



GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub-lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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. **O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord of the Dance
By Ferguson

ADULT CHOIR

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will

bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

SECOND READING:

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

Luke 23:33-43

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

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him

save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

SERMON

PASTOR TIFFANY SUNDEEN

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Servants of God

ELW 825



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
 2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of
 nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his
 loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the
 pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!
 tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!
 an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.
 an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction (*local water sources or protected lands may be named*). Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor/s, deacon/s, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith (*especially*). Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our 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.



**Our offering today will be taken after communion is received,
please bring your promise card and offering with you for communion.**



COMMUNION HYMN

*Beautiful Savior
Soon and Very Soon
As the Grains of Wheat
In the Singing*

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BLESSING

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

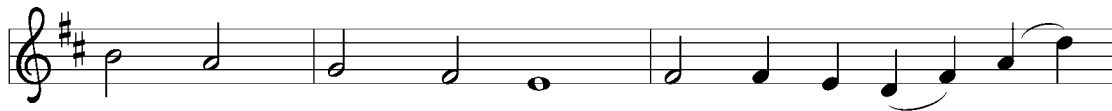
SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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

DISMISSAL

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

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this week are sponsored by Jack & Sandy Pearson.

The radio broadcast this week is sponsored by Steve & Gayle Fitz with grateful hearts.

TODAY is Generosity Sunday! We are celebrating the **Joy of Giving** by completing our 2023 Promise Cards. After worship we will huddle together in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck meal. GO TEAM!

Consider joining the Transition Team! What is the Transition Team? The transition team works with the interim pastor to prepare information for the Call Committee. This work will involve surveys, listening sessions, questionnaires, discussions, and lots of conversations within our congregation and with our Fergus Falls community. They will develop a vision of the future mission to which God is calling FLC. For more information about this team please contact Rick or Linda West.

The next **BOOK STUDY** meeting is Monday, November 21, at 11:45 am in the Kairos Room. We will be discussing the book Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. There are still copies available in the church library for free check-out. All are welcome - anytime!

OWLS - Older Wiser Lutherans 55+. If you would like to be a participant in Owl events, please sign up at the information counter in the Narthex. Please give us your email address, so that is needed we can send you a quick message or reminder.

Adult Bible Study has moved to Mondays at 1:00 pm. All are welcome as we study the texts from the upcoming Sunday.

Worship at the **Joint ELCA Thanksgiving Eve Service at Hope Lutheran Church** on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Christi Dickey from the Fergus Falls Food Shelf. Our offering will go to the food shelf to support their vital work to our community. Following worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for pie and conversation. Our worship service will also be live-streamed on [Hope Lutheran's YouTube Channel](#)

There will be no Dinner Church this Wednesday, November 23 at FLC. Instead we will join with other ELCA churches at Hope Lutheran Church for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service and pie! Yes, pie, and conversation after that service.

The front **doors under the awning will now be unlocked during church office hours.** All other doors will continue to remain locked.

It's Time for WELCA's Thankoffering. Please consider supporting this important ministry by making a Thankoffering. Please place a monetary donation in an envelope marked "Thankoffering" and mail or bring into the office before Dec. 1. Find more info in the November Messenger.

Beginning in 2023 The **Flower Mill will no longer be billing individuals who sponsor the flowers each week.** Instead they will bill the church which will simplify things for them and guarantee that we will get our discounted rates and tax exemption. **What does this mean for us?** We will still have sponsors for the flowers but \$45 will be paid to FLC when you sign up. While we are making this change we will do the same for the Radio Broadcast Sponsorship and \$100 will be paid to FLC when you sign up. These sign-up sheets can now be found in the church office and payments can be made during regular office hours. If you have already signed up for a spot in 2023 just drop your payment off in the church office by December 31, 2022.

Coming in December...

We will be putting together plates of **Christmas cookies** for our homebound members again this year. Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex soon.

Christmas Gift Wrapping Make & Take. It's First Lutheran Ladies Night on Monday, December 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring a small package or two for wrapping and have some dessert with us. Please register in advance in the narthex or online.

Get into the Christmas Spirit on Sunday, December 11 during the 9:30 am worship service. The Sunday School kids will be presenting their **Christmas program "The Gifts of Christmas"**.

Sunday, November 20: Celebrating the JOY of Giving

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by a Potluck meal, *Fellowship Hall*.

10:30 am Butterflies and Sunday School

Monday, November 21: Office Hours 9-4:30

9:00 am Love Days Quilters

11:45 am Book Study, *Kairos*

1:00 pm Adult Bible Study, *Kairos*

5:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, *Kairos*

5:15 pm Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 22: Office Hours 9-4:30

9:00 am Archives Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 23: Office Hours 9-4:30

Thanksgiving Eve

6:30 pm Joint ELCA Thanksgiving Eve Service
at Hope Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 24: Office Closed

Thanksgiving Day

No Activities

Friday, November 25: Office Closed

No Activities

Saturday, November 26:

No Activities

Next Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by a coffee/fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*.

10:30 am NO Butterflies and Sunday School