

# Time after Pentecost

## June 21st, 2026

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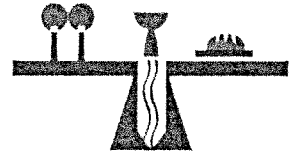
**Welcome to God's House ... an area of sacred space to honor God.**

**We ask that you be respectful of the Nave, and others that are here to worship.**

**Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.**

**Please refrain from eating or drinking while inside the Nave, or leaving trash behind when you depart.**

**Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas** on this fourth Sunday After Pentecost. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



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 and share our beliefs concerning this sacrament, are invited and encouraged to participate in the Eucharist. This includes members of other Lutheran churches and members of other denominations. 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 and people who do not wish to receive 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.

*Pastor: Rev. Gabriella Conklin*

*Cantor: Claudio Esquivel*

*Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn*

*Organist: Marilyn Martin*

**FIRST TIME VISITORS** — Please sign and include contact information on the guest book located between the double doors at the front of the Narthex. We hope that you 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.**

Please remember to  
**TURN OFF OR SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**  
before service begins.  
We appreciate your help in minimizing any distractions during service.  
Thank you!

## + GATHERING +

### PRELUDE

#### STAND **CONFESSION & 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,

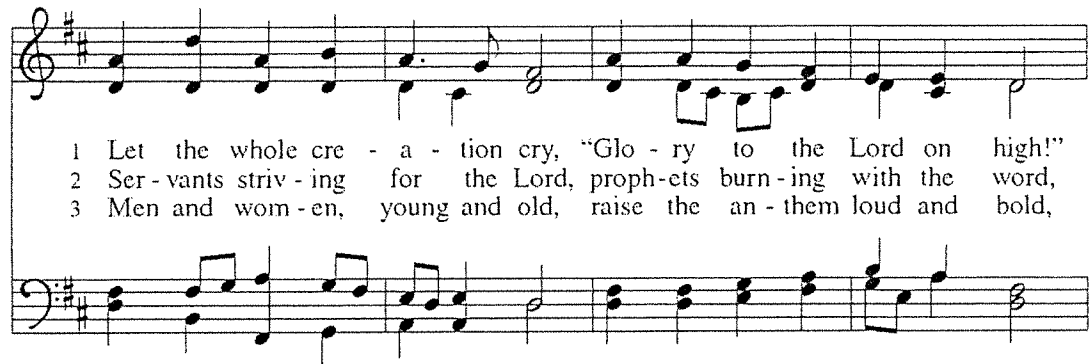
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

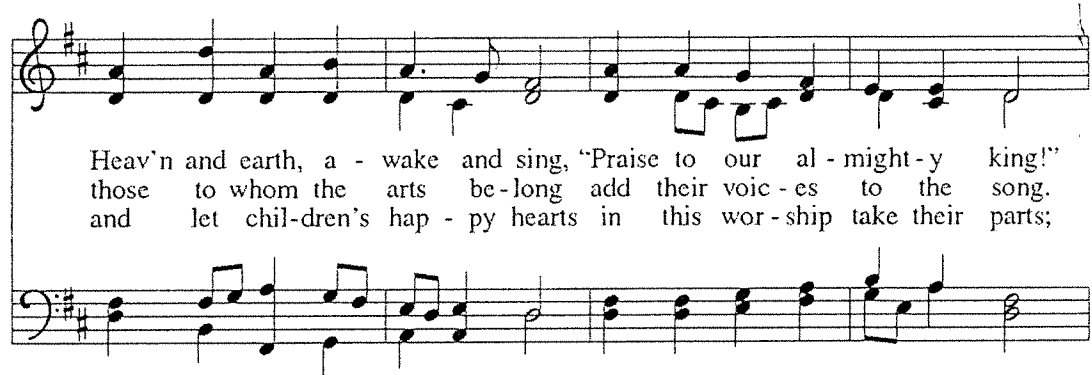
Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

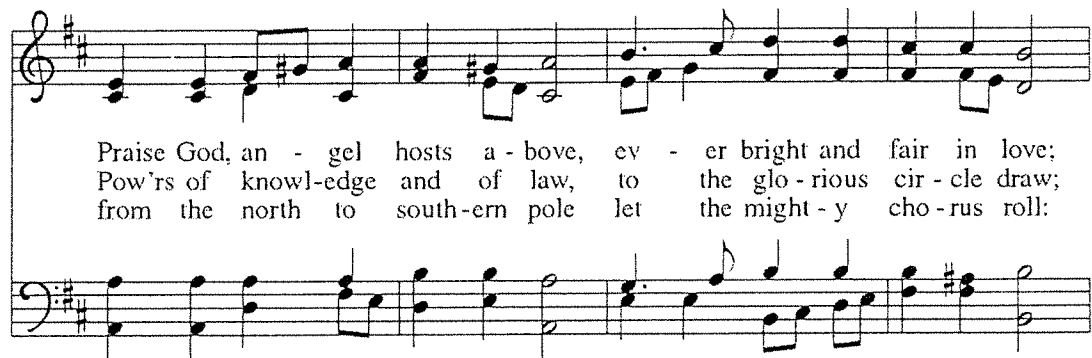
## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 876 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*



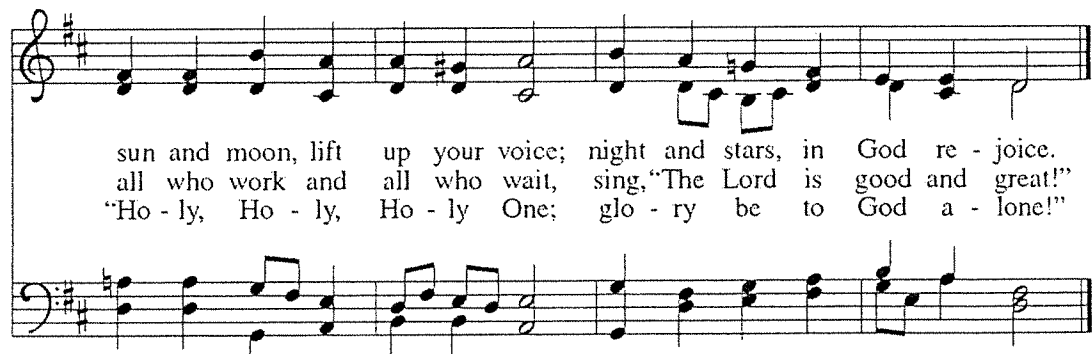
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



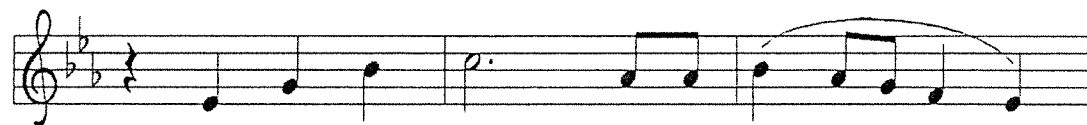
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

### 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



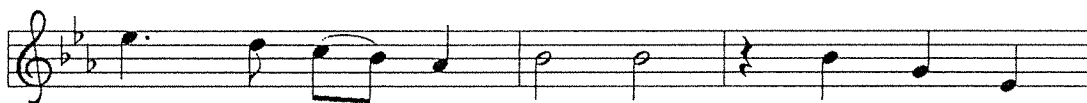
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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. Lord Je - sus



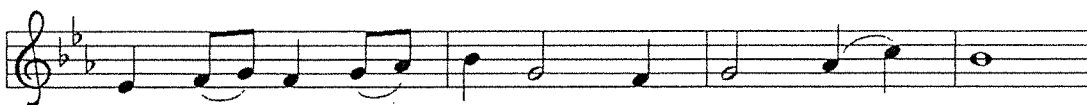
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.

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 in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SIT + LITURGY OF THE WORD +

### FIRST READING - *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out;

I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."  
<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.  
<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

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

**PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach. R**

[ <sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set,  
O LORD:  
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep  
waters. R**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

] <sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me. R**

## **SECOND READING - Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

<sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**STAND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING - Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SIT HOMILY**

**STAND HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 806 O God, My Faithful God**

### **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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*Brief Silence.*

*Together as a family of  
faith we lift our joys,  
concerns, and  
intercessions to God.*

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## + LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

## OFFERING

*SIT*

*The peace our LORD is  
shared throughout the  
gathered assembly*

**STAND**

We offer to God the gifts of bread and wine, our monetary gifts for the ministry of the Church in the world, and the gift of our own lives.

**OFFERTORY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;

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

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

**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.

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

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

**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.

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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **FRACTION**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

*The bread is broken in  
silence before the congrega-  
tion is invited to the  
table to partake of the  
holy meal*

## SIT AGNUS DEI



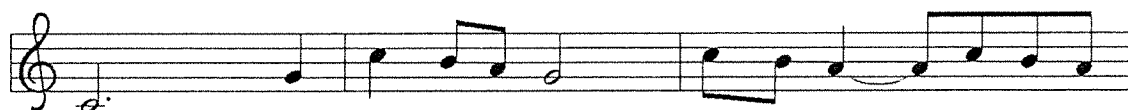
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

### RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

*Those who wish to receive the Eucharist may come to the chancel by way of the center aisle.*



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

*After receiving the elements the communicant responds: AMEN.*



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The sign of the cross is made before and after receiving the elements.*

## COMMUNION HYMN *ELW 781 Children of the Heavenly Father* *ELW 732 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

### 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**

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.**

## **+ SENDING +**

### **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**Amen.**

*SIT*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*STAND*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 810 *O Jesus, I Have Promised***

### **DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## *Those for Whom We Pray*

Danny Garza, Irasema Garza, Gloria Trevino, Rene Guajardo, Javier Davila, Veronica L. Esquivel, Amanda Vale, Sandra Flores, Letty Flores, Nicole Paredes, Victoria Trevino, Mary Flores, Belia Paez, Ryan Guajardo, Adela Bustos, Robert Moffitt, Kim LaFleur, Mike Salyers, Hiram Alanis, Brenda Flores Rodriguez, Blanca Garcia, Baby Eden Garcia Butler, Willie Flores, James Flores, Frances Luna, Janie Contreras, Larry Varys, Grant, Jim Wilkerson, Annie & Bill Waugh, Sue Acres, Bob Copland, Randy Synder, Ed Sheffield, Lee Pace, Anita Dorsey, Karen Wiilis, Belinda Lopez, Alyssa Diaz

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](mailto:flcedinburg@gmail.com), so the requested name can be removed from the prayer list, and we may rejoice with you.

## *Announcements*

- July's lector and altar set-up sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin table, if anyone would like to sign up.
- So far, we have collected \$7,080 from the fundraiser tickets. There is another \$280 anticipated.
- We will be having a WECLA meeting on Thursday, June 25 at 6:30 pm at the Barrel House in Edinburg .
- The ELCA Innovation Lab is a team of design-thinkers in the ELCA Church-wide Office trained to listen, identify possibilities, and then actually come back with resources to support new endeavors. They will be holding a listening session in our RGV conference on Tuesday, June 30 from 5pm to 7pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1105 Fern Ave W, McAllen, TX 78501. If you are interested, get in touch with Pastor.

- We will be having guest speakers from Adult Teen Challenge on Sunday, July 19, potluck to follow after service. More information is soon to come.
- Just a remind that every 3rd Tuesday for the foreseeable future is Jason's Deli fundraiser night. Our WELCA (Women of the ELCA) unit invites you to enjoy Jason's Deli for a good cause every 3rd Tuesday of the month anytime between 4pm to 9pm at the Jason's Deli located at 4100 N 2nd St. Ste. 100, McAllen, TX 78504.

