

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW #438



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

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

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.**

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Pastor: God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

Congregation: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

Pastor: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread and sewing machines.

May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love.

Congregation: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

Pastor: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Congregation: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

Pastor: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love - Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors in Christ.

Congregation: Jesus, help us see our neighbors.

Pastor: Recognizing God's abundant hope, go and be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

KYRIE

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Lord, have mercy. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

PSALM 16 *read responsively*

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOSPEL: MARK 13:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take

place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

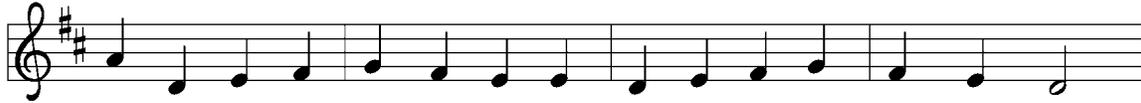
“BELIEVING IS A CHALLENGE”

VICAR LYNN MELCHIOR

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW #802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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SPECIAL MUSIC

Honor the Lord, John Innes

SENIOR CHOIR

APOSTLES 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

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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What Feast of Love

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One Bread, One Body

ELW #496

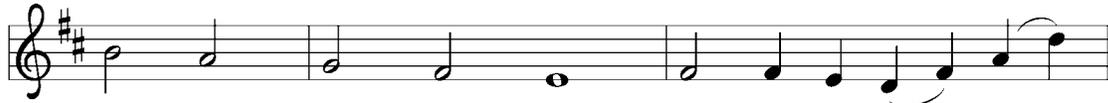
BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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This Sunday, November 14, 2021

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion & Blessing of Quilts and School Kits, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies

Monday, November 15:

- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters
- 9am-12pm Pr Strom in the office
- 5pm Al-Anon

Tuesday, November 16:

- 12pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 5:30pm Yoga, *Narthex*

Wednesday, November 17:

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 1:00pm Hannah Circle, *Fellowship Hall*
- 3-4:30pm FLY K-6, *Roosevelt Park*
- 4:30-5:30pm Confirmation, *Fellowship Hall*
- 5:00pm OA
- 6:00pm Hosanna Handbells
- 7:30pm Joint ELCA Choir *Narthex*

Thursday, November 18:

- 12:00 pm Middle of the Mess Book Study
- 6:00pm Women's AA

Next Sunday, November 21- Christ the King Sunday

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!

* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.

* The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.

* Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.

* If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

Please pray for our Service Members: CJ Ward, Joe Dinsmore and William Pajari.

Today we also recognize all Veterans, please pray for them and their families.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Don Pederson in memory of wife and mother, Helen Pederson.

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Dennis & Ruth Hystead.

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast: 2022 Dates are open; Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is available for Dec. 5 and into 2022. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

Sunday School: Join us for Sunday School from 10:45-11:15 in the education wing lower level.

Children ages 0-3 years and a special adult- Butterflies will be starting November 7th in the lower education wing, classroom #3. Our 30 minute class begins with a warm welcome, next a craft and toddler lesson/story, singing, a wiggle activity and ends in prayer. An exciting change this year is that Butterflies Sunday School will be in session every Sunday that the older Sunday School children meet.

Luther Crest- Registration for Summer Camp 2022 will open on November 1, 2021. Winter Youth Retreat- 3-6 Grade Retreat: January 14-16, 2022 and 6-9 Grade Retreat: January 21-23, 2022 check out the website: luthercrest.org for registration and more information. Early bird registration rate for Summer camp ends February 14th.

We are in need of prayer shawls! If you knit or crochet please make some for us and bring to the office. Find patterns in the Narthex. Thanks!

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday Nov. 24, 6:30pm. We are welcoming members and musicians from other Fergus Falls ELCA churches for this community worship service.

Please donate to WELCA's Thankoffering. Please place your Thankoffering in an envelope and mark it "Thankoffering". Mail or bring into the office before Dec. 1. Find info in the November Messenger.

First will be providing **Christmas food baskets** again this year for those in need, sponsored by the Discipleship Committee. If you need one this year, please give the office your name, phone number and address.

There will be no Harvest Dinner this year but we are accepting donations to provide **Service Food Cards** for those in our community who come in for help.

First Lutheran will be running **Meals on Wheels** again in December, 13-17th. We have four full week slots open. Call the office to sign up 218-739-3348.

Wyldlife events for 6-8th graders in November: Nov 14th & 28th. Held 6-7:30pm in the Underground, the basement of the Keller Williams building.

Sign up to deliver meals with Meals on Wheels, December 13-17. Call the office at 218-739-3348 or email office@flcff.org.