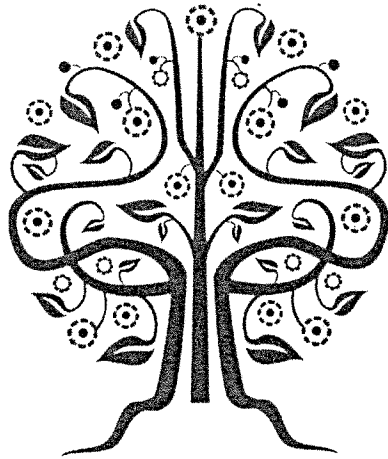
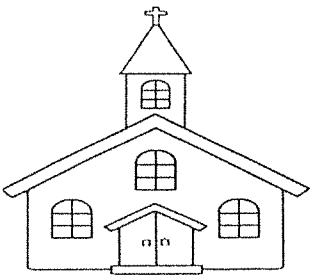




Time after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

10:30 am

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.

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 Fourteenth 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.

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 655 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace.
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace.

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race.
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead;
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

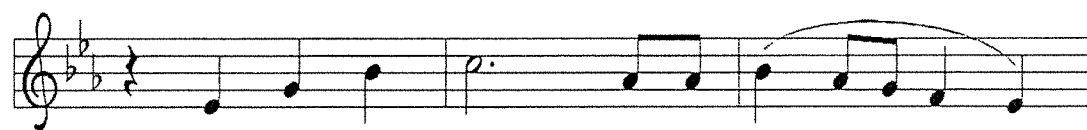
fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain,
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion; here on earth your will be done.

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 -



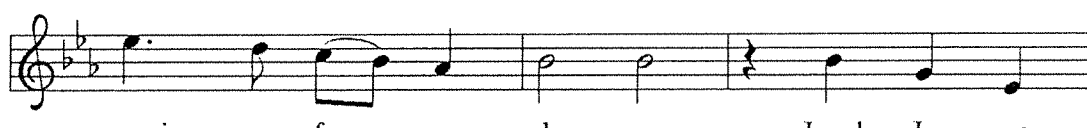
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



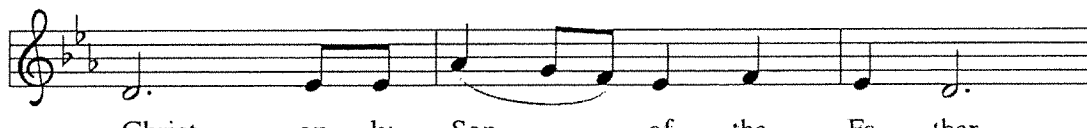
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



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



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



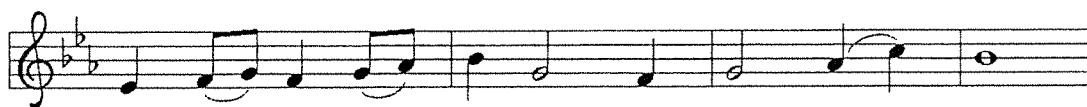
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

SIT **FIRST READING - Jeremiah 15:15-21**

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 26:1-8



¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.

² **Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart ¹ and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.

⁴ **I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful. R

⁵ I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides. R

SECOND READING - Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

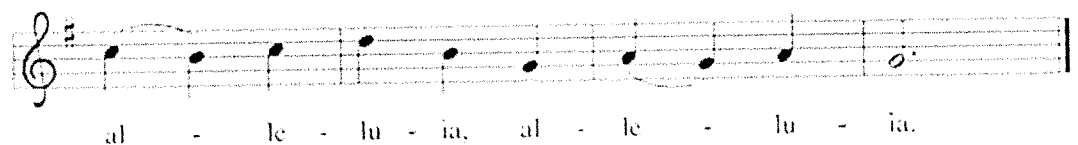
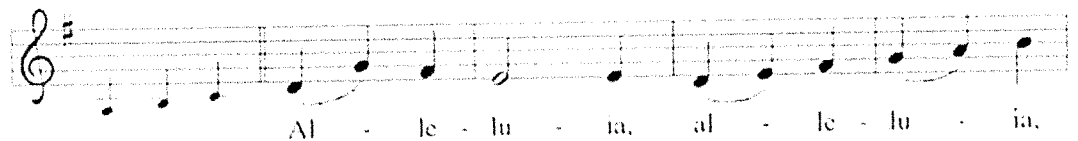
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord

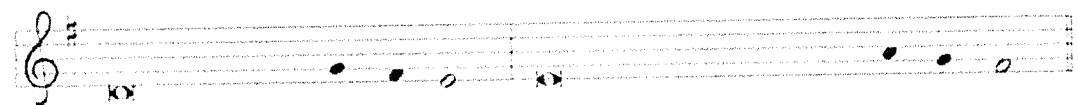
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND



Repeat alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT HOMILY

STAND HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 667 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Brief Silence.

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

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

Amen.

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 +

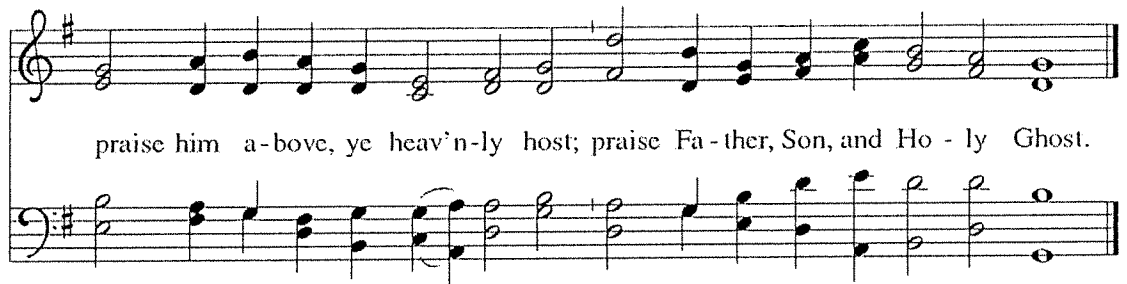
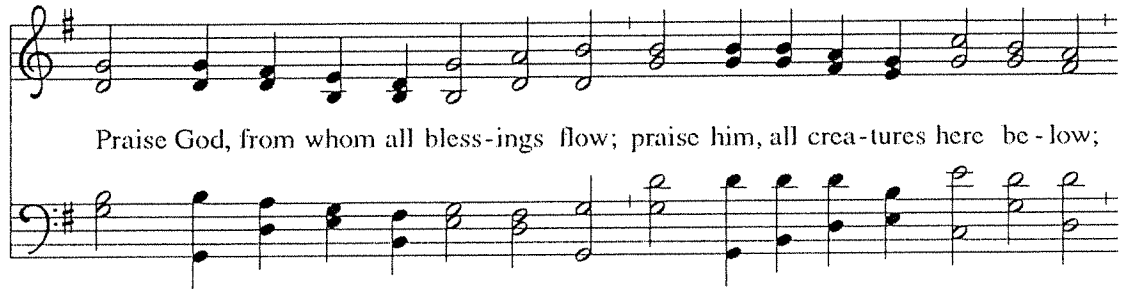
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OFFERING

STAND

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

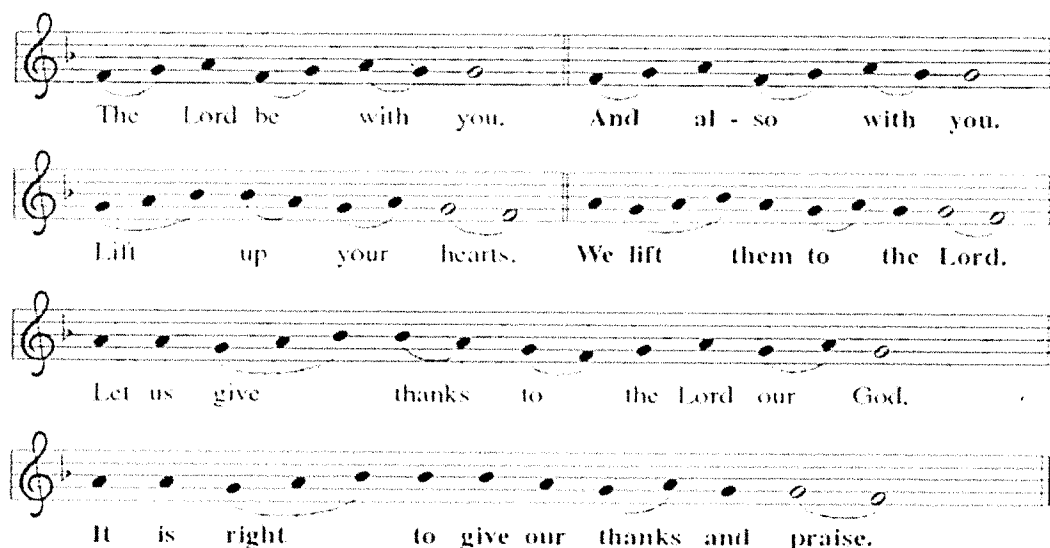


OFFERING PRAYER

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 emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked him) for his works of kindness and love

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.

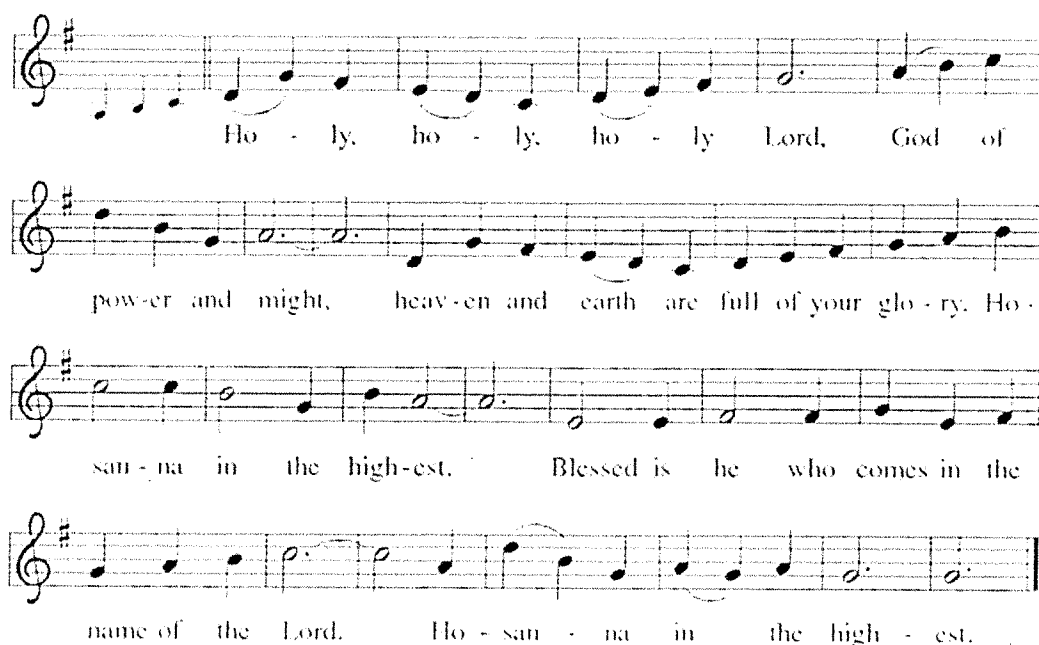
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

*The bread is broken in
silence before the congre-
gation is invited to the
table to partake of the
holy meal
SIT*

FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

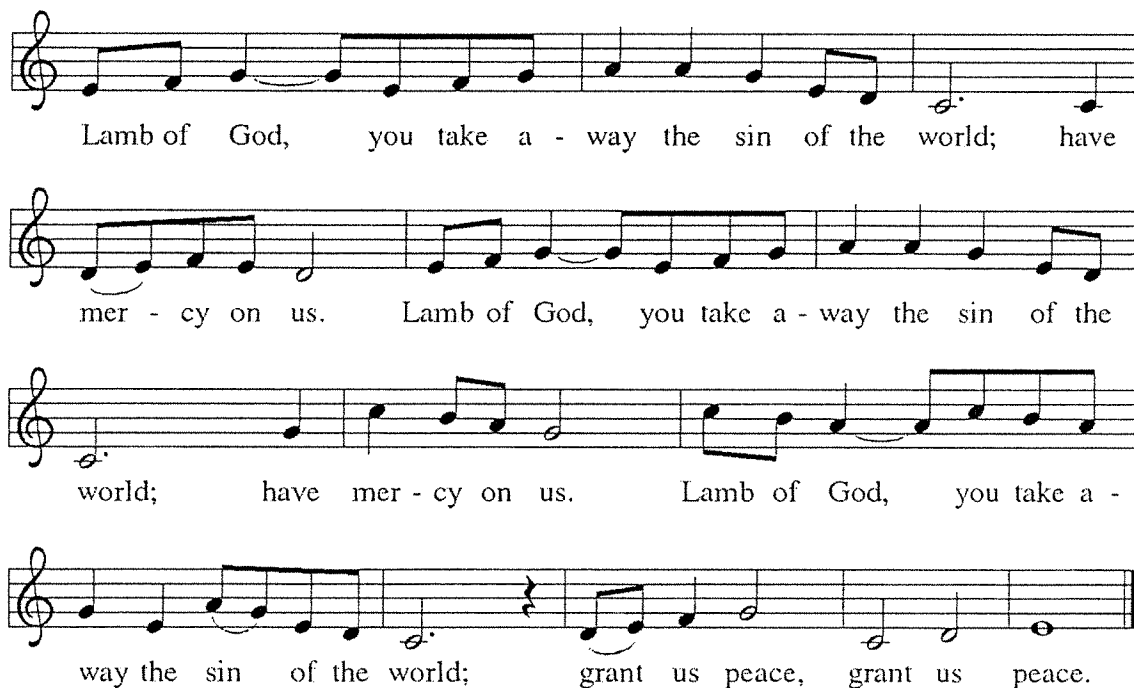
AGNUS DEI

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.*



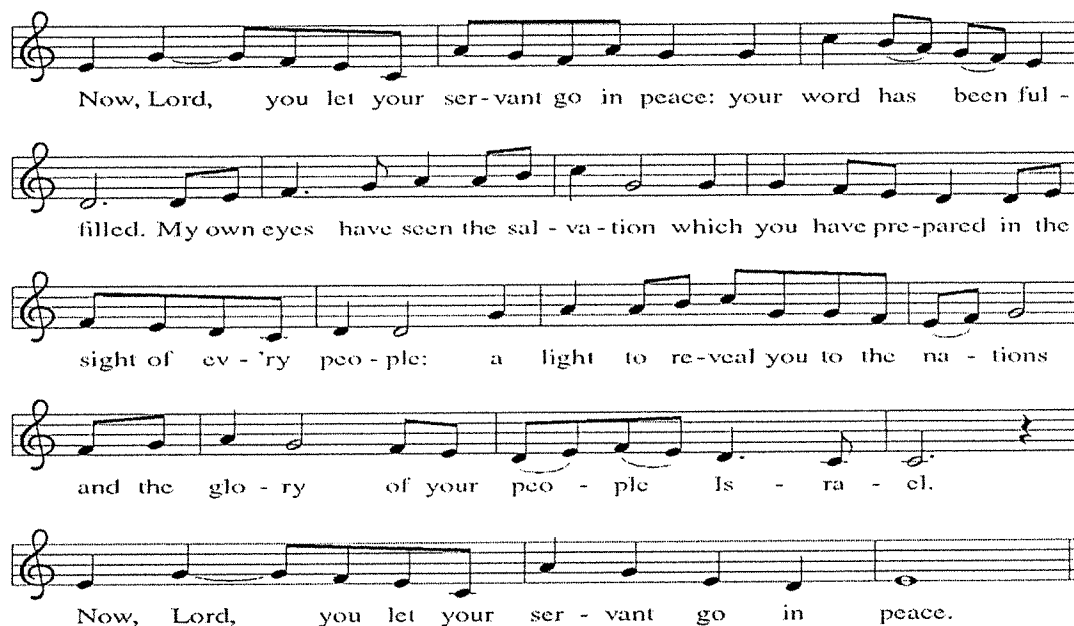
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW 656 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
ELW 658 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts***

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 548 Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

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, Sandra Flores, Letty Flores, Brenda Flores Rodriguez, Robert Castillo, Richard Flores, Lillian F. Mann, Blanca Garcia, James Flores, Weston Moffitt, Sue Moffitt, Mike Salyers, Hiram Alanis, Ryan Guarjar-do, Bina Harsherger, Tony Garza, Teresa Trevino, Jonathan Diaz, Adela Bustos, Erika Graces, Deborah Garcia Butler

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 need a lector for September 20th. If anyone would like to volunteer you can find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin table.
- We are planning to have a Clean-up Day for our storage/AC rooms. A voting sheet is available on the newsletter table. Please vote for the date you think would work best:
 - October 10
 - October 17
- Pastor will be at Grind Coffee Co. (315 W University Dr,) on Thursday, September 3rd from 11 am to 3 pm.
- We are having a rummage sale on Thursday-Saturday, October 29-31. If you are planning to do some late-summer or early-fall cleaning at home, please consider donating any items you no longer need to our upcoming rummage sale. Donations can be dropped off at the office.

- There is still time to add to newsletter, please send in any statement you would like to add by Tuesday, September 1st.
- We are preparing gift baskets for Edinburg First Responders for our God's Work Our Hands. There is a list of items we need for our baskets located in the Narthex. We also need volunteers on Saturday, September 12th to make the baskets and volunteers to deliver the baskets on Sunday, September 13th.
- Our FLC choir will open the fall season with a rehearsal following the worship service on Sunday, September 13. All are welcome to join.
- **August birthdays & anniversaries**
 - Rosalia Charlize Vallejo's birthday August 4.
 - Hope Palacios' birthday August 10
 - Liljah Martinez's August 20
 - Lia Esquivel's birthday August 25
 - Brenda Rodriguez's birthday August 26
 - James & Barbara Caster's Wedding Anniversary August 29