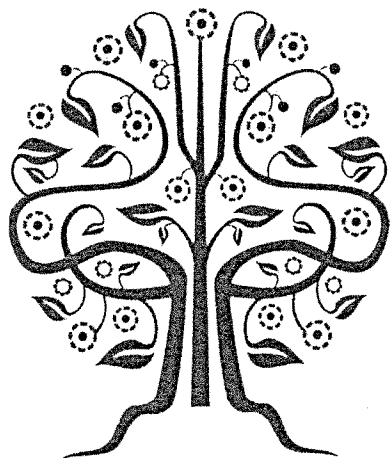


Welcome to God's House ... an area of sacred space to honor God.



Time after Pentecost July 19th, 2026 10:30 am

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.

Pastor: Rev. Gabriella Conklin

Cantor: Claudio Esquivel

Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn

Organist: Marilyn Martin

First Lutheran Church
302 S. Sugar Rd
Edinburg, Tx
78539

Office Hour:
Tuesday-Friday
10 AM-3 PM

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas on this eight 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.

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.

Today's service has been dedicated to the celebration of Roel and Diana Corona's 12th wedding anniversary on July 19th, 2014.

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.

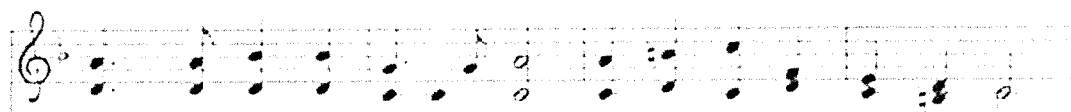
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

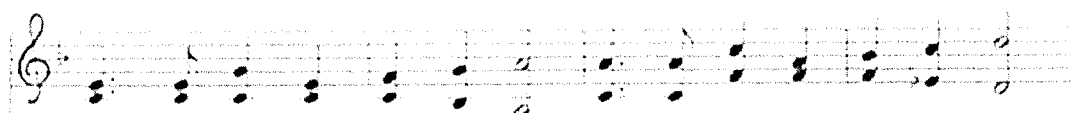
PROCESSIONAL HYMN *ELW 693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy tri-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin,
 wheat and tares to-ge-th-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown,
 from his field shall in that day all of-fen-s-es purge a-way;
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied,
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear,
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide,



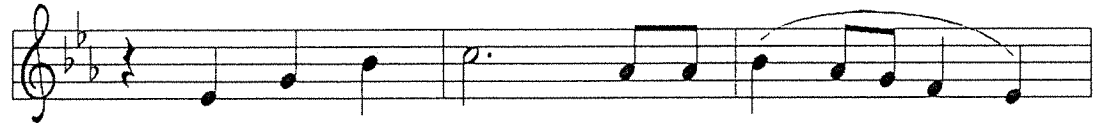
Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home,
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be,
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more,
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

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 -



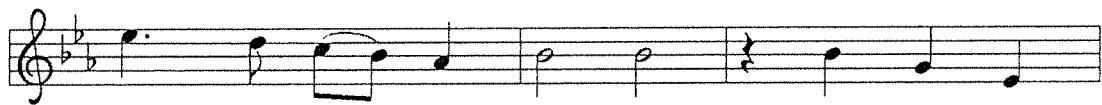
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



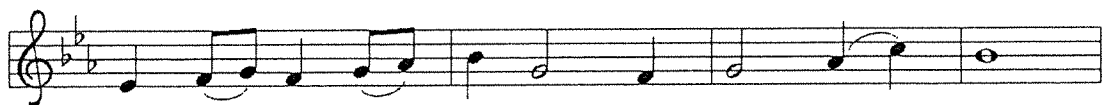
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

SIT **FIRST READING - Isaiah 44:6-8**

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
 have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 You are my witnesses!
 Is there any god besides me?
 There is no other rock; I know not one.
 The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 86:11-17



Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;
 give me an undivided heart to re- ¹ vere your name.
- ¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with ¹ all my heart,
 and glorify your name for- ¹ evermore. R**
- ¹³ For great is your ¹ love toward me;
 you have delivered me from the ¹ pit of death.
- ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
 people ¹ seeks my life;
 they have not set you be- ¹ fore their eyes.**
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kind- ¹ ness and truth.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- ¹ cy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child ¹ of your
 handmaid.**
- ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may
 see it and be ¹ put to shame;
 because you, LORD, have helped me and com- ¹ forted me. R**

SECOND READING - Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 with hand

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-40

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT REFLECTION

STAND HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 516 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

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.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. (We pray especially for . . .) God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. 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.

The peace our LORD is
shared throughout the
gathered assembly

PEACE

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

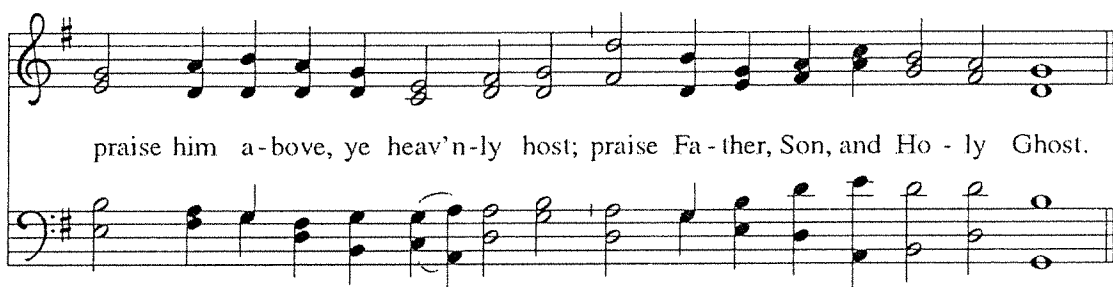
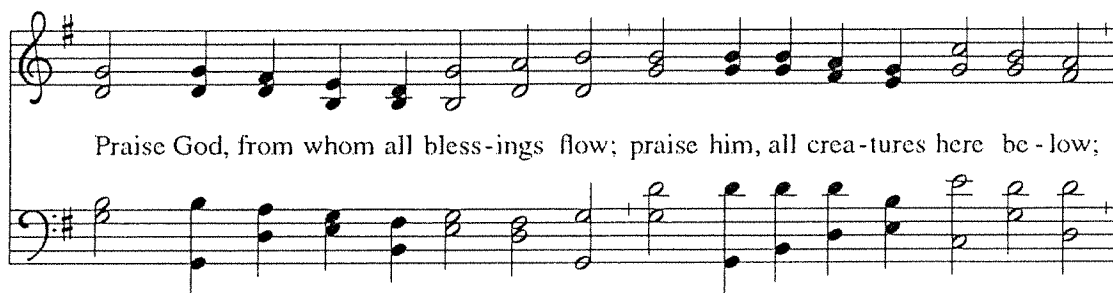
+ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

SIT OFFERING

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*

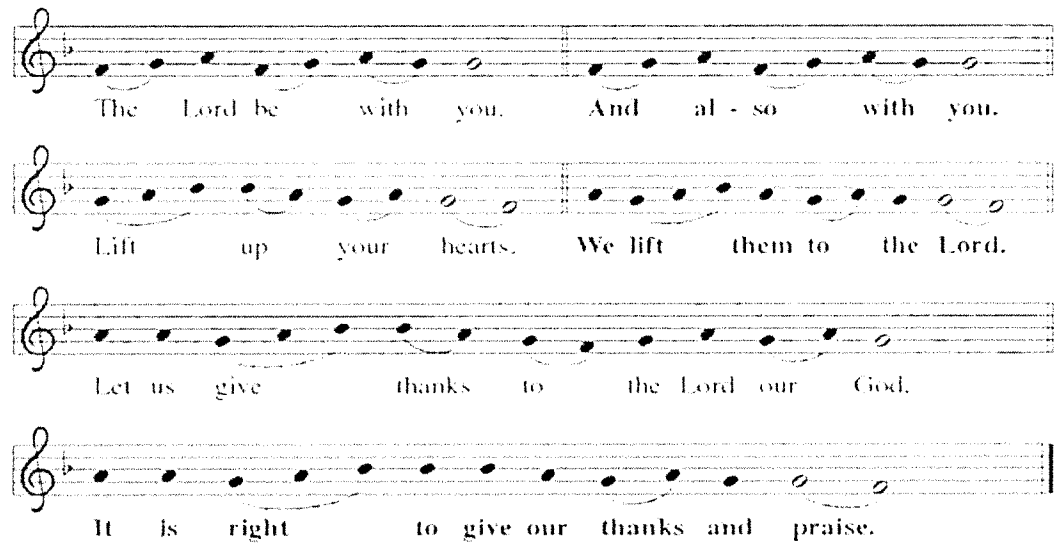


OFFERING PRAYER

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.

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving to the Father. Following Jewish customs, the eucharistic Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked him) for his works of kindness and love

GREAT THANKSGIVING

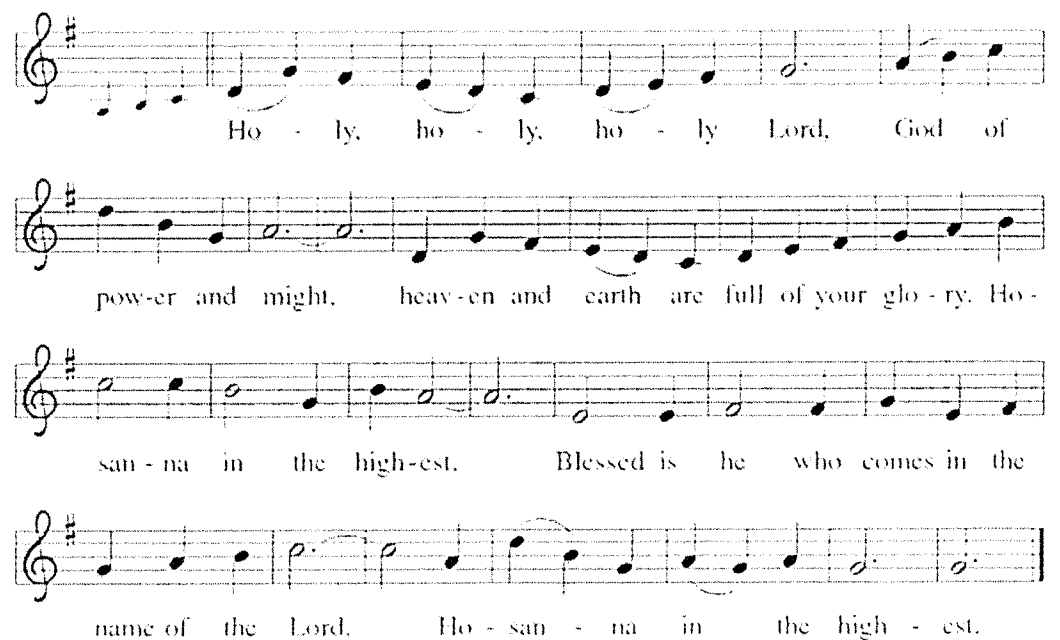


PROPER PREFACE

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.



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 congre-
gation is invited to the
table to partake of the
holy meal

FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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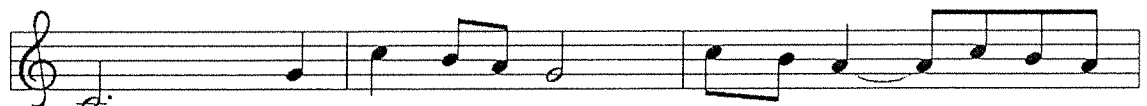
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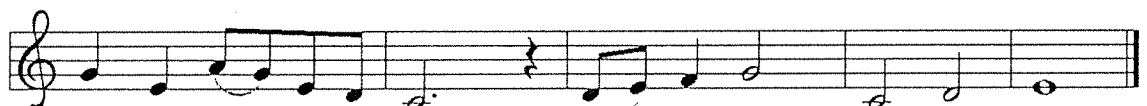
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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 399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life ELW 710 Let Streams of Living Justice

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 TEMPLE TALK *(Adult and Teen Challenge group)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 649 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Those for Whom We Pray

Frances Gallardo, Mary Flores, Baby Eden Garcia Butler, Nicole Paredes, Victoria Trevino, Amanda Vale, Michelle Ramirez, Javier Davila, Belinda Lopez, Roy Lahti, Bob Copland, Sandra Flores, Letty Flores, Brenda Flores, Rodriguez, Robert Castillo, Richard Flores, Lillian F. Mann, Blanca Garcia, James Flores, Robert Moffitt, Sue Moffitt, To the family of Eddie Hesbrook

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

- Please join us after the service for Teen Challenge Potluck.
- There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday, July 22.
- Pastor Gabbi will be out of town Monday, July 20 to Sunday, July 26. She will be in the office Tuesday, July 28.
- We are going to have Good by Summer community market on Friday, August 7 from 6pm to 9pm. Please let people know about the event if some would like to sell, they can find us on Facebook or Instagram page for more info. We also have some flyers located on the newsletter table.