Thursday, November 20th at 6:30 pm for a WELCA Dinner and Bible Study here at in our fellowship hall.
- **October birthdays & anniversaries**
- Joey Galvan's birthday October 3
- Lily Rangel's birthday October 6
- Harlen Palacios' birthday October 11
- Jade Esquivel's birthday October 18
- Marcos Rangel's birthday October 22
- James Caster's birthday October 22
- Angel R. Vallejo's birthday October 22
- Fabian & Brenda Rodriguez Wedding Anniversary October 24
- Bill & Annie's Waugh Wedding Anniversary October 25
- Jeslyn Contreras' birthday October 25
- Abel Flores Jr. birthday October 28
- Annika Palacios' birthday October 30

A SHORT COURSE ON THE NICENE CREED

You've spoken the Nicene Creed hundreds of times during the liturgy, right? But where did it come from? Why was it written? What does it really mean?

This year, 2025, is the 1700th anniversary of the year that the Nicene Creed was first proposed – at an event called (oddly enough) the Council of Nicaea. It was a decisive turning point in the history of Christianity and in the development of Christian doctrine. And the story of the Council reads like an action-thriller novel. Yes, really.

So we are going to learn about what happened at the Council of Nicaea exactly 1700 years ago, and what this Creed we know so well is all about. On November 9, we will study the historic event of the Council; and on November 16, we will carefully go through the Creed itself, and figure out what is so important in those familiar words.

Oh, and there will be food – a swell potluck. Bring something to share.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
&
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
(RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP)**