

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED 15 JANUARY 1837

**THE
TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**



**October 13, 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.

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.

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✠ ALTAR FLOWERS & LAMPS ✠

CENTERPIECE

ALTAR FLOWERS

is given to the glory of God by Quentin McQuaid.

SANCTUARY

VOTIVE

LAMPS September 23 - October 6

*is given in memory of
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*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

*Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt
(BWV 705)*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.


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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

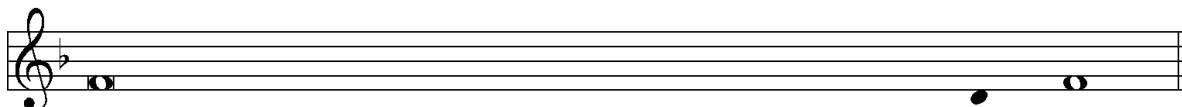
P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**


KYRIE



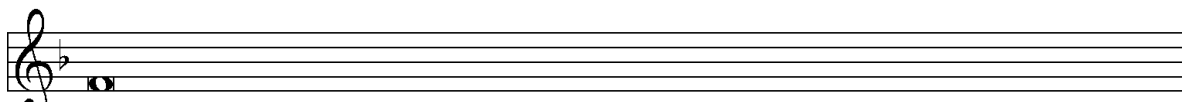
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



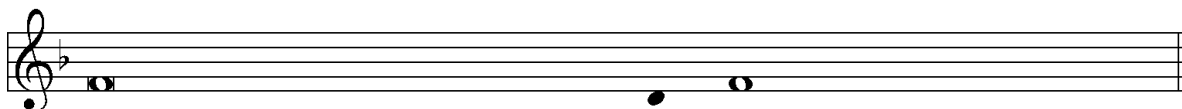
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



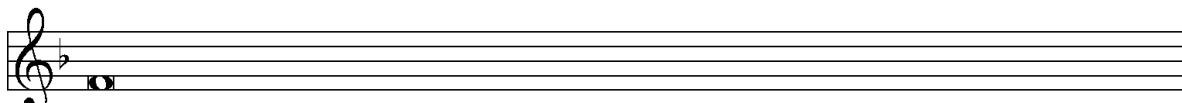
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




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



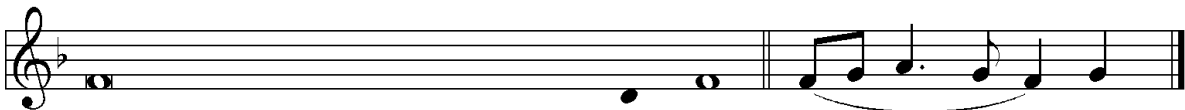
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



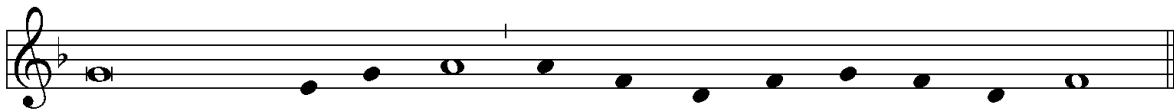
let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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.

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; 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—Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

L A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

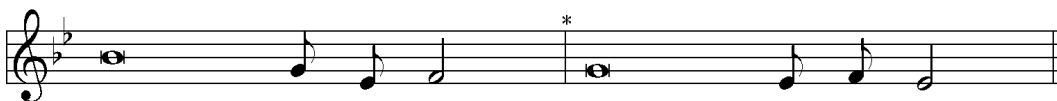
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sung antiphonally, Soloist / All

- ¹² So teach us to num- | ber our days,*
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³ **Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?***
Be gracious | to your servants.
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us by your lovingkindness | in the morning;*
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days | of our life.
- ¹⁵ **Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af- | flicted us***
and the years in which we suf- | fered adversity.
- ¹⁶ Show your ser- | vants your works*
and your splendor | to their children.
- ¹⁷ **May the graciousness of the LORD our God | be upon us;***
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON—Hebrews 4:12-16

L A reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint Mark 10:17-31

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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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

Watch Thou, Dear Lord

Carl Schalk

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**

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

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MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



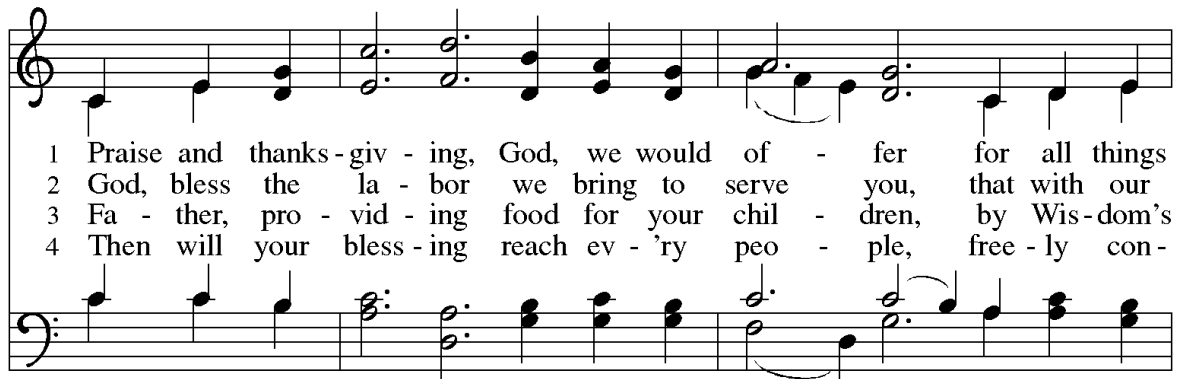
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

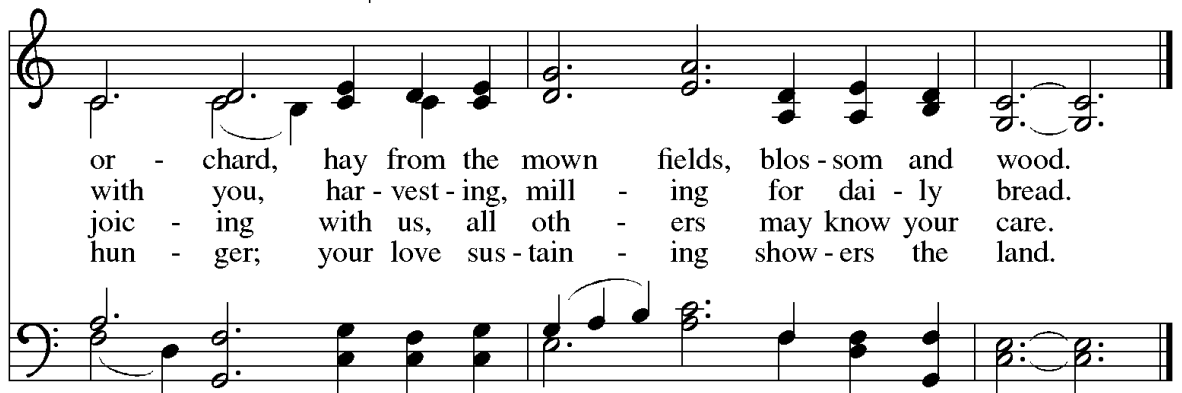
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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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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

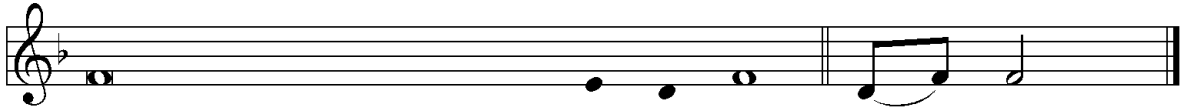
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

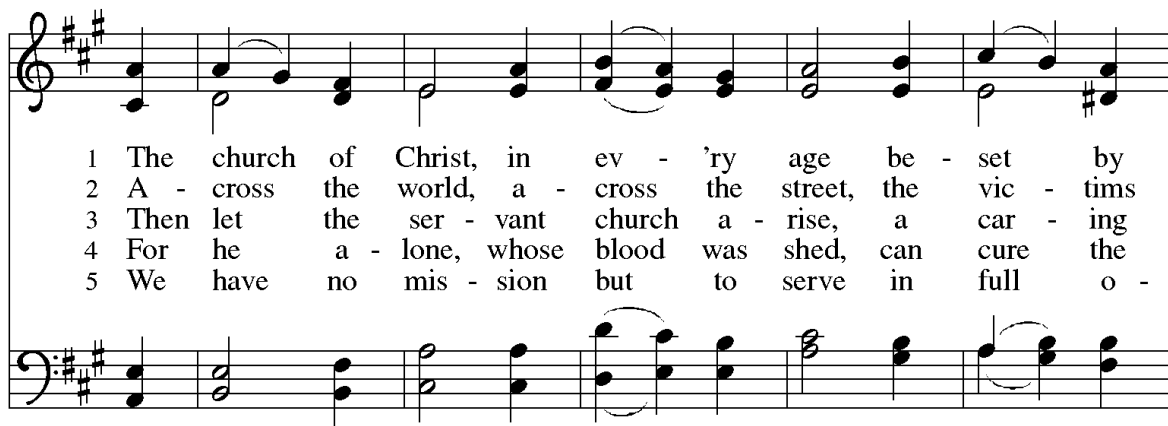
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THE HYMN TO CLOSE

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

LBW 433

Printed on the following pages.



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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THE DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin

Johann Christian Bach

TODAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 13 and 27**, where Gregory will be displaying his crosses. Thank you!

SISTER CYNTHIA 30th 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.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP GEARHARD FARMS EVENT: We have now included the **FAMILY CIRCUS** to join the **KidVenture** group who will be visiting Gearhard Farms in Murrysville for a hayride, corn maze, and campfire! We will be visiting the farm on **Saturday, October 19 at 4:00 PM**. Tickets are \$15/person. This is a family event. The church will cover the cost of beverages and items to cook over the campfire. **Please sign up in Parish House or email Christine at cgh@flcpittsburgh.org.**

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Deenna Richmond and Michael Randal are to be married at The Barn at Madison on Saturday, October 19. They request your prayers.

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, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will be on duty Monday - Thursday, October 14 - 17.

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.

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; 412-471-8125) or add them to the list that is available in the Parish House.

PLEASANT VALLEY SHELTER DINNER on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM. To love our neighbors, First Lutheran Church prepares and serves a meal at Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter on the first Tuesday of every other month. Our next dinner will be Tuesday, November 5. We are in need of more volunteers to make food at home or buy prepared food at a store and to help serve the meal at 7:00 PM. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Jeff McCurry at mccurryj@gmail.com.

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 13 and ending November 17. 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!

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. Millions continue to be without power and remain isolated and cut off due to substantial damage in their communities.

Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to expand to all impacted areas. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you enable the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and to remain for as long as the recovery takes.

Support the response today by visiting this URL: <https://bit.ly/4eue92v>

Or write a check to First Lutheran Church and put *Helene disaster* in the memo line and drop in offering plate or send in the mail.

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/>

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 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.

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 to let us know your child will be ready for the next opportunity for instruction, First Holy Communion, or both.

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.

2025 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.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN

A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, a member of your family is no longer physically able to attend worship, a member of your family leaves home for college, military service, or to establish a new residence.

A member of your family changes their name and/or marital status

A new baby arrives in your family

Your address, phone number and/or email address has changed

You feel the church can assist you in any way

You would like to request a visit from the Pastor

Call 412-471-8125 or email Christine at cgh@flcpittsburgh.org

HOW OUR PRAYER LIST WORKS: Prayer requests for individuals may be submitted to the church office by telephone or email, or by using the form on our website. Reasons for the request may be submitted with the request, but these will be kept confidential among the pastors and office staff unless permission is given to share them with others. Last names may be omitted. The full prayer list is sent to members and associate members each Friday unless the list is unchanged from the previous week. After persons are added, names will remain on the list through the following calendar month unless there is a request to keep them on. In this case, please alert the office when we may remove them from the list.

SERVING TODAY

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Presiding Minister

Pr. Murdy

Pr. Evans

Preacher

Pr. Murdy

Assisting Minister

Pr. Evans

Daniel Weimer

Communion Assistant

Susan Bruder
Richard King

Pr. Murdy
Neal Venters

Lectors

Kathy Moncure

Grace Hall

Acolyte(s)

Roy Navid

C

Grace Hall

A

Maryam Hall

Guest Organist

Ben Sommer
Organ and Sacred Music Scholar

Vocalist(s)

Megan Wall
Treble Section Leader

Head Usher

Kurt Herbst

Usher(s)

Kurt Hansmann

Wes Nelson

Altar Guild

Amy Hansmann
Grace Hansmann

Amy Bills
Donna Graf

Coffee Hour Host

Eric & Frances
Verschuure

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CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	HOLY CROSS HALL
6:00 PM	Social Ministry Committee Meeting	ZOOM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 *Teresa of Avila, Renewer of the Church*

1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	MEZZANINE
5:30 PM	Stewardship Committee Meeting	ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 AM	Meal Ministry Meal Prep	KITCHEN
12:10 PM	Noonday Holy Communion	NAVE
5:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting	?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 *Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr*

6:30 PM	Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 *Saint Luke, Evangelist*

12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	VARIOUS
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30 AM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
4:00 PM	Kidventure at Gearhard Farms	MURRYSVILLE

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 20

8:30 AM	Holy Communion	NAVE
9:30 AM	Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR ROOM
9:45 AM	Sunday Church School Classes (All Ages)	HCH, VARIOUS
10:00 AM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
11:00 AM	Holy Communion	NAVE
12:15 PM	Cantate Children's Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR ROOM
6:30 PM	Youth Group Painting Activity	YOUTH ROOM

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*
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Mr. Nicholas Sharer, *Communications Coordinator*
Mr. Benjamin Sommer, *Organ & Sacred Music Scholar*

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The Rev. Brian O. Bennett, *Lutheran University Center*
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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.

Visit us online at
flcpittsburgh.org



Assisted listening devices are available. Inquire with an usher.