



October 23, 2022
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9:30 am worship
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GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW 657

1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

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.**

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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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

PSALM:

(read responsively)

Psalms 84:1-7

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

SECOND READING:

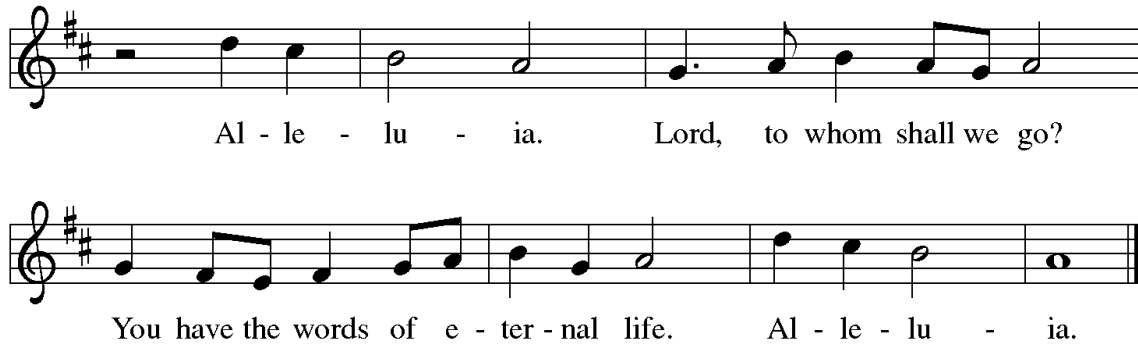
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from 2 Timothy.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL:

Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

SERMON

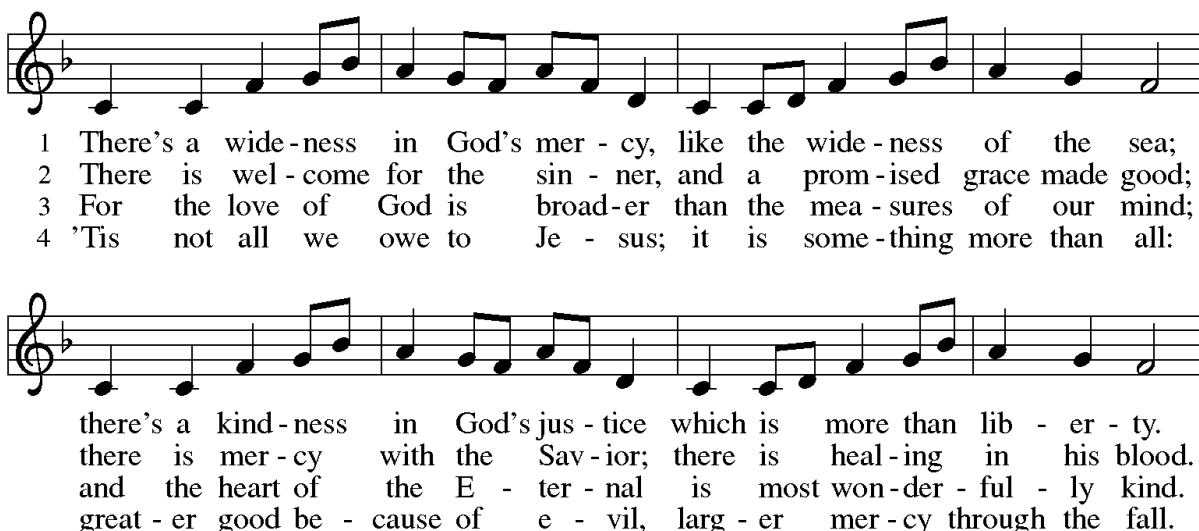
“Wonderful, Merciful, Savior”

PASTOR DAVID STROM

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW 588





There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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 THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great. Amen.**

OFFERING

Change My Heart, O God

ELW 801



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

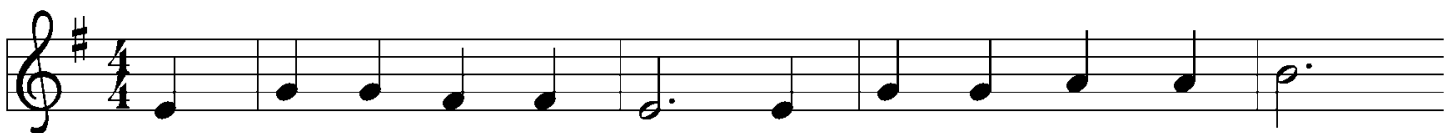
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The invitation to the Lord's Table comes from our Lord Jesus. All are welcome. Communion will be served continuously. Please hold your hands open to receive the wafer. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available. Anyone who would prefer to receive a blessing, please place your hands across your chest to let the Communion Assistant know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW 599



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here Is Bread

ELW 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.

In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

ELW 208

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this week are sponsored by Greg & Joanne Peterson in honor of Ben's birthday and other loved ones.

The radio broadcast this week is also sponsored by Greg & Joanne Peterson in honor of Ben's birthday and other loved ones.

Brent Schmitz has resigned his position as custodian. We are grateful for what he has contributed to First Lutheran Church and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

The Harvest Dinner is set for Thursday, Nov 10 . If you'd like to help make it happen please sign up in the narthex today.

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. The Sunday School kids are invited to wear friendly costumes in celebration of this day.

Winter Clothing Drive. Bring your gently used winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, snow boots, and snow pants. All sizes for children and adults are needed. Items collected will be set out during the Harvest Dinner for anyone that needs something to take. The rest of the donations will be brought to the Blessing Closet.

Join us for Dinner Church every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm in the Narthex. We will begin with a meal and continue with worship around the table. If you are interested in helping prepare the meal, please contact Pastor Tiffany via the church office. Get ready for a whole new, yet ancient way to worship!

Special thanks to WELCA for their generous gift of a portable sound system and cart to First Lutheran Church in recognition of the 150th Anniversary.

Each Fall, the WELCA women of First Lutheran reach out to each of you asking for financial support of Missions that are important to all of us. You are asked to place your coins, cash or checks in an envelope and bring it to the church or mail it before the end of October. Thank you!

6th through 8th Grade Youth Gathering Nov 18-19 at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria. Cost is \$75 if signed up by Oct 25, otherwise \$180 after. Registration is available on the counter outside the church office. Please contact Kristy Wicklund with any questions, (218) 531-9544 or Kristy@flcff.org.

The 150th Celebration is not over yet. **Pastor Jeff Fitzkappes will be our guest preacher** on Sunday, Oct 30.

Trunk and Treat at Fleet Farm Friday, Oct 28 from 4:30-6:00 pm. This is a BIG event. Many trick-or-treaters will stop by First Lutheran's Trunk so we will need a bunch of candy. If you can donate some candy for our trunk please drop it off in the Narthex. Thank you!

Enjoy visiting First Lutheran Church's Martin Luther Library while celebrating our 150th Anniversary. There is a wonderful collection of both adult and children's books available for check-out. Library resources and books have been made possible by many generations of dedicated readers and donors.

Sunday, October 23:

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee and fellowship, *Narthex*
- 10:30 am NO Butterflies and Sunday School

Monday, October 24: Office Hours 9-4:30

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Love Days Quilters
- 5:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, October 25: Office Hours 9-4:30

No Events

Wednesday, October 26: Office Hours 9-4:30

- 9:30 am Al Anon Meeting
- 10:00 am AA Meeting
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA Meeting
- 1:00 pm Hannah's Circle, *Narthex*
- 3:30 pm FLY K-6
- 5:30 pm Dinner Church
- 6:30 pm Confirmation 7-8th grade
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27: Office Hours 9-4:30

- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Women's AA

Friday, October 28: Office Hours 9-4:30

- 4:30 pm Trunk or Treat, *Fleet Farm*

Saturday, October 29:

- 1:00 pm Christabel Jacobs Memorial Service

Next Sunday, October 30: Reformation Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee and fellowship, *Narthex*
- 10:30 am Butterflies and Sunday School