

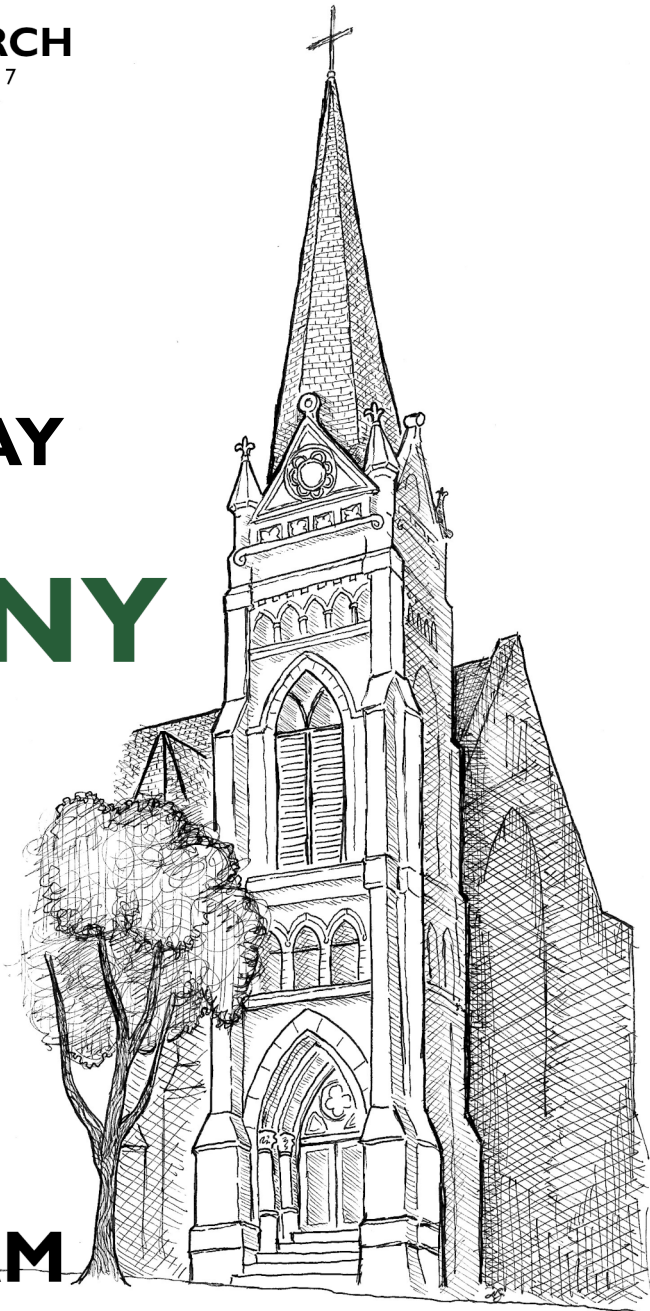
**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

FOUNDED 15 JANUARY 1837

**THE  
THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE  
EPIPHANY**

January 21, 2024

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**



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## PARDON OUR DUST

Reconstruction of our front sidewalks and courtyard is now underway. The courtyard is closed. Entry to the church is now limited to the bell tower and basement doors. The doors at the bell tower, at Grant Street and Strawberry Way, have very steep steps. Please use these with caution. Our temporary handicapped entrance is located at the basement door at the corner of Strawberry and Garland Ways. All are welcome to use this entrance. This Sunday, our financial secretary Suanne O'Dell, will be staffing this door. If you are parking at the U.S. Steel Tower, please cross Grant at Strawberry Way. We will update you when the courtyard entrances will be available and keep you informed through the Parish News and bulletin as work progresses.

## PARKING

Please be aware that the police have been more diligent in enforcing no-parking zones on Sundays, especially when there are sporting or other events downtown. Parking on our side of Grant Street is posted as permitted until 1:00 PM, but they sometimes ticket or even tow vehicles across the street. Though past efforts have failed, we are once again exploring if parking can be permitted there in the future.

We encourage parking in the U.S. Steel Tower Garage, which we have made free on Sundays, though contributions toward our \$2.00 cost are welcome. Please bring your ticket to the staff member on duty, who will attach a sticker to your parking ticket. When exiting the garage, do not go to the pay station; simply insert your validated ticket at the exit gate. There are two entrances to the garage: one is off of the Veterans Bridge/Bigelow Blvd ramp just before Sixth Ave; the other is on Bigelow Square, just off of Sixth Ave and in front of the DoubleTree Hotel's main entrance.



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

*We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today and hope you will return to worship with our community of faith again. If you would like to know more about our ministry in downtown and metropolitan Pittsburgh, please speak to a pastor, any of our members, or visit [www.flcpittsburgh.org](http://www.flcpittsburgh.org).*


Our liturgy incorporates historic practices of the Western Christian tradition, aspects of which may be unfamiliar to some. We hope this bulletin will serve to welcome our visitors and be an aid to those who seek to participate in our worship of God.

**ACCESSIBILITY** An accessible entrance is available using the door on Strawberry Way. An elevator is available in the Parish House to access other levels of the building. The parking spaces directly in front of the building have been designated for those with handicapped plates or placards for their vehicles.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available at the ushers' table in the rear of the nave. Easy-to-use receivers with either an earpiece or a neck loop are available. Antiseptic wipes are available to clean assisted listening equipment before use.

### **YOUNG CHILDREN**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Children's worship boxes, with items to help engage our youngsters in worship, are available in the back of the nave. Please return them to an usher after worship. A family restroom with a changing table is available downstairs.



## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered by invitation of the Lord himself. All baptized believers who trust that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. To receive the Sacrament, come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. The pastor will place a wafer into your hand. Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine may be received by drinking directly from the common cup or with an individual glass filled from a pouring chalice. Please pick up a glass from the tables at the head of the center aisle, and return your empty glass to the tables at the head of the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you choose to receive the Sacrament under the form of bread alone for any reason, you may be assured that in so doing, you receive the whole Christ. If you choose not to receive communion, you may request a blessing instead. After receiving communion (or a blessing), you may return to your seat by the side aisles.

## ✠ ALTAR FLOWERS & LAMPS ✠

### THE CENTERPIECE / SIDE VASES / BAPTISTRY

#### FLOWERS

*are given in celebration of my daughter Teodora Marie's  
baptism by Shannon Galgan.*

#### SANCTUARY

#### VOTIVE

#### LAMPS

January 15-28

*is given in memory of  
Daniel Headrick by  
Nancy Headrick.*

*is given to the glory of God.*

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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*Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.  
The people prepare for worship by silently praying the following prayer:*

✠ Jesus, Master, come and meet us while we walk in the way and long to reach the heavenly country, so that, following your light, we may keep the way of righteousness and justice and, while you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life are shining within us, may never wander away into the darkness of this world's night. Amen

*Read Psalm 100 p. 263*

## THE PRELUDE

*Sonata VI: Finale  
Sonata IV: Andante religioso*

Felix Mendelssohn

*The people stand.*

## THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The people kneel. A brief time is provided for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,  
**C we confess that we are in bondage 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**

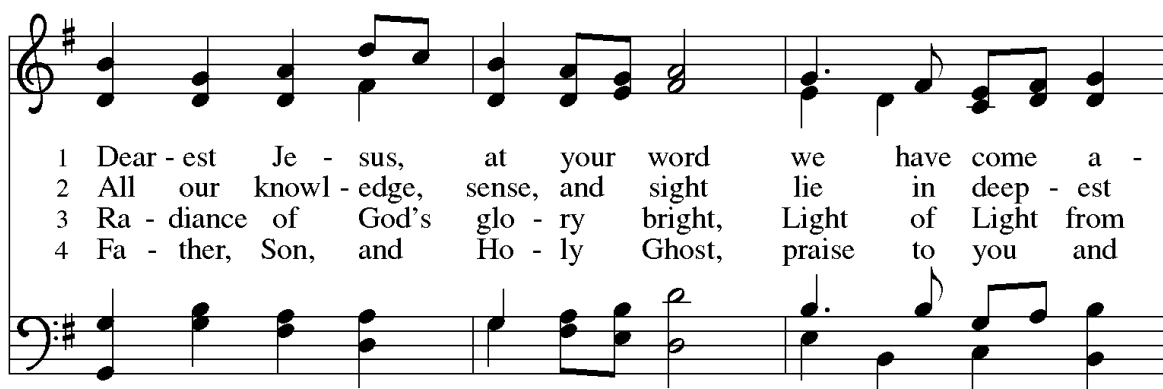
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us  
 and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.  
 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,  
 and by his authority, I therefore declare to you  
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
 in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen**

*The people stand and may turn in place to follow and bow as the cross passes.*

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

**ELW 520**



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

## THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Gloria in excelsis*



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y 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.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*The people are seated.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON—Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**L** A reading from Jonah.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**8:30 AM**

## THE PSALMODY—Psalm 62:6-14

## Nonne Deo?

### ELW Tone 3

*Sung responsively, Soloist / All*



<sup>6</sup> For God alone my soul in | silence waits;\*  
truly, my hope | is in him.

**7 He alone is my rock and | my salvation,\*  
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.**

<sup>8</sup> In God is my safety | and my honor;\*  
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

**<sup>9</sup> Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,\*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.**

<sup>10</sup> Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,\*  
even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

**11 On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,\*  
all of | them together.**

<sup>12</sup> Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;\*  
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

<sup>13</sup> **God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,\***  
**that power be- | longs to God.**

<sup>14</sup> Steadfast love is | yours, O Lord,\*  
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

**11:00 AM**

## THE PSALMODY—Psalm 62:6-14

## Nonne Deo?

## Plainsong Tone 8.1

*Sung by the choir.*

## THE SECOND LESSON—I Corinthians 7:29-31

L A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

### THE VERSE

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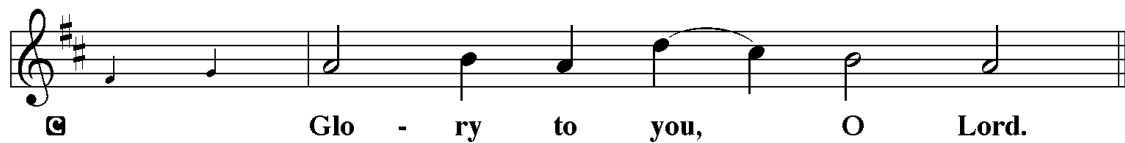
*The Alleluia is intoned once by the Soloist/Choir, and repeated by **All**.*



*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;  
repent, and believe in the good news.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint Mark 1:14-20

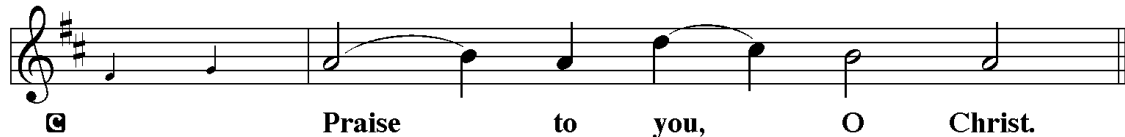
P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the first chapter.



<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Word of the Lord.



*The people are seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jennifer Peters McCurry

*Following the sermon the people stand for the Hymn of the Day*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY***How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord***ELW 580**

- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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*The 8:30 AM liturgy continues with the Creed, below.*

*The 11:00 AM liturgy continues with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on the following page.*

### **8:30 AM**

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

*The 8:30 AM liturgy continues with the prayers on p. 20.*



**11:00 AM**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

### **The Presentation**

**P** In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church, which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsor: I present Teodora Marie Galgan to receive  
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

**P** As you bring Teodora to receive the gift of Baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the Lord's Supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Shannon, parent of this child, do you promise to fulfill these obligations for Teodora and to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism?

**Response:** I do.

**P** Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Teodora in the Christian faith and to help her live in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the Church?

**Response:** I do.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Teodora and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C** **We do.**

### **The Thanksgiving over the Water**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the Baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this water, the power of your living Word, that he who is washed in the waters of Baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### **The Profession of Faith**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,  
reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

*The people are seated.*

### **The Baptism**

P Teodora Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

### **The Laying on of Hands**

**P** Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Teodora: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C** **Amen**

### **The Signing with the Cross**

**P** Teodora, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** **Amen**

### **The Giving of Light**

**A** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

### **The Prayer for the Mother**

**P** O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Shannon, mother of this child. Let her ever rejoice in the gift you have given her. Make her a teacher and examples of righteousness for her child. Strengthen her in her own Baptism so she may share eternally with Teodora the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*The people stand.*

### **The Welcome**

**P** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

*The 11:00 AM liturgy continues with the Prayers on the following page.*

**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**THE PRAYERS**

A Let us kneel to pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.

*The people kneel. A brief time for reflection is provided.*

A ...Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

*The people stand.*

**THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The people offer each other the sign of peace, saying "Peace be with you."*

*The people are seated as the gifts are prepared.*

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING      *Jesu, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*      K. Lee. Scott

*Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire, thy work of grace we sing; Redeemer of the world art thou, its  
Maker and its King. Great is the mercy and the love which laid our sins on thee. And led thee to a  
cruel death, to set thy children free! O may thy wondrous love prevail our sinful souls to spare. O  
may we stand around thy throne, and see thy glory there. Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our  
prize wilt be. O Lord, be all our glory now and through eternity.*

LATIN, TRANS. CHANDLER 1806-1876

*The people stand.*

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C** **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### SURSUM CORDA

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

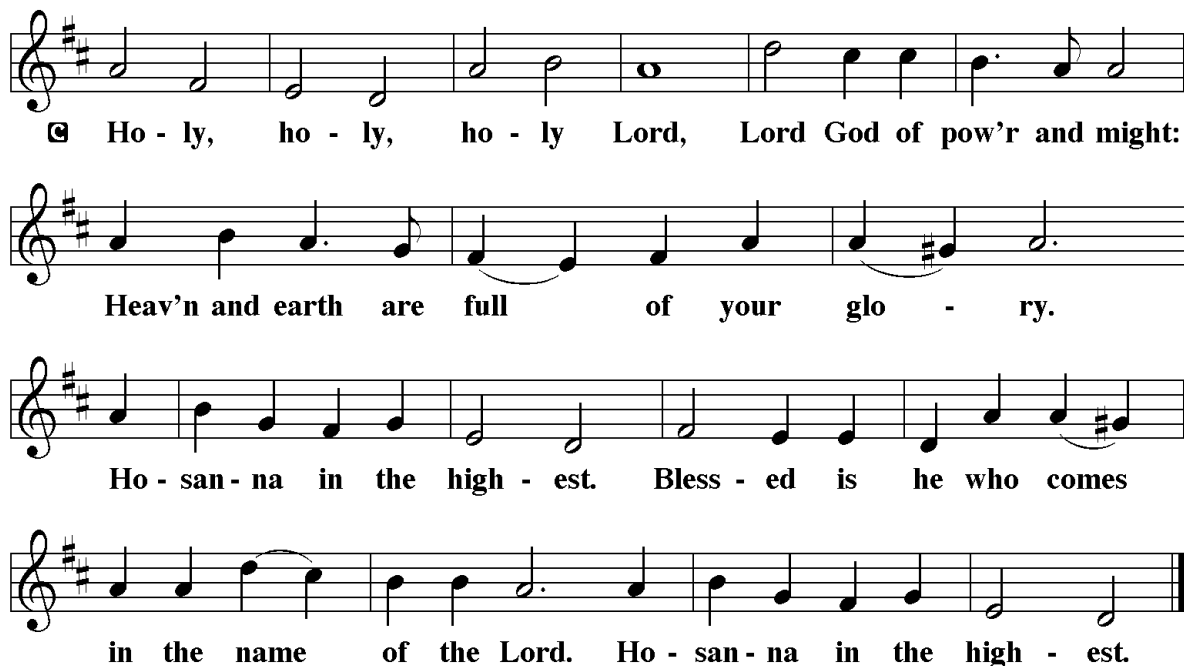
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### THE PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God. You surround us with your glory and mercy, and in the splendor of your heavenly light you lead us through the darkness of this world. You led your people Israel by a pillar of fire, as you delivered them from bondage and brought them to the promised land.

By the light of Bethlehem's star you led the sages to your beloved Son, revealing him to the nations as King of kings and Lord of lords. In words, signs and wonders your Son gave the light of hope to the hopeless and healing to the downcast.

Then, at the appointed time, he stretched out his hands on the cross, showing forth the brilliance of a life freely given, that all may have life in him.

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 in remembrance of me.*



- P 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.*

With joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P Gracious Father, we give you thanks for the light of our Lord's passion  
and his victory over the grave. We rejoice that you have made us your  
people, by Christ's redeeming love.

We pray that by your Holy Spirit you will bless and sanctify this Holy  
Communion, that we may be illumined in faith as we partake of Christ's  
body and blood, renewed in the forgiveness of sins, and joyous in our  
hope for your eternal kingdom.

- C Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

- P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he  
comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty  
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is  
yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

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

## THE FRACTION

P When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.  
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**C Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread,  
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The people are seated.*

## AGNUS DEI



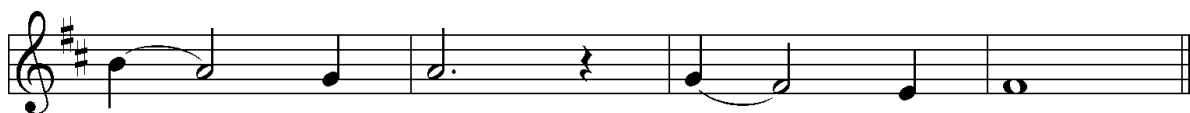
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*To receive the Sacrament, come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. The pastor will place a wafer into your hand. Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine may be received by drinking directly from the common cup or with an individual glass filled from a pouring chalice. Please pick up a glass from the tables at the head of the center aisle, and return your empty glass to the tables at the head of the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.*

*If you choose to receive the Sacrament under the form of bread alone for any reason, you may be assured that in so doing, you receive the whole Christ. If you choose not to receive communion, you may request a blessing instead. After receiving communion (or a blessing), you may return to your seat by the side aisles.*

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus is Calling*

**LBW 381**



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?"
- 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
- 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus; you can say he died for all.  
 point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
 while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing and the mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the mas - ter calls you; rich re - ward he of - fers free.  
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
 with your prayers and with your boun - ties you can do what God de - mands;  
 Take the task he gives you glad - ly; let his work your plea - sure be.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I. Send me, send me?"  
 you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
 you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
 An - swer quick - ly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.

Music: GALILEAN, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## HYMN

## Around You, O Lord Jesus

LBW 496



- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite  
 Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569  
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*When all have communed, the people stand.*

### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

**8:30 AM**

### THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Nunc dimittis*

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff includes a 'C' time signature, indicating common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes beamed together and some rests. The lyrics are: 'Lord, now 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. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,'

**C** Lord, now 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.

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



**11:00 AM**

**THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*Nunc dimittis*

Joseph Barnby

*Sung by the choir.*

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**THE BLESSING**



**P** Almighty God, Father,  $\dagger$  Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

**C** **A - men**



*The people may turn in place to follow the cross and bow as we are sent forth to serve.*

## THE HYMN TO CLOSE

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

**LBW 393**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un - bound-ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, b. 1934

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## THE DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## THE POSTLUDE

*Sonata VI: Fugue*

Felix Mendelssohn

## THIS MORNING AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, JANUARY 21

8:30 AM	Holy Communion	NAVE
9:30 AM	Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
9:45 AM	Sunday Church School Classes for All Ages	VARIOUS
10:00 AM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
11:00 AM	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism	NAVE
12:15 PM	Cantate Children's Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR ROOM

## ADULT EDUCATION

### WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

What is the Gospel? How do we make sense of the endlessly differing retellings of a singular story? How do we apply its meaning when millions of readers have reached varying conclusions? In his book, *What is the Gospel?*, Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow resists declaring one definitive answer and instead offers nine.

Join Pastors Evans and McCurry for this inspiring examination of the Gospel by Bp. Kusserow.

Visit [swpasynod.org/download-gospel](http://swpasynod.org/download-gospel) to download a copy from the Synod website. If you need a print copy, please contact the church office.

#### January 21

- 5 - The Gospel Is the Gift of Life
- 6 - The Gospel Is Being Forgiven

#### January 28

- 7 - The Gospel Is Welcome
- 8 - The Gospel Is for the Poor

#### February 4

- 9 - The Gospel Is Love
- 10 - What Makes the Gospel True?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH** Teodora Marie Galgan, child of Shannon Galgan. Teodora will be baptized at our 11:00 AM liturgy today. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**PASTOR McCURRY WILL BE AWAY** for a brief vacation beginning on Thursday, January 25. She will return to the office on Monday, January 29. If you have a pastoral care concern outside of normal office hours, please call our emergency line at 412-471-6507. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

**PREMIER CONCERT!** Next **Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 PM**, a new choral ensemble will present its premier concert here at First Lutheran Church. “Archipelago” – a professional vocal ensemble under the direction of Dr. Caron Daley of Duquesne University – will present choral works of women composers. The concert is open to the public and all are welcome. A free will offering will be collected.

**2024 LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE** for \$2.00 at the reception desk.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR INPUT!** First Lutheran Church has a long history with campus ministry and has built lasting connections with nearby universities, and maintains connections with our members who are students. The Campus Ministry Team of the Evangelism Committee is interested to learn more about your college and school experiences, to continue to build connections between alumni in our congregation and current, prospective, or visiting students. We have created a questionnaire that can be accessed at [flcpittsburgh.org/questionnaire](https://flcpittsburgh.org/questionnaire). We look forward to receiving your responses!

**ESTIMATES OF GIVING RECEIVED FOR 2024:** We are deeply grateful to those who have pledged financial support for the ministry of First Church in 2023. If you have not as yet done so, you may still send in your support for our ministry in the coming year. Estimate of Giving forms are available on the table at the rear of the nave in the Parish House or by contacting Suanne O'Dell at [sso@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:sso@flcpittsburgh.org).

**THANK YOU FROM FAMILY LINKS:** From the people and staff at Family Links: Thank you so much for participating in Family Links 2023 Holiday Campaign. We are grateful for your generosity and support that have helped bring much needed cheer to the individuals and families we serve. We received more donated clothing, home essentials, games, art supplies, and sports equipment than ever before.



## REGISTER TODAY!

ICE FEST will take place **Saturday, February 3, 2024!** join us as we learn how we are "Clothed with the Spirit" and dressed in the armor of God. We will enjoy lunch together at FLC after our morning activities and then walk to PPG Place for an afternoon of ice skating. Cost is \$15/ camper (grades K-6). There is no charge for youth counselors (grades 7-12) or adult volunteers. Drop off at the church at 9:00 AM and pick up at the ice rink at PPG at 3:00 PM. **Register no later than today** at [flcpittsburgh.org/campdowntown](http://flcpittsburgh.org/campdowntown)



## ASH WEDNESDAY

F E B R U A R Y 14

*Join us as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage toward the cross of Christ with Ash Wednesday.*

### HOLY COMMUNION WITH ASHES

12:00 & 7:00 PM

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

8:30 AM & 4:00 PM

**DANIEL SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** Beginning in February, adult small groups will be doing an 6-week study on the prophetic book, Daniel. In the past, small groups have met either on Zoom or in person on weekday evenings or Sunday afternoons about twice a month, scheduled according to the availability of the participants. These are a great opportunity to get to know and spend time with a group of adults from First Lutheran Church on a new level, sharing prayer requests, and learning about scripture. Express your interest and availability online at [tinyurl.com/FLCsmallgroup](https://tinyurl.com/FLCsmallgroup) no later than today. If you have questions, contact Pr. McCurry ([jpm@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:jpm@flcpittsburgh.org)).

**YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP:** The Youth group will be going to Oglebay on Saturday, January 27, at 9:00 AM. Skiing and snow boarding are available. We will meet at Pr. Evans's house and carpool there. (Please indicate if you are available to stay with the group as a chaperone, either on the slopes or in the lodge.) The cost will be: Adult Lift (18+) \$32 Child Lift (6 - 17) \$25 Adult Rental (18+) \$34 Child Rental (6 - 17) \$28 Please reach out to Pr. Evans if assistance is needed with this cost. Sign up in the Parish House or RSVP by email to [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org).

**DUFF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** Are you a protestant student who has attended high school or been home schooled at least two academic years in Allegheny County, PA? Are you a high school senior or high school graduate planning to enroll (or already enrolled) in a full-time undergraduate course of study leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year education institution? Do you have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale? You may be eligible for aid from the Lola G. Duff and William H. Duff, II Scholarship Program. Information is available at the URL, below. **The application deadline is March 4, 2024.** <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/duffscholarship/>.

**WILLIAM J. WOLF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** was created by a bequest from William J. Wolf, founder and president of General Cleaning Company. Although Mr. Wolf completed high school, he did not have the means to attend college, which he regretted. Through the establishment of this fund, he is able to give back in perpetuity to the Pittsburgh community that he and his wife, Elizabeth, loved, and to the Lutheran faith which they supported during their lifetimes. This scholarship is to assist with the college or graduate level education of students of Lutheran denominations who have a residence in Allegheny County and maintain good grades. To apply for the Scholarship go to <https://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarship/1631>. **Completed applications are due April 1, 2024.**

**VICAR ELIZABETH RECEIVES HER FIRST CALL:** We rejoice in the news that Elizabeth Rheinfrank has been called to serve as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church of Perrysville in the North Hills. Elizabeth's ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament will take place at Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church (975 Washington Road Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228) on **Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 10:00 AM**, followed by a light lunch in the Social Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend to offer their prayers and support. Clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red. Please RSVP for the lunch at [mtleboluth@aol.com](mailto:mtleboluth@aol.com) or 412-563-0300 by February 17.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ASSISTING MINISTERS NEEDED:**

Please consider serving as a communion assistant or assisting minister in the new year! Assisting ministers serve as assistant to the presiding minister, leading prayers, preparing the altar for communion, administering the cup. Communion assistants administer the wine with pouring chalices at communion, and other small tasks at the altar. **We especially need assisting ministers at the 11:00 AM service.** Please contact Christine Hoffman, who coordinates and trains the assistants by calling 412-471-8125 or email [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org). Thank you!

**2024 FLOWER and SANCTUARY/VOTIVE LAMPS** are available for those who wish to make a donation. Floral arrangements and candles can be donated in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Your name(s) and dedication are acknowledged in the bulletin. The cost for flowers is \$25 per arrangement. The cost for the 14-day candles used in the sanctuary/votive lamps is \$7.50. Please sign-up in the notebooks on the reception desk in the Parish House, or contact Christine Hoffman at 412-471-8125 or [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org).

**MEAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** Each **Wednesday** morning **8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**, a small team of volunteers prepares 60-100 meals in our church kitchen for two local organizations serving our neighbors in need. Meals are planned and groceries are gathered by our coordinators; volunteers need no cooking experience. Contact Christine to volunteer: [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org).

**CHORAL COMPLINE** will be sung at Heinz Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh **Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM beginning January 14**, under the direction of Dr. Douglas-Jayd Burn. First Church is a co-sponsor of the Compline Choir.

## LUTHERLYN'S BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Since 1948 Lutherlyn has been providing ministry to youth, families and adults from the congregations and communities of Western PA and beyond. As an outdoor ministry of the Northwestern & Southwestern PA Synods of the ELCA, more than 200 congregations and 15,000 people benefit from ministry opportunities at Lutherlyn each year.

The goal of Lutherlyn's Building for the Future Capital Campaign is \$2.5 million. **Our congregation's goal is to raise \$20,000 from our members to support that campaign.** You will have an opportunity to contribute to that goal in the next few weeks.

The Building for the Future Campaign will help build new cabins, renovate Lutherlyn's Amphitheater, repair roads, and remove buildings no longer in use. For more information we encourage you to watch the campaign video:

<http://tinyurl.com/lutherlynVID>



**TIME TO RESTOCK THE WALK-IN PANTRY** We can still use ramen noodles, individually packaged snack crackers, and jars of pasta sauce.

By visiting our Amazon wish list, First Lutheran Church - Walk in Ministry Food Pantry you will get an idea of the items that are needed, you have a few options: 1. You can make a monetary donation to the church (noting that the contribution should be directed to the food pantry) 2. You can order directly from the FLC Amazon wishlist, or 3. You can place an order for similar items on the list from your own Amazon account (changing brand or quantity to suit your giving choices.)

<http://tinyurl.com/flcWISHLIST>

**ON DUTY THIS WEEK / PARTNER MINISTRY SERVICES:** This week, First Lutheran Church will be on duty Monday-Thursday, January 22-25. The Red Door at St. Mary of Mercy Roman Catholic Church offers breakfast Monday - Saturday 9:00-10:30 AM; bag lunches Monday - Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, and dinners Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 5:30 PM. A midday meal is served on Sundays from 1:00-2:00 PM. Those seeking crisis counseling or services may be directed accordingly.

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## SERVING TODAY

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pr. McCurry	Pr. Evans
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr. McCurry	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Pr. Evans	Daniel Weimer
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kathy Pfister Kathy Stefani	Pr. McCurry Maggie Wolfram
<b>Lectors</b>	Kathy Dearth	Amy Mehta
<b>Acolyte(s)</b>	Will Schroeder	<sup>C</sup> <sup>A</sup> Zoe McCurry
<b>Cantor</b>	Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO	
<b>Vocalists</b>	Megan Wall, <i>Treble Section Leader</i> Barbara Anderson <i>Alto Section Leader</i>	The Parish Choir
<b>Instrumentalist</b>	Ben Sommer, <i>organ</i>	
<b>Head Usher</b>	Kurt Herbst	
<b>Usher(s)</b>	Kurt Hansmann	Wes Nelson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dee Ferina Ruth Walz	Janet Balas Amy Bills
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Christy Rupp	Lorraine Beers

# CALENDAR

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

### *Walk-In Week Begins*

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Social Ministry Meal Prep KITCHEN  
 12:10 PM Noonday Holy Communion NAVE  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting MEZZANINE  
 5:30 PM Icefest Planning Team ZOOM  
 6:00 PM Christian Education Committee Meeting ZOOM

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 *The Conversion of Saint Paul*

6:30 PM Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 *Timothy, Titus, & Silas: Missionaries*

### *Lenten ALERT Submission Deadline*

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 *Lydia, Dorcas, & Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith*

9:00 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT  
 9:00 AM Youth Group Ski Trip (Meet at Pr. Evans's home.) OGLEBAY

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:30 AM Holy Communion NAVE  
 9:30 AM Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT  
 9:45 AM Sunday Church School Classes for All Ages VARIOUS  
 10:00 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT  
 11:00 AM Holy Communion with Holy Baptism NAVE  
 12:15 PM Cantate Children's Choir Rehearsal CHOIR ROOM  
 12:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL  
 3:00 PM Archipeligo Choral Concert NAVE

## THE FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

has served downtown Pittsburgh since its founding in 1837 as the first English-speaking Lutheran Church west of the Alleghenies. Its members come from far and near to participate in its Christian witness in the heart of the city: a witness that is faithful to Holy Scripture and to the historic Lutheran Confessions. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the center of its life, providing direction, comfort, and hope. If you are seeking a church home in Pittsburgh, we invite you to become a part of our downtown ministry.

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER**

### STAFF

The Rev. Brian A. Evans, *Senior Pastor*  
The Rev. Jennifer Peters McCurry, *Associate Pastor*  
The Rev. Daniel E. Hall, MD, *Assisting Episcopal Priest*  
Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO, *Cantor*  
Mrs. Suanne O'Dell, *Financial Secretary*  
Ms. Christine G. Hoffman, *Admin. Assistant to Pastoral Staff*  
Mr. Jeremy Caywood, *Building Manager*  
Mr. Nicholas Scott Sharer, *Communications Coordinator*  
Mr. Benjamin Sommer, *Organ & Sacred Music Scholar*

### PASTORS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Rev. Brian O. Bennett, *Lutheran University Center*  
The Rev. Erin E. Evans, *Christ Lutheran Church, Millvale*  
The Rev. Canon Natalie G. Hall, *Church of the Redeemer*  
The Rev. S. Cyril Hurnyak  
The Rev. Leonard J. Larsen  
The Rev. Caroline Mendis  
The Rev. Christine Rotella, *Abiding Missions*  
The Rev. Martin M. Roth  
The Rev. Robert W. Strobel

### MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson  
& Dr. Andrew L. Wilson, *Japan*

### ORGAN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr. Ann Labounsky Steele



**Assisted listening devices are available. Inquire with an usher.**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Sunday Worship

8:30 AM Holy Communion  
9:45 AM Sunday Church School  
*(Classes for all ages during school year)*

11:00 AM Holy Communion

#### Midweek Noonday Worship

12:10 PM Holy Communion, Wednesdays  
*(Holy Communion for Healing on the first Wednesday of each month)*

### SUNDAY PARKING

Accessible parking is available on Grant Street in front of the church. Free parking is available in the US Steel Tower garage. Reduced rate parking is available at the Mellon Square and Smithfield/Liberty garages for \$1.00. See an usher or the attendant at the reception desk for validation. Street parking is free on Sundays until 1:00 PM.

If you have a pastoral concern outside of normal office hours, please call our emergency line: **412-471-6507** and the pastoral staff member on duty will return your call as soon as possible.

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