

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

FOUNDED 15 JANUARY 1837

**THE  
TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**



**October 6, 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. A member of our staff will be present at 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. Sometime during your visit at church, use your smartphone to scan one of the special QR codes that are posted around the building to take advantage of this arrangement with Metropolis. **Please note that the QR code must be scanned each time you park in the garage.** Full details on the program are available in the Parish News and posted around the building. 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** While construction proceeds, our accessible entrance to the building is limited to the grade level door at 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 ✠

### CENTERPIECE

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

*is given in honor of Dr. & Mrs. William H. Gehron Jr.  
by Amelia Gehron & the Stiger family.*

### SANCTUARY

### VOTIVE

#### LAMPS

September 23 - *is given to the glory of God.*  
October 6

*is given in memory of  
Beth Beers by Lorraine Beers.*

# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 2024 — 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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

✠ Bless me, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence,  
that in your glory I may be still and adore you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Read Psalm 99, p. 262*

**THE PRELUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Georg Frideric Kaufmann

**11:00 AM**

*I Will Praise Him*

William Ingram

*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 as the bells peal.*

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

**THE ENTRANCE HYMN**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**LBW 561**

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For your - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly giv' n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 a - gent of God's grand de - sign, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

*Refrain*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folllott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## 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.**



# KYRIE

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

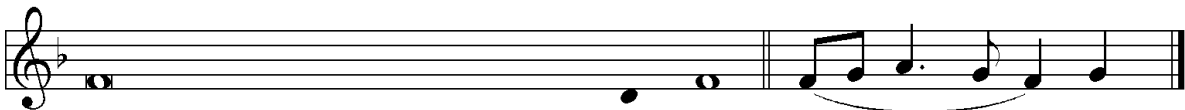
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

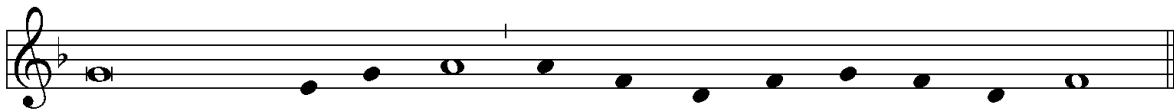




Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

## THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Gloria in excelsis*



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



ⓐ 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.

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord; through your Son, 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—Genesis 2:18-24

**L** A reading from Genesis.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

8:30 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*

ELW Tone 4

*Sung antiphonally, Men / Women*



- <sup>1</sup> O | LORD our Lord,\*  
    how exalted is your name in | all the world!
- <sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children\***  
    **your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.**
- <sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,\*  
    to quell the enemy and | the avenger.
- <sup>4</sup> **When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,\***  
    **the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,**
- <sup>5</sup> what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him,\*  
    the son of man that you should | seek him out?
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made him but little lower | than the angels;\***  
    **you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;**
- <sup>7</sup> you give him mastery over the works | of your hands;\*  
    you put all things un- | der his feet:
- <sup>8</sup> **all | sheep and oxen,\***  
    **even the wild beasts | of the field,**
- <sup>9</sup> the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,\*  
    and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> O | LORD our Lord,\*  
    how exalted is your name in | all the world!

11:00 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*

Anglican Chant / Stephen Elvey

*Sung by the Choir*

## THE SECOND LESSON—Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

L A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

8:30 AM

THE VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

11:00 AM

THE VERSE

setting by C. Pock

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



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint Mark 10:2-16

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

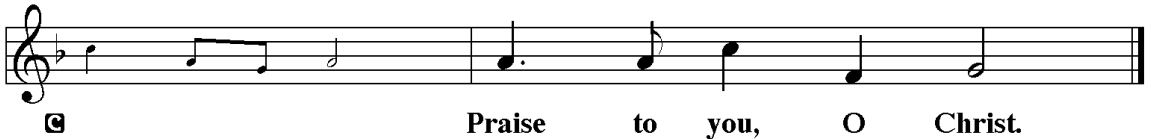
<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’

<sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*The people are seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Brian A. Evans

*The people stand for the Hymn of the Day.*

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty

in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.  
 with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:  
 and teach us how to find the love from self set free;

Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as  
 our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -  
 in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.  
 hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.



*The 8:30 AM liturgy continues with the Creed on the facing page.*

## **11:00 AM**

### **INSTALLATION OF CHOIRS**

P Today it is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of music.

*Sisters and brothers*, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you carry out the ministry of music in this congregation?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation.*

P People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these your *sisters and brothers* in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of majesty, saints and angels delight to worship you, and by grace we join their unending hymn. Bless those who serve among us as musicians in our parish, that in worship we may sound forth the joy of your presence and make music to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

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

## **THE APOSTLES CREED**

**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 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** ... 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 EXCHANGE OF 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

**8:30 AM**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Wilbur Held

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

**11:00 AM**

*Voices Raised to You*

Carolyn Jennings

*Voices raised to you we offer, tune them, God for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days. Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing! All creation joins to praise you; earth and sky your works display. Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today. Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life! Christ the song of Love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace, for your living, suffering, dying, for your rising, hear our praise! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of Life! How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voices, gifts of love we can bestow. Alleluia! Triune God to you we sing!*

— Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr

*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**

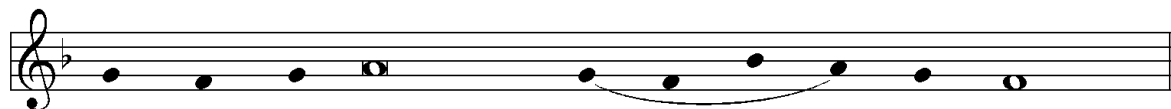
## SURSUM CORDA



**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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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 Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his body in the world.

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.*

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the prophets and apostles, and all of our brothers and sisters living and departed.

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 Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger  
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

**C Lord give us this bread always.**

*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.

## 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.*

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# MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

**LBW 474**



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
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## HYMN

*Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*

LBW 219

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come, bring peace, good will to men.

*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**

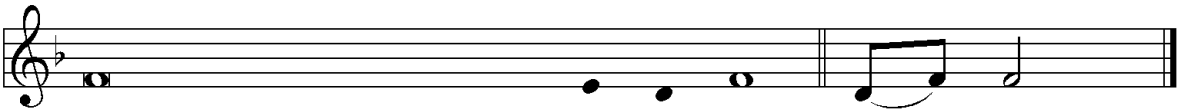
### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**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, † Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

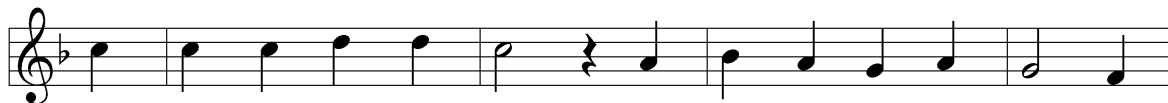
**C** **A - men**

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

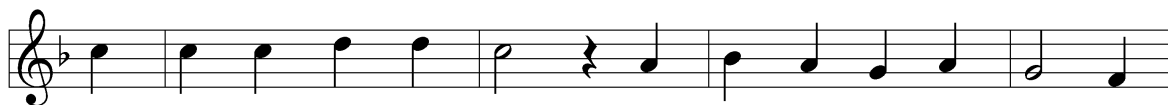
## THE HYMN TO CLOSE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**LBW 534**



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878

Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Sortie Improvisée*

Dr. Ann Labounsky

# TODAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 6

8:30 AM	Holy Communion	NAVE
9:45 AM	Sunday Church School Classes (All Ages)	HCH, VARIOUS
9:45 AM	Acolyte Training	NAVE
10:00 AM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
10:30 AM	Youth and Adult Choirs Joint Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
11:00 AM	Holy Communion	NAVE
12:15 PM	Cantate Children's Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR ROOM
12:15 PM	Acolyte Training	NAVE
12:30 PM	IceFest Planning Meeting	HOLY CROSS HALL
3:00 PM	Duquesne University Chorale Concert	NAVE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC:** Today we recognize all participants in First Church's music ministry. Members of our musical ensembles will dedicate themselves to God's service for this new season. We are grateful for everyone's work to the glory of God.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Our Adult Class, held in Holy Cross Hall, continues for the next three Sundays. Pastor Evans will lead a study on the book of James with reflections on how this small book has influenced our Lutheran theology.

**SISTER CYNTHIA 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** November 13, 2024 will mark Sister Cynthia Pock's 30th anniversary of ministry as our cantor at First Lutheran Church. Please join us on Sunday, November 10, after the 11:00 a.m. liturgy for a luncheon to celebrate Sister Cynthia's many years of faithful dedication to Church's worship of God. This parish has been so richly blessed through Cynthia these three decades, as she has lived out her calling in what is truly a ministry of the Gospel: in the music that awakens our faith and in the care with which she ministers to us. More than that, she has been a gift to the wider Church and community as a mentor, teacher, and inspiration to many. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 10! Please sign up in the Parish House or RSVP to Christine Hoffman at [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org).

**NEW ACOLYTE TRAINING! This morning,** after both services, our new acolyte coordinator, Ben Pasternak, will be training new acolytes. Acolytes are liturgical assistants who serves in various roles such as crucifer and torchbearer, Gospel Book bearer at Sunday morning and special liturgies. Thank you!

**DUQUESNE CHORAL CONCERT OCTOBER 6:** Voices of Spirit, the top level choral ensemble from Duquesne University will present their fall concert here at First Lutheran Church **today, October 6, at 3:00 PM.** The public is invited, all are welcome!

**VISITOR AND NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON:** A luncheon will be held for visitors, people considering membership, and new members on **Sunday, October 20 at 12:15 PM.** Join us downstairs in Holy Cross Hall to meet and make connections with a variety of leaders and learn about our ministries in this historic church. **Please RSVP and include any special dietary needs by Wednesday, October 9** to Christine Hoffman at [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org) or call 412-471-8125.



## **NEW PARKING VALIDATION PROCESS AT MELLON SQUARE GARAGE:**

Mellon Square Garage (and eventually Smithfield/ Liberty Garage) will be using a new validation system. Instead of stamping your ticket with the church stamp, you will attach a validation sticker to the back of the parking ticket. The parking stickers will be available from the ushers or staff person. On the second floor of Mellon garage, use the parking station to scan first the front of parking ticket, then the back in order to pay the \$1.00 (either cash or credit.) When you exit the garage, you must also scan the front of the parking ticket and then the back (the sticker) on the way out. So for now, use the stickers for Mellon square parking and the church stamp for Smithfield/Liberty garage- until it goes to the same system in about 30 days.

**FOUNDATION OF HOPE DRIVE:** First Lutheran's Health Ministry Team will again be having a drive for the Foundation of Hope starting October 13th and ending November 17th. This organization assists our incarcerated neighbors and those who have been released from the Allegheny County Jail. They would like to receive full size bottles of shampoo and lotion, toothpaste and deodorant as well as sweatpants/shirts in sizes XL and XXL. (Please no hoods, graphics and red or maroon items). A bin for the donations will be in the back of the Nave. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be sent to the church by check or PayPal with a notation it's for the Foundation of Hope. If each individual or family donated at least one item, no matter how small, we could make a sizable donation to their significant needs. Thank you!

**YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY! AMEN TO ACTION:** On Saturday, November 2, Amen to Action calls together different faith traditions to come together to serve in unity. First Lutheran youth and their families were proud to participate in the past years as Amen to Action provided over one million meals to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. We are excited to participate in the Amen to Action food packing event at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on **Saturday, November 2, from 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM.** Youth and family members are welcome! Please sign up at this URL: <https://plf.org/amen-to-action-volunteer/>

**CHORAL COMPLINE** is sung each Sunday evening by the Pittsburgh Compline Choir under the direction of Douglas-Jayd Burn. Join them at Heinz Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh **each Sunday evening at 8:00 PM.** First Lutheran Church is a sponsor of the Pittsburgh Compline Choir.

## **TIME TO RESTOCK THE WALK-IN MINISTRY PANTRY**

We need everything, especially: boxes of crackers and individual packs of snack crackers, canned vegetables, large boxes of cereal, canned soups, shelf-stable Compleats type meals, canned chicken and baked beans, pasta sauce, jelly, and breakfast or granola bars.

## **TOILETRIES**

We have a great need for small bottles of lotion and individual packs of tissues.

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 Presbyterian Church will be on duty Monday - Thursday, October 7 - 10.

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.

**Our next week of service begins October 28.**

**EAGLE SCOUT FUNDRAISER:** Gregory Schiavone has chosen for his Eagle Scout project to design and build new shelves for our Godly Play Classroom. He needs to raise funds for the project, so he will be offering wooden crosses to the congregation for a free will donation. **Please come to Holy Cross Hall in between services (9:45 - 10:45 AM) on Sundays, October 6, 13 and 27**, where Gregory will be displaying his crosses. Thank you!

**FIRST COMMUNION:** At First Lutheran Church, we offer formal First Holy Communion with instruction, usually about twice annually. We recommend, if not already communing, that children receive formal First Holy Communion by around kindergarten. An opportunity for instruction is provided beforehand. Those who began communing at a younger age are also encouraged to attend instruction. The date for First Holy Communion instruction will be determined. Please speak with one of the pastors with any questions or contact the church office at [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org) to let us know your child will be ready for the next opportunity for instruction, First Holy Communion, or both.

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS: Sunday, November 3** is All Saints Sunday. Our family in faith will gather to offer praise and thanks to God for the lives and witness of those who have died in Christ. In celebrating this great festival, we remember saints known and unknown, recognized and unrecognized, who have helped to shape our lives of faith by their example. In the Prayers, we will recall those of our own parish who have died in the past year. During the distribution of the Sacrament, we will also remember your loved ones and friends who now rest in the Lord. Their names will be read as the tower bell tolls, allowing us time to reflect upon the gifts and the joy they brought into our lives. If there are names you would like to have included in this “roll call of the saints,” please contact Christine Hoffman ([cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org); 412-471-8125) or add them to the list that is available in the Parish House.

**GLOBAL LINKS HAS AN URGENT NEED** for rollators, transport chairs and manual wheelchairs for their partners abroad and locally. They also have ongoing needs for aluminum crutches and walkers. All items should be clean and in working order. Global Link collects a wide variety of medical supplies, which they ship primarily to Central America and Bolivia. For a complete list of items, go to their website at [globallinks.org](http://globallinks.org) and choose Ways to Give. **If you have items to donate, please contact the church office** and a member of the Social Ministry Committee will contact you to make delivery arrangements.

# PARISH MUSICIANS 2024-2025

## PARISH CHOIR

Megan Wall (Treble Section Leader)  
Maggie Wolfram  
Elizabeth Hyer  
Joyce Moon Strobel  
Barbara Anderson (Alto Section Leader)  
Janet King  
Erika Van Sickel  
Neal Venters  
Noah Venters  
Adam Heald (Baritone Section Leader)  
Barry Balas  
Ben Sommer  
Peter Van Sickel

## GLORIA DEI RINGERS

Pamela Heald  
Christine Hoffman  
Janet King  
Jenna Bulger  
Jeanne Louis  
Kate Gionta  
Mimi Pasternak  
Joanne Pflugh

## BEL CANTO

Roxie Fink  
Zoe McCurry  
McKenna Schilling  
Gregory Schiavone  
Will Schroeder

## CANTATE

Vivian Evans  
Harper Murdy  
Maryam Hall  
Evangeline Hall  
Catherine Patton  
Juliet Patton  
Abby Wilson  
Emily Wilson  
Jamie von Ronne  
Andrew Weimer

**Composer in Residence:** Joyce Moon Strobel  
**Organ Artist in Residence:** Dr. Ann Labounsky  
**Organ and Sacred Music Scholar:** Ben Sommer  
**Sunday Church School Pianist:** Colby Stiger  
**Cantor:** Sr. Cynthia Pock, OLF, AAGO

# SERVING TODAY

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

**Presiding Minister**

Pr. Evans

Pr. Murdy

**Preacher**

Pr. Evans

**Assisting Minister**

Pr. Murdy

Frances Verschuure

**Communion Assistant**

Matthew Seeley  
Ben Sommer

Pr. Evans  
Maggie Wolfram

**Lectors**

Kathy Dearth

Gail Carl

**Acolyte(s)**

Roy Navid

C  
A

Nate Wilson

**Cantor**

Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO

**Vocalist(s)**

Megan Wall  
*Treble Section Leader*

The Parish Choir

**Instrumentalist(s)**

Dr. Ann Labounsky  
*Organ Artist-in-Residence*

**Head Usher**

Kurt Herbst

**Usher(s)**

Kurt Hansmann

Wes Nelson

**Altar Guild**

Janet King  
Nora Nealon

Janet Balas  
Mary Preuss

**Coffee Hour Host**

Wes Nelson

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# CALENDAR

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

1:00 PM Staff Meeting MEZZANINE

8:00 PM Campus Ministry Team Meeting ZOOM

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Meal Ministry Meal Prep KITCHEN

12:10 PM Noonday Holy Communion NAVE

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

### *Council Reports Deadline*

12:00 PM Daytime Book Club SEE ANNE HARMON

5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting ZOOM

6:30 PM Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

### *Church Office Closed / Alert Submission Deadline (Reformation Issue)*

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting VARIOUS

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 13

8:30 AM Holy Communion NAVE

9:45 AM Sunday Church School Classes (All Ages) HCH, VARIOUS

11:00 AM Holy Communion 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. Joseph G. Murdy, OLF, *Interim 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 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, *St. Paul, Zeli. / Zion, Harmony*  
The Rev. Canon Natalie G. Hall, *Church of the Redeemer*  
The Rev. S. Cyril Hurnyak  
The Rev. Leonard J. Larsen  
The Rev. Jennifer Peters McCurry  
The Rev. Caroline Mendis  
The Rev. Martin M. Roth

### MISSIONARIES

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

### ORGAN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr. Ann Labounsky Steele

### COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE

Joyce Moon Strobel

### 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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