

Time after Pentecost

July 5th, 2026

10:30 am

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

Please ask that you be respectful of the space, and others that are here to worship.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

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

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas on this fifth 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

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302 S. Sugar Rd
Edinburg, Tx
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Office Hour:
Tuesday-Friday
10 AM-3 PM

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.

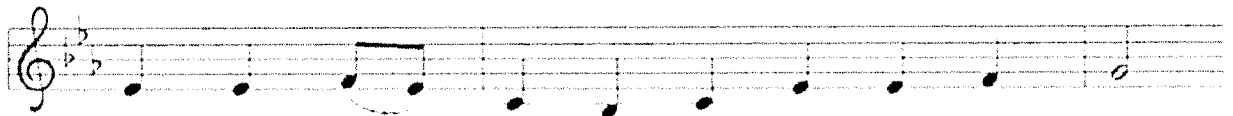
Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

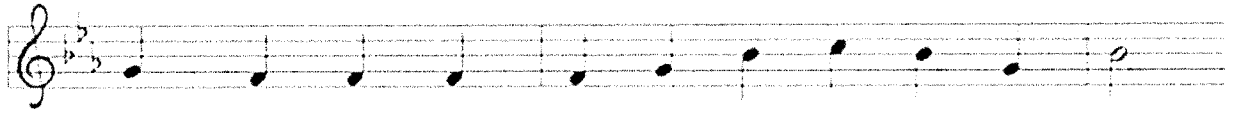
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

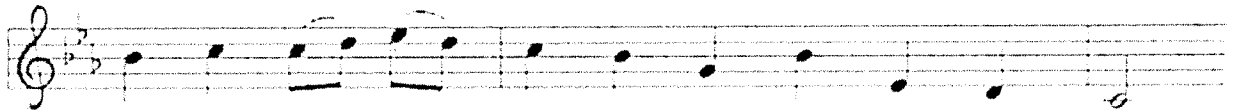
PROCESSIONAL HYMN *ELW 765 Lord of All Hopefulness*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



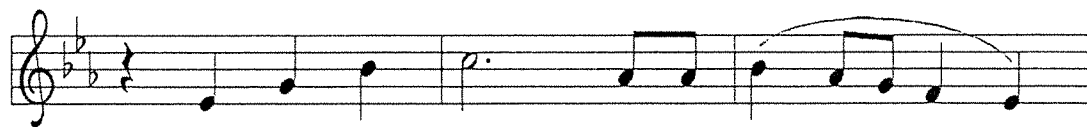
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.

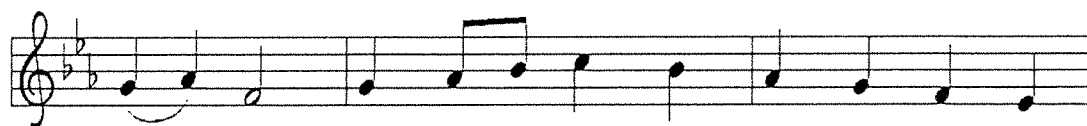
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



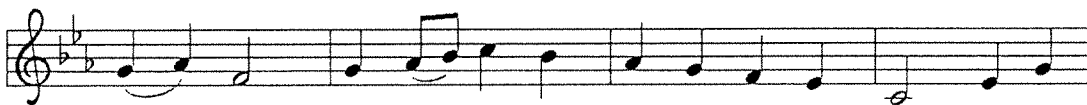
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



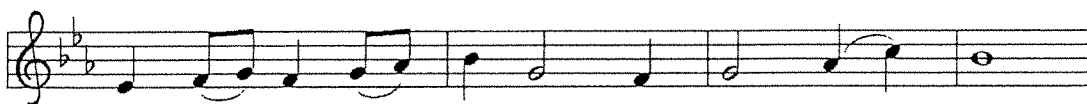
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

SIT **FIRST READING - Zechariah 9:9-12**

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
 and the war horse from Jerusalem;
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,
 and he shall command peace to the nations;
 his dominion shall be from sea to sea
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
 I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
 today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 145:8-14



- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.
- ⁹ **LORD, you are ¹ good to all,
 and your compassion is over ¹ all your works. R**
- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise ¹ you, O LORD,
 and your faithful ¹ ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory ¹ of your kingdom
 and speak ¹ of your power,**
- ¹² that all people may know ¹ of your power
 and the glorious splendor ¹ of your kingdom.
- ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
 through- ¹ out all ages.**
 You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in ¹ all your
 works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall
 and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down. **R**

SECOND READING - Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT HOMILY

STAND HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 770 Give Me Jesus

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Brief Silence.

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

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest (especially), we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

PEACE

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

The peace our LORD is shared throughout the gathered assembly

+ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

OFFERING

SIT

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

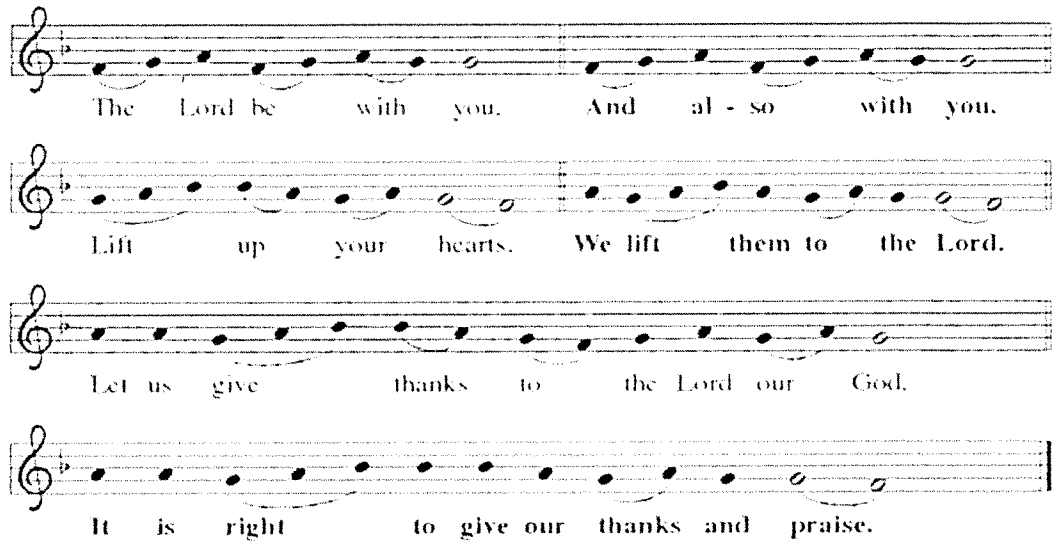
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 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



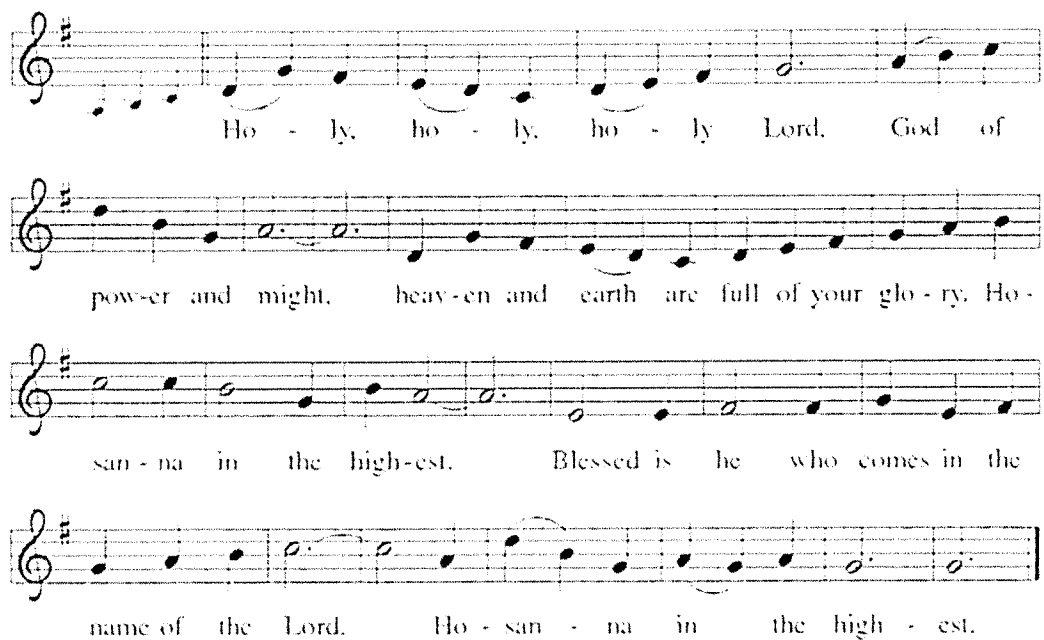
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, 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:

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.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power 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.**

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

FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

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

After receiving the ele-
ments the communicant
responds: **AMEN.**

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

COMMUNION HYMN *ELW 608 Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*
ELW 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

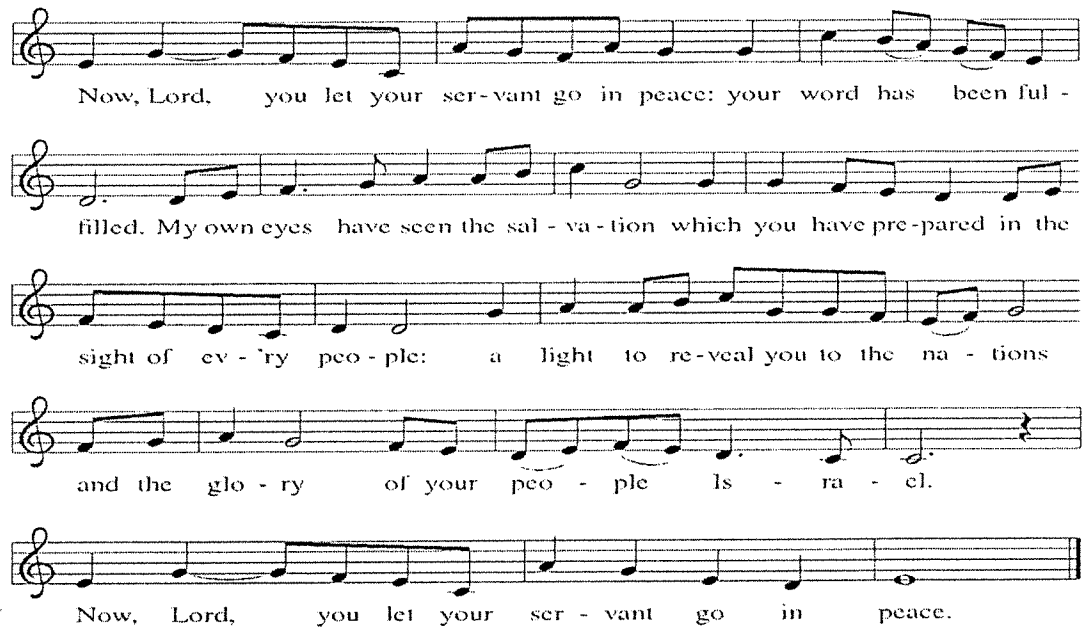
STAND

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIT

STAND

RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 888 O Beautiful for Spacious skies

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, Sue Acres, Bob Copland, Randy Synder, Ed Sheffield, Lee Pace, Anita Dorsey, Karen Wiilis, Alyssa Diaz, Roy Lahti, Vivian Munn, Frances Gallardo

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

- We still need a lector for July 26, if anyone would like to volunteer.
- A new prayer list will start next Sunday, please let the office know if you would like to keep a name on the prayer list by Wednesday, July 8.
- Join us for some friendly competition on July 10 at 6:30 pm for Family Game Night.
- We will be having guest speakers from Adult Teen Challenge on Sunday, July 19, potluck to follow after the service. Sign-up sheets are available in narthex.
- Just a reminder 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. Don't forget to mention Women of the ELCA at check out!