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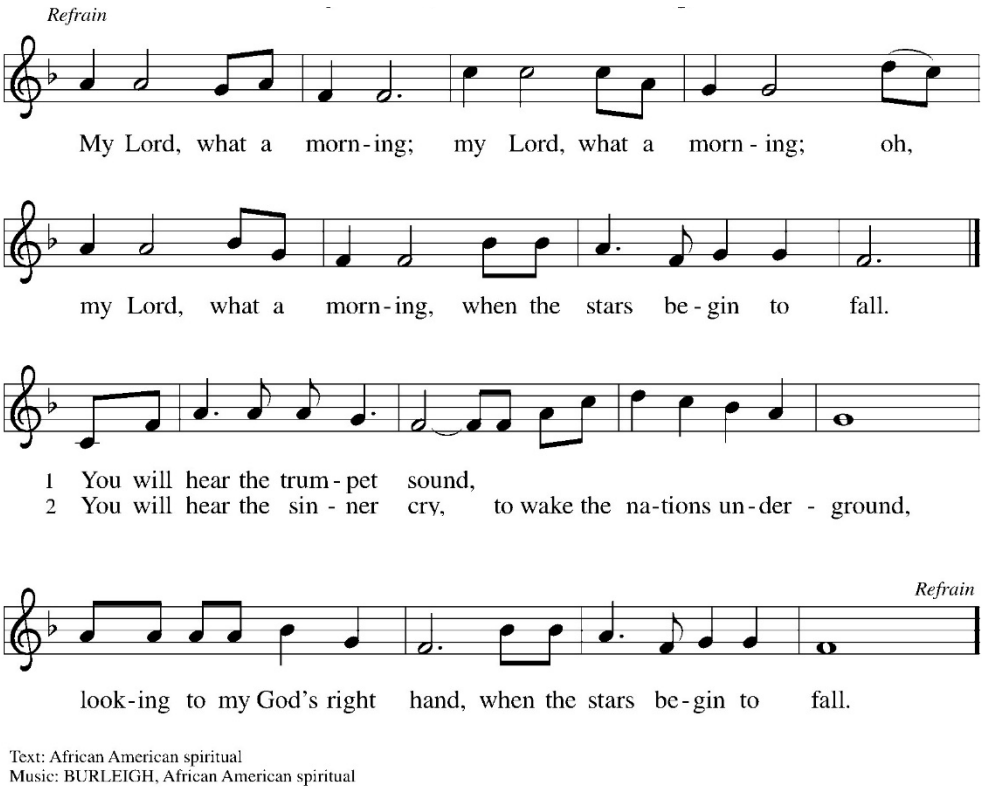
Sunday, November 8
24th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP
Pastor Stephen Hilding

WELCOME VISITORS.
IF YOU ARE SEEKING A NEW CHURCH HOME,
PLEASE CONSIDER FIRST LUTHERAN

PRELUDE **Be Thou My Vision**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG **My Lord What A Morning** **ELW 438**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen. *The assembly is seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Pastor Stephen Hilding**

(All kids age 3 up to 5th grade are welcome at Sunday School whether they are registered or not! If they are new and are anxious about going, parents are welcome to come and join!)

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.
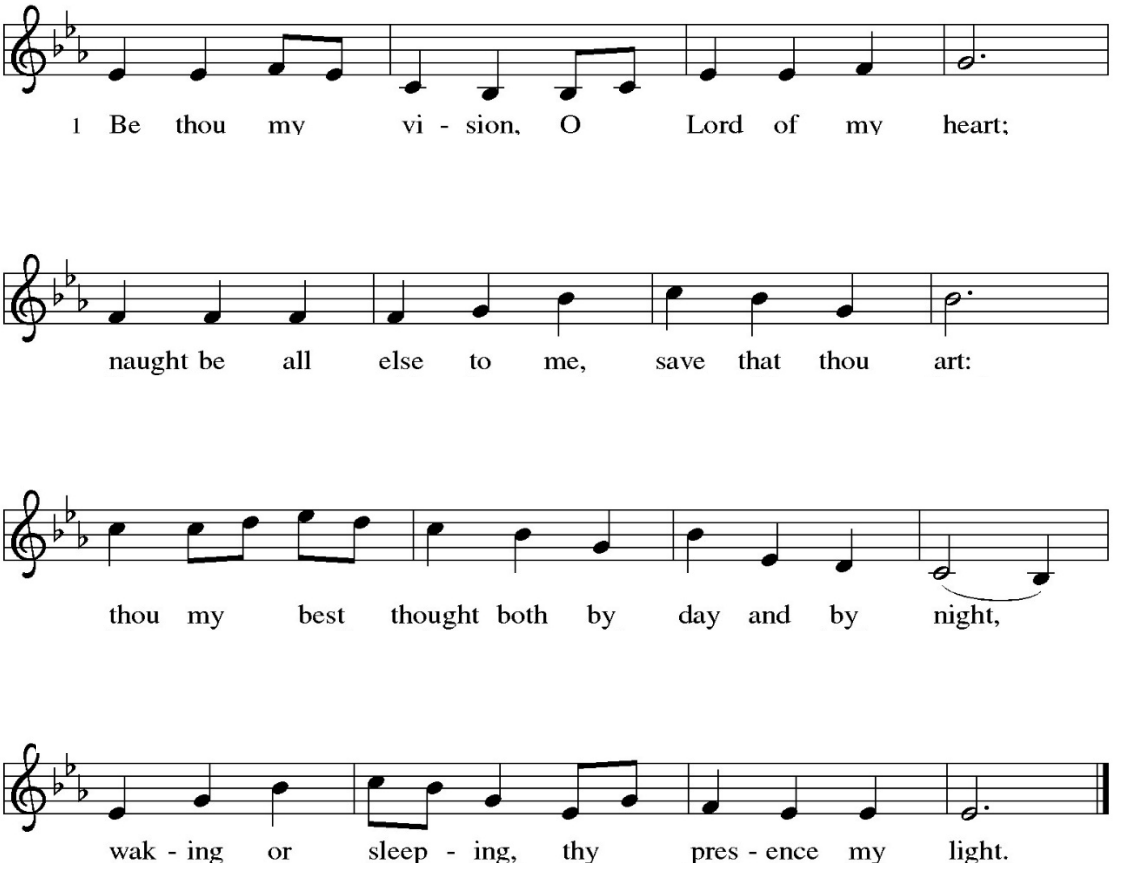
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Be Thou My Vision** **(ELW 793)**



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

HOLY GOSPEL OF MATTHEW **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

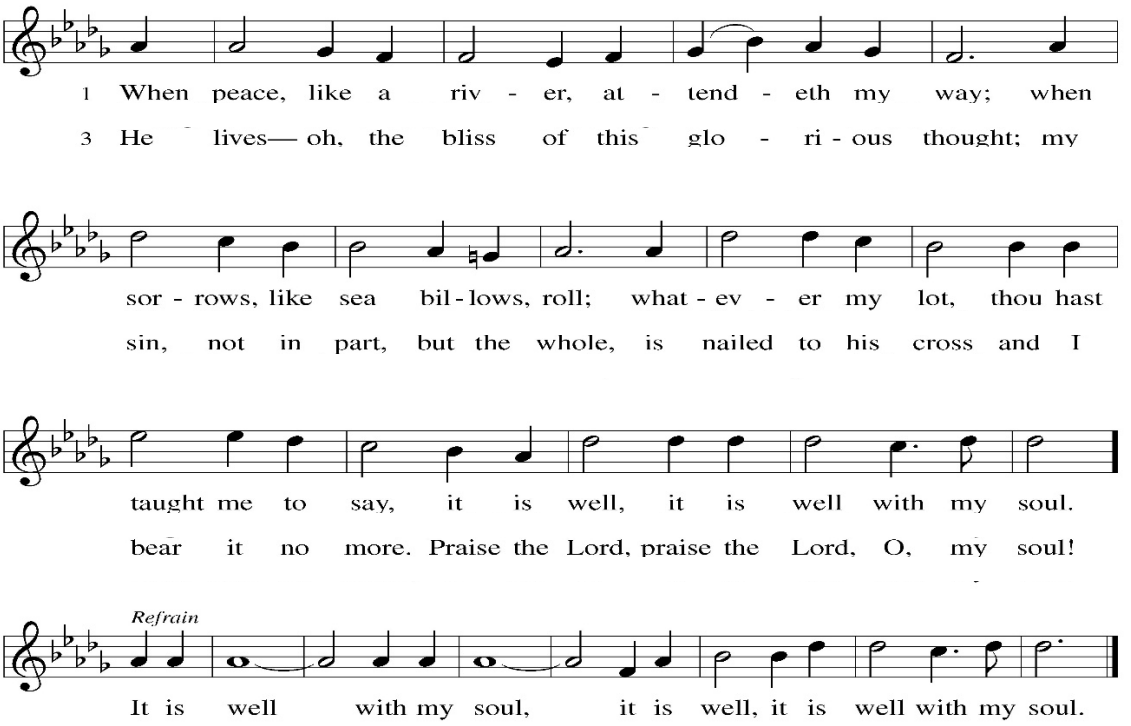
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P **The** Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION **Pastor Stephen Hilding**

SERMON SONG **When Peace, Like A River** **(ELW 785)**



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for those we name at this time… God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven especially Betty Anderson and Mae Thompson. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
A Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C Amen.

PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.
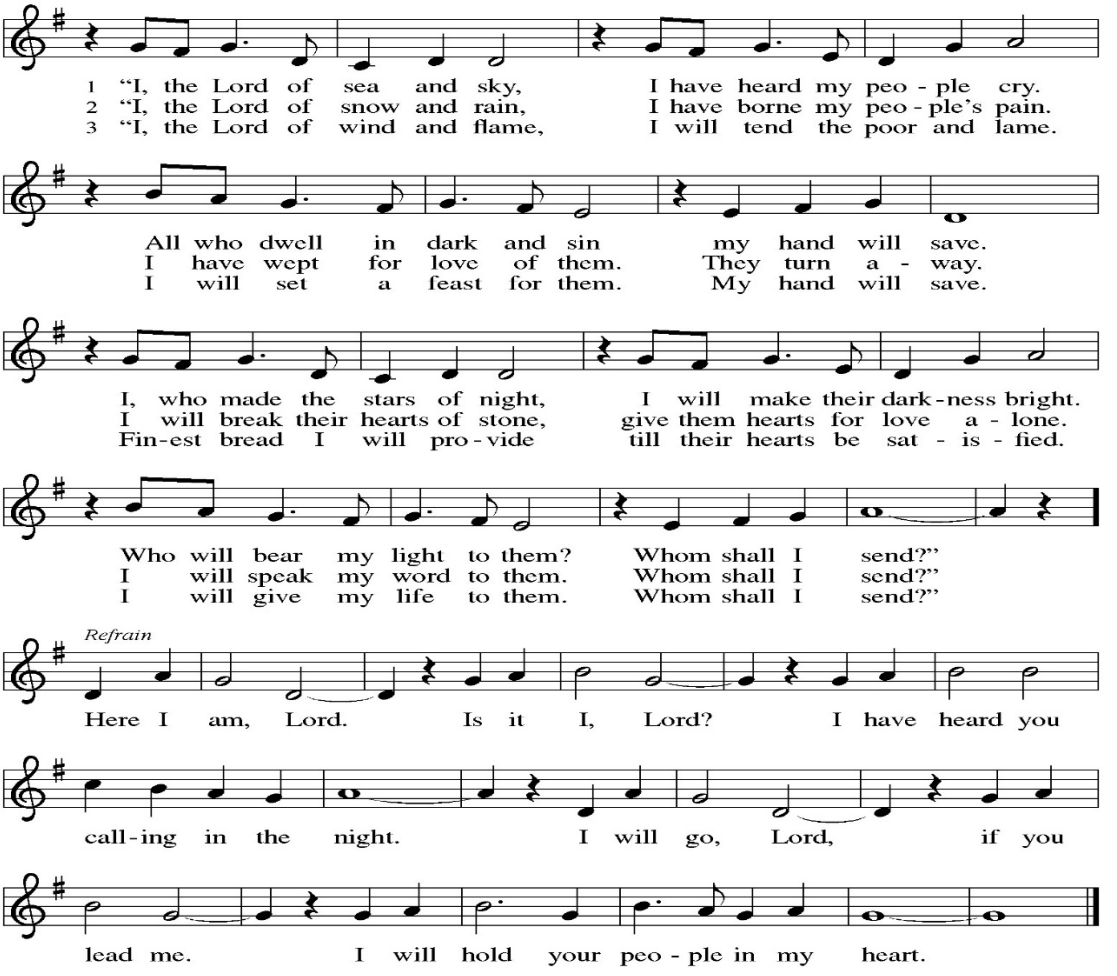
*Please share Christ's peace with those around yo**u.***

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

(*The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider First Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)*

OFFERING MUSIC **Here I Am Lord** **(ELW 574)**



Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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OFFERING *Please stand.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

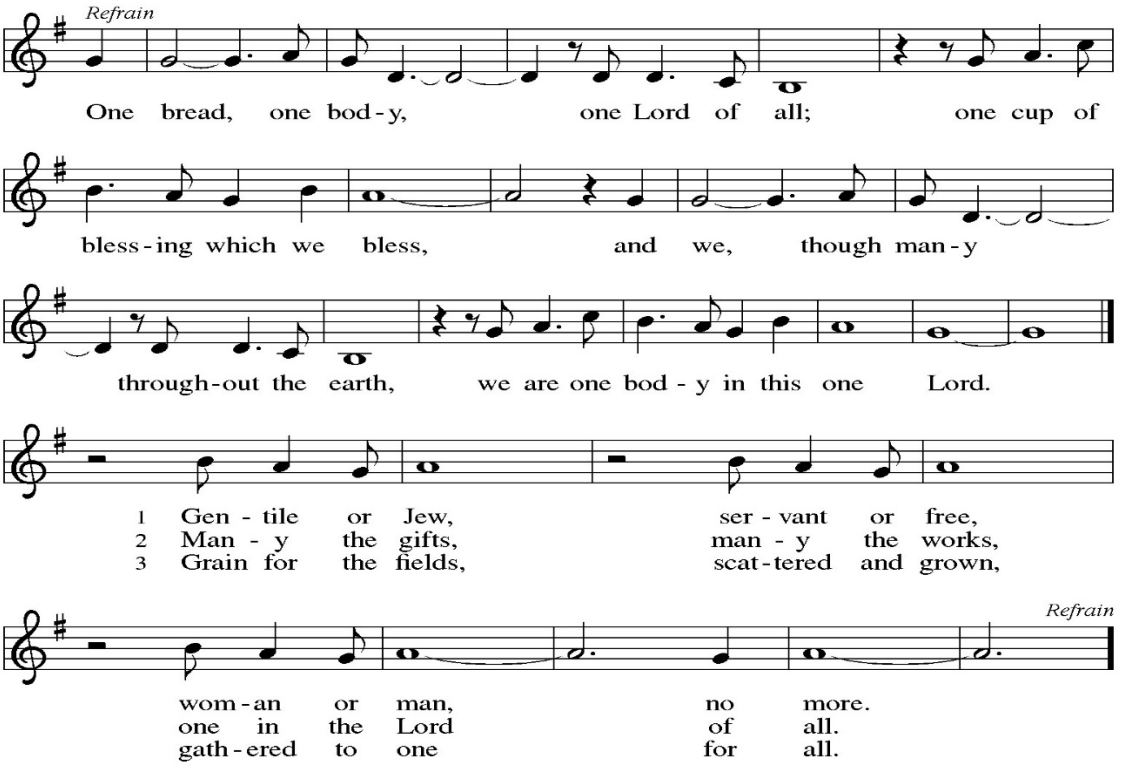
The Words of Institution

THE LORDS PRAYER

C 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 power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
COMMUNION DISTRUBUTION/ MUSIC One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

Please stand

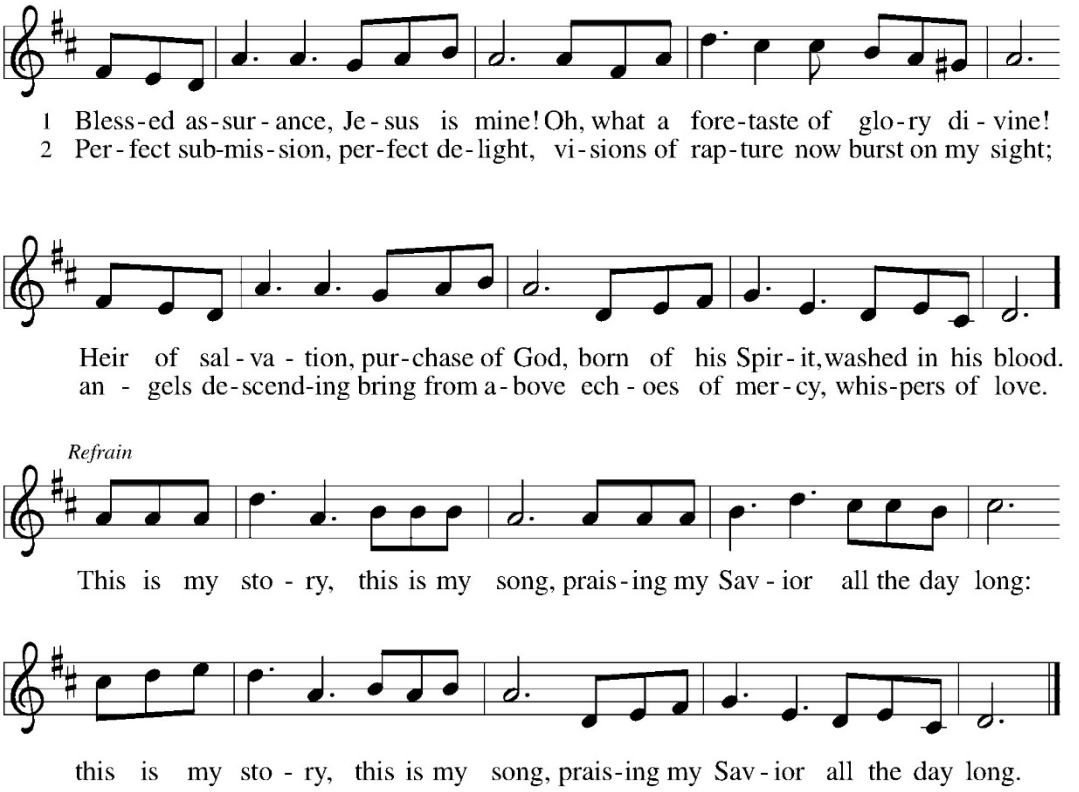


Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG **Blessed Assurance** **(ELW 638)**



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Remember our Mission:

"The Mission of FLC is

To share God's Love by Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing."

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CROSS TALK

You are welcome to experience God's love here at First Lutheran, where our lives are changed by the promises God has made to us through Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will profoundly engage you as we worship our Lord, together!
Hearing transmitters are available at the Main Street entry. If you need assistance, ask one of the ushers or greeters. Please return the transmitter after worship.
If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact the church's Financial Admin, Randi Jangula, at 572-6363 or office@flcwilliston.com.
Help us help you! If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and need a visit, please contact the church office. We have no way of knowing unless you speak up.
Restroom locations - Downstairs at church entrance, in north & south hallways to Fellowship Hall. A handicapped facility is near the door to the big kitchen.

CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Parents the online registration form is available now!
Please use the online registration form to register for: Sunday School, Wednesday School, Confirmation and Youth Group.

Student Registration:

- Register here by scanning the QR Code



Today's Radio Broadcast is in memory of Larry Lynne and is given by Lila Lynne and Paul & Aaron Lynne & families.

WELCA – Thank Offering

Sunday – November 8th, 2026
9:30 am Worship Service

Envelopes are available at the reception desk and were mailed with the November LAOS Letter.

Pastor	Stephen Hilding
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Director of Worship & Music	Anthony Morris
Organ Piano	Sarah Sando
Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound Tech	Zach Myhrer
Greeter	Lorna Easton
Ushers	Steve Slocum, Lorri Slocum
Reader	Don Wick
Coffee Hour	
Communion Servers	Lowell Sandvik, Carol Jean Sandvik

Help Needed!!

We need volunteers to help with the radio broadcast on Sunday mornings!!
With a little bit of training, you will be good to go.
Text Zach Myher for more Information!

Quarterly Devotionals are available at the reception desk and in the narthex. These are free and available for everyone.

SAVE THE DATE! December 6th

Annual Congregational Trust Meeting

Following 9:30 Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, November 8
THANKOFFERING
9:30 am Worship Service -S
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 Children's Sunday School Christmas music practice with Anthony
10:30 am Coffee Hour
Monday, November 9
8:00 am Pastor's/Lay Preachers Text Study
6:30 – 9:00 pm Concert Chorale - P
7 pm Scouts - FH
Tuesday, November 10
7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's
1 pm Staff Meeting – MR
6:00 pm Council

VETERANS DAY

Wednesday, November 11
2 pm -Women's Bible Study P
5:30 PM meal - FH
6:00 pm contemporary worship – C
Wed school students are dismissed to class following worship camp song.
6:45 pm Confirmation
Thursday, November 12
10 am - Coffee Group - P
1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat – P
6 pm –Cub Scouts Mtg - YR
Friday, November 13
10 am Bettey Anderson Funeral
Saturday, November 14
Sunday, November 15
9:30 am Worship
9:45 Sunday School
10:30 Children's Sunday School Christmas music practice with Anthony
10:30 am Coffee Hour

Prayer for healing and comfort:

Pastor Zach Harris, Lorna Sandvik Skavlem
Jean Lewis,
Sandra Robertson Johnson
Tara Gratz, Ron Raymond,
and Sawyer Smith

Sympathy and Prayers

For the family and friends of Mae Thompson and Betty Anderson

Military Service Members

Tayder Jones, Isaac Haugen,
Lars Conway, Cecilio Benn, Jorn Everson

Prayer List Updates?

Please look at the prayer list. Those listed on the Prayer list will remain there for a period of four (4) weeks unless a request is received to be removed earlier. More info? Call 701-572-6363

Week of
November 1 - November 6

Weekly Giving - $13,029

Attendance

Sunday, November 1 - 164

- **Wednesday, November 4 - 61**
- **225 DISCIPLES were sent** out in God's name to make a difference. We go out to do the same this week.

STEWARDSHIP

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back
It's all about God.
Direct – Cash or check donation into the plate, always welcome!
Online – Make a donation on our website:
www.flcwilliston.com
Text to Donate – Make a donation via Text message.
Simply text the word "Give" to
833-934-3039
Click on the link in the response and follow the prompts to complete your donation!

Tithe.ly Church App –
Search "Tithe.ly Church App" in your phone App Store or Google Play.
Simply download and find
First Lutheran Church, Williston ND
Click on the Give button.

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Membership

Are you curious about becoming a member of First **Lutheran Church** or learning more about our faith, mission, and community? We would love to talk with you!

Church Office Phone 572-6363

Pastor Stephen's Email: stephen@flcwilliston.com

We look forward to getting to know you and walking together in faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 13
10 am Betty Anderson Funeral - S
Monday, November 16
11:00 am Mae Thompson Funeral - S
Tuesday, November 17
Baking Day – Cocoa and Cookies event - K
Wednesday, November 18
9:30 am Faith Circle - P
Friday, November 20
6 pm Williams County 4-H Awards Dinner – FH
Saturday, November 21
10 am Hope Circle - P
Sunday, November 22
Christ the King Sunday
10:30 am Turkey Bingo – FH
Wednesday, November 25
6 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
NO Wed School/or confirmation
Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed
NO Activities
Friday, November 27
Office Closed
5:00 pm Cocoa and Cookies - Narthex
Saturday, November 28
Noon to 3 pm Oscar Quarne – 100th Birthday Celebration - FH
Sunday, November 29
9:30 am Worship Service - S
NO Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour – FH
10:30 am Christmas Decorating
Sunday, December 6
10:30 am Annual Congregational Trust Meeting - S
10:30 am Ruth Gulickson – 95 Birthday Coffee & Cake during Coffee Hour – FH
Monday, December 7
Potato peeling for lefse K
Tuesday, December 8
Flatbread/Lefse Bake K, FH
Saturday, December 12
1 pm Coffee & Pie – FH
2 pm Bake Sale - FH

THE GOSPEL CHOIR GROUP IS HOLDING PRACTICE

- All are welcome!
- On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Gospel Choir practices in the parlor before the 9:30 am Worship Service.
- On the 3rd Sunday of each month, the Gospel Choir sings in church.
- *Contact Karla Osborn at*
- *(701) 570-3987 for more info.*

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who serves as volunteers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and the many activities during the week. There are many opportunities.

We are looking for individuals to work two hours at least once a month on Tuesday.

Please call the office 701-570-6363 if you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities at First Lutheran.



Women of the ELCA

Have you ever wondered how you can help WELCA with projects and events?
Would you like to contribute to
Lutheran World Relief kits or quilts
but are unsure what to buy? WELCA has donation envelopes at the reception desk We greatly appreciate all the support you have given these projects over the years.
THANK YOU!

❄ **9th Annual**
Winter Wonderland Gift Show
Saturday, November 14
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
CHI Williston Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop
1301 15th Ave W, Williston
Open to the public! Shop for affordable gifts, enjoy cookies and coffee, enter for door prizes, and find unique holiday treasures.
Bring a friend and start your holiday shopping with us! 🎁☕



100th

OSCAR QUARNE IS TURNING ONE HUNDRED

Join us for lunch and cake to celebrate!

Saturday, November 28th, 2026
Noon - 3:00pm
First Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
Williston, ND

Ruth Gunlikson – 95th Birthday
December 6, 10:30 am
during Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall

The fellowship hour following the 9:30 am Worship service on December 6th will be hosted by the daughters of Ruth Gunlikson in honor of Ruth's 95th birthday. Please join us to share stories and enjoy a cup of coffee and a piece of cake to celebrate this special day!



Wednesday Meals

To The Committees:

Thank you for agreeing to help with the new ministry of providing Wednesday night meals for church school, confirmation and the congregation! Church committees have been assigned a week to take a turn preparing and serving the weekly meal. Once a month, on the first Wednesday will be a potluck for the congregation to participate in, if it is your committee's week, that's what you will be serving.

The Food Committee is working hard to make this as easy for your group as possible. There will be hot dishes available in the freezer for you to take out and prepare, alongwith a supply of cookies that were made for dessert. There will also be some groceries in the pantry to use. If you wish, you are welcome to plan and mal<e your own meal. There will be a list on the freezer of what is available and a list of grocery items. If you need to purchase items for your meal, or if you wish to order it, you will need to get the credit card from Beckie in the office.

You will need to be ready to serve your meal by 5:15 pm-supper starts at 5:30, and worship is at 6:00 pm. You may have some students assigned to help in the kitchen from time to time as part of their service hours.

There will be paper plates and plastic ware on hand to use. Most Wednesdays, your groups should consist of 3-5 people. If you use the dishwasher, you must empty it and clean it when finished, and take out the trash.

Assignments:

Nov. 11th---------- FOOD COMMITTEE
Nov. 18th ----------Trust Committee ----------Dave Hanson
Nov. 25th----------No meal----- ---------- Kathy Sinclair
Dec. 2nd----------Befrienders-----Deacon Lynea ---------- POTLUCK
Dec. 9th----------Property ---------- Greg Everson
Dec. 16th ----------FOOD COMMITTEE
Dec. 23rd ----------No Meal
Dec. 30th----------FOOD COMMITTEE
FOOD COMMITTEE: Kathy Sinclair, Sandy Winter, Kathy Loomer, Jeri Engberg, Lisa Zunich, Kathy Ekblad



Advent Sermon Series

WEDNESDAY ADVENT MEALS & SERVICES –



MEAL 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall
ADVENT SERVICE 6 PM Chapel
DECEMBER 2 -
DECEMBER 9 -
DECEMBER 16 -

Christmas is coming Soon!

Watch your bulletins and Facebook for details!

Cocoa & Cookies – We are planning to welcome the community again by offering Cocoa and Cookies Friday, November 27 starting at 5 pm. The public will be invited into the Narthex to warm up a bit as the parade passes.



Helpers are needed make cocoa and serve cocoa and cookies. Sign-up sheets will be available at the reception desk.

Donations of baked cookies will be accepted. and we will have a cookie baking day Tuesday, November 17th.

Baking Day – We will have a cookie baking day on Tuesday, November 17.

Church Decorating – Come prepared to help decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall and Parlor Sunday November 29th after 9:30 am Worship

Dec. 7 - Potato peeling for lefse
Dec. 8 Flatbread/Lefse Bake
Dec. 12 – 1 pm Pie and Coffee
Dec. 12 – 2 pm Bake Sale
Dec. 13 – 9:30 am Sunday School Program
Dec. 13 – 10:30 am Gingerbread Houses - FH
Dec. 13 – 2:00 pm Williston Chorale Concert
Dec. 24 – 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service - S
Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - C

THANK OFFERING

WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS WE GIVE YOU THANKS

Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received–and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

Thankofferings are used to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Their ongoing ministries include online and printed communications channels, justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization, their constant work in support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, the administration of grants and scholarship programs, all that goes into the triennial convention, and so much more.

HTTPS://COMMUNITY.ELCA.ORG/WELCA

***All Thankoffering donations go to the national organization.**



Student Name: _____

Confirmation Sermon Notes Sunday, November 8

Matthew 25:1-13

1. **November is a season of shorter days and longer nights. What do you think Jesus means when he tells us to "keep awake"?**

2. **The wise bridesmaids brought extra oil for their lamps. In a Lutheran understanding, what are some ways God keeps our faith burning bright? (Think: worship, Scripture, prayer, communion, baptism, Christian community.)**

3. **What are you looking forward to this season? How is waiting for Christmas similar to waiting for Jesus? How is it different?**

4. **Jesus tells this story so people will be ready. What is one way you can stay connected to Jesus this week?**

Don't forget our Radio Broadcast's in honor or memory of your loved ones!!!





The Memorial Committee offers three categories for those who are interested in making contributions. These categories are:

Property: Donations can be directed toward property, supporting the acquisition, maintenance, or enhancement of physical assets.

Programs: Contributions may be allocated to support various programs, ensuring the continuation and growth of initiatives within the church.

Undesignated: Gifts can also be made without a specific designation, allowing the committee to allocate resources.

As we approach the Advent and Christmas Season we think of traditions. It is a tradition at First Lutheran Church to display many poinsettias around the altar during the Christmas season. If you would like to share a poinsettia, either in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person, it will be placed with others for the Christmas services and then it is yours to take home AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. Each plant purchased this year comes in a 6-inch covered pot for **$20.00**. **PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND BRING IT IN OR MAIL IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**

ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 29TH. PLEASE PRINT!!!

YOUR NAME: _____

Attached is $_____ for _____ plants.



In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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