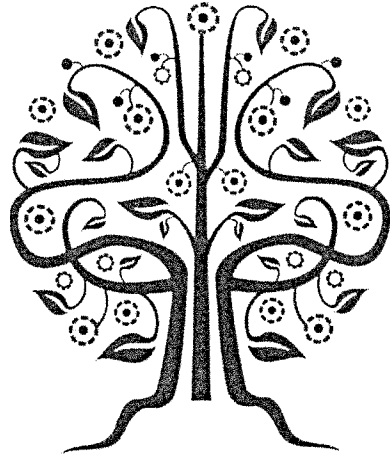
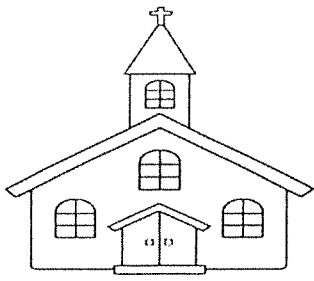




Time after Pentecost

October 18th, 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.

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas on this twenty-first 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.

Pastor: Rev. Gabriella Conklin

Cantor: Claudio Esquivel

Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn

Organist: Marilyn Martin

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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for
reflection.*

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

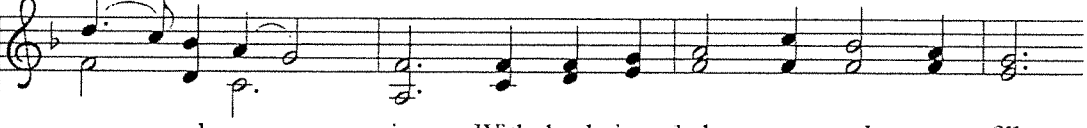
PROCESSIONAL HYMN *ELW 871 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



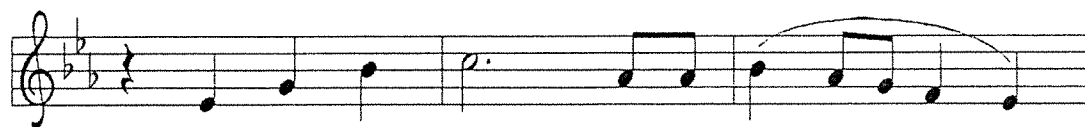
all our la - ment with peace you still.
all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
who is by one and all a - dored.
God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

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 -



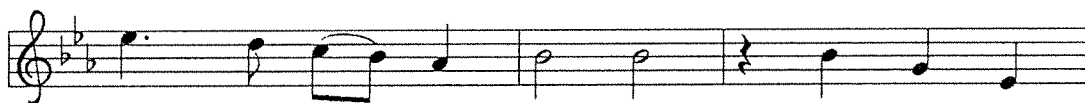
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and



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



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



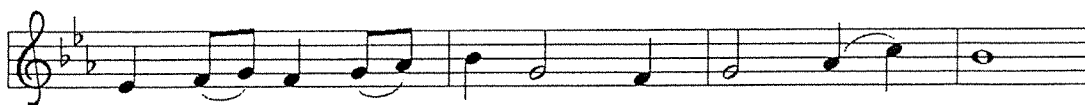
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SIT CHOIR ANTHEM *All My Hope on God is Founded*, Klementson

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING - *Isaiah 45:1-7*

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and to strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:
² I will go before you
 and level the mountains;
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron;
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name;
 I give you a title, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 96: 1-13



¹ Sing to the LORD ¹ a new song;
 sing to the LORD, ¹ all the earth.
² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name ¹ of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from ¹ day to day.
³ Declare God's glory a- ¹ mong the nations
 and God's wonders a- ¹ mong all peoples.
⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised,**
more to be feared ¹ than all gods. R
⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they ¹ are but idols;
 but you, O LORD, have ¹ made the heavens.
⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are ¹ in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your ¹ sanctuary.
⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families ¹ of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD hon-¹ or and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the¹ holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts¹ of the LORD. R**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beau-¹ ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD,¹ all the earth.

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: “The¹ LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peo-¹ ples with equity.”**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the¹ earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that¹ is
therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com-¹
ing, O LORD,
for you come to¹ judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the¹ world with righteousness
and the peoples¹ with your truth. **R**

SECOND READING - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

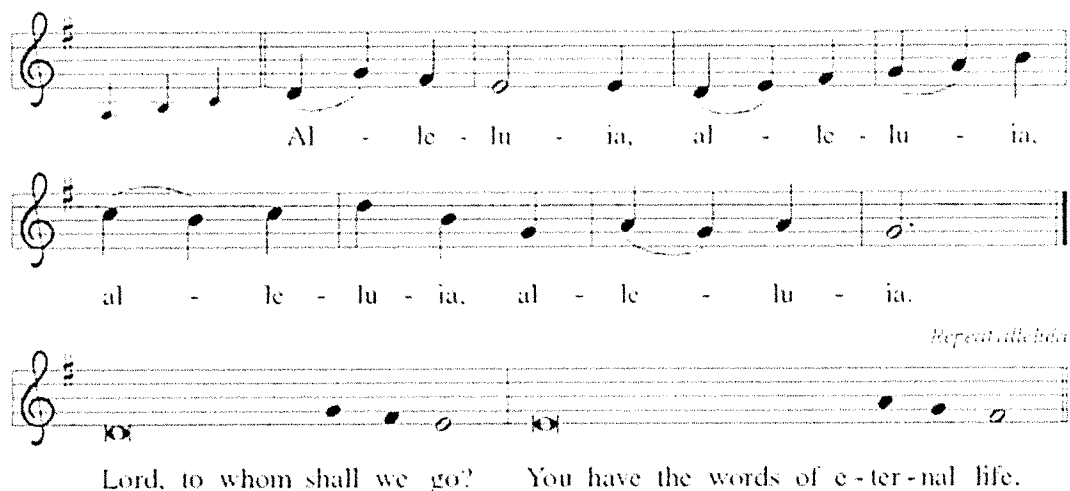
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

STAND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT HOMILY

STAND HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 714 O God of Mercy, God of Light

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Brief Silence.

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

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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.

STEWARDSHIP TALK

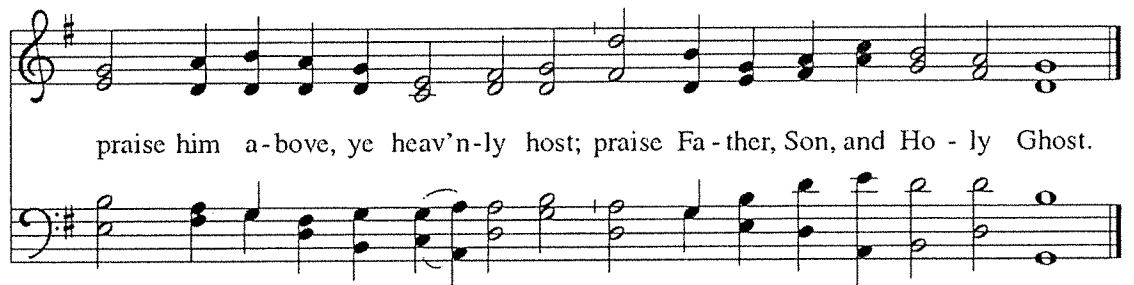
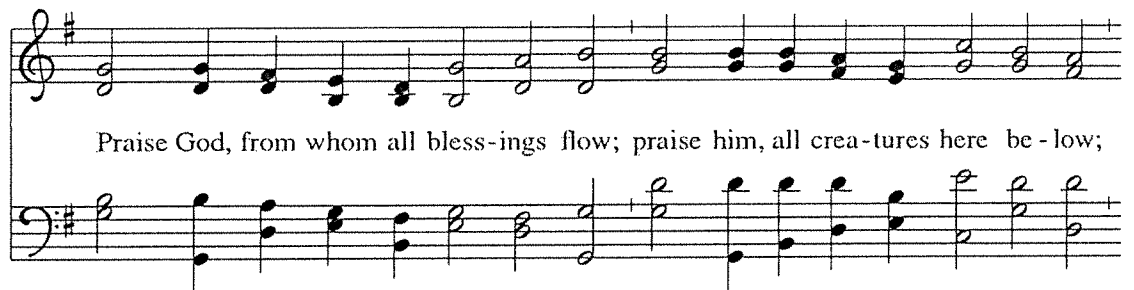
+ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

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*

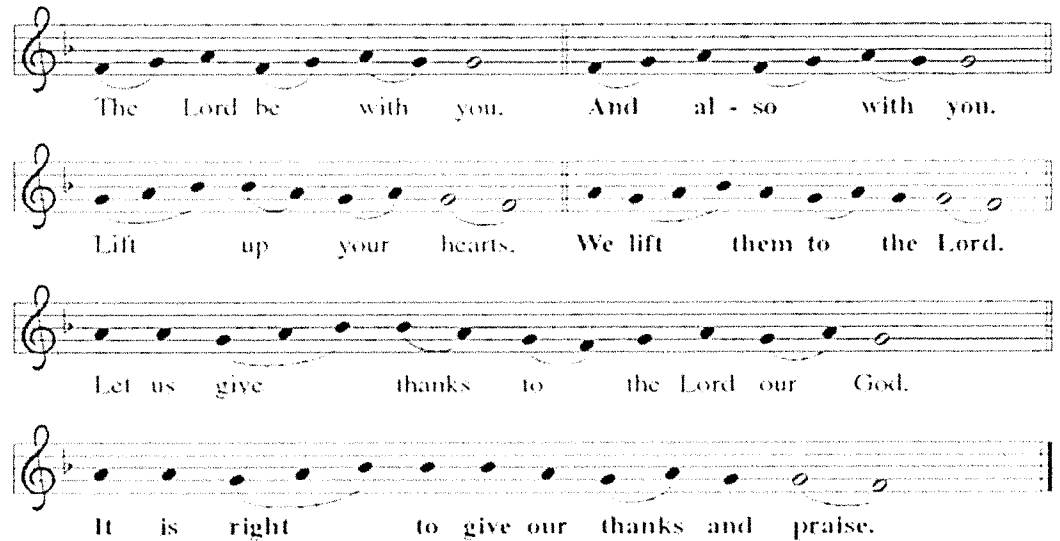


OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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

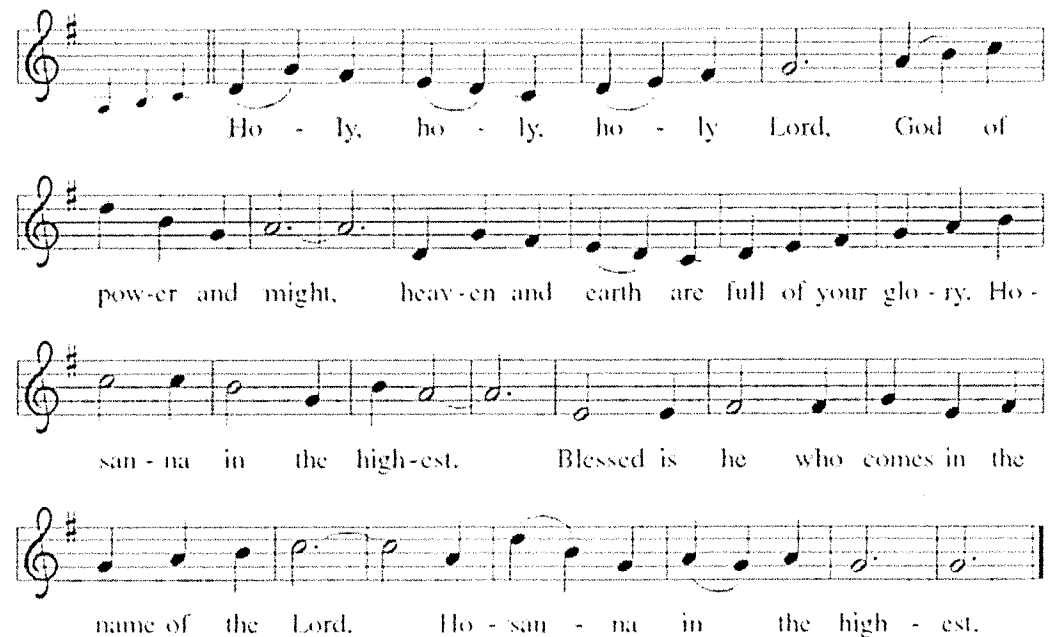


PROPER PREFACE

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 congrega-
tion is invited to the
table to partake of the
holy meal*

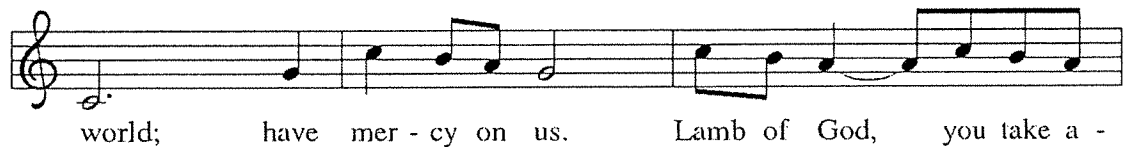
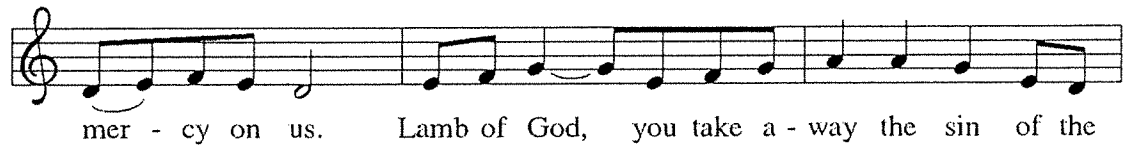
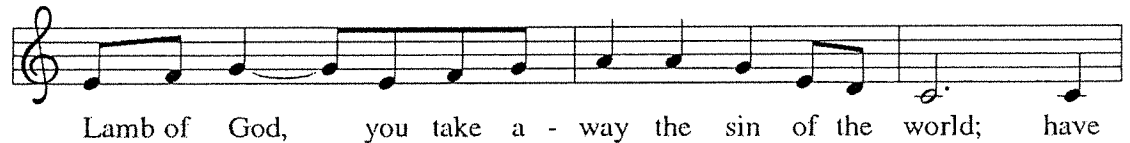
FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

SIT

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.*

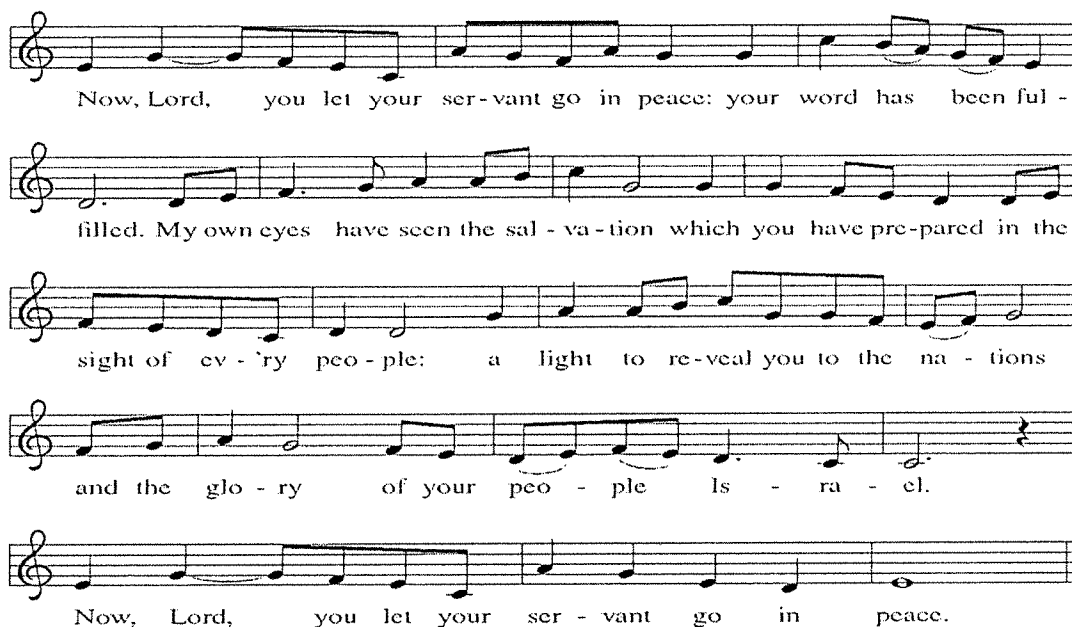
**COMMUNION HYMN ELW 713 O God of Every Nation
ELW 686 We Give Thee But Thine Own**

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

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 705 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Empowered by God — Responding by Grace

“Now as you excel in everything — in faith,
in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness,
and in our love for you — so we want you to
excel also in this generous undertaking” (2 Cor. 8:7).

Those for Whom We Pray

Frances Gallardo, 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, Lillian F. Mann, James Flores, Weston Moffitt, Sue Moffitt, Mike Salyers, Hiram Alanis, Ryan Guarjardo, Bina Harsherger, Tony Garza, Teresa Trevino, Jonathan Diaz, Adela Bustos, Erika Graces, Deborah Garcia Butler, Gloria Trevino, Magda Buentello, Oscar Vergara, Rylie Jade Guajardo, Anna & Javier Gutierrez

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

- Next Sunday is Reformation, please don't forget to wear something red that Sunday.
- November lector and altar set-up sign-up sheets are available, if anyone would like to volunteer.
- We are having a rummage sale on Thursday-Saturday, October 29-31. We need volunteers to help us on Friday, Oct. 30, there is a volunteer sign-up located in the narthex. Last day to bring to donations is Wednesday, October 21.
- Our Savior Lutheran in McAllen will be having a Trunk r Treat later today at 5 pm.
- Alt BS will on Monday, October 19 at 6:30 pm at Roosevelt's at 7 .

- Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Day, a special time to remember and honor our loved ones who have passed away. Please email or call the office to provide the names of loved ones who passed away from November 2025 to the present. Please submit names by Wednesday, October 28. You are also welcome to bring pictures or mementos of your loved ones to be placed on the altar for All Saints Day.
- Just advance notice so you all can pencil it into your calendars and plan accordingly; the congregational meeting will be on Sunday, November 8.