

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED 15 JANUARY 1837

**THE
TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**



**October 20, 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.

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 to the glory of God.

SANCTUARY

VOTIVE

LAMPS

October 7 - 20

*is given in memory of
Alan J. Holl, brother of
Nancy Headrick &
Harry Obley*

*is given in memory of Barbara
Bertollini Lape, sister of
Beatrice Weimer,
by Beatrice Weimer*

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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

*Suite du Deuxième Ton:
Plein Jeu, Duo, Basse de Cromorne* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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

You Servants of God

ELW 825

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

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

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


Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

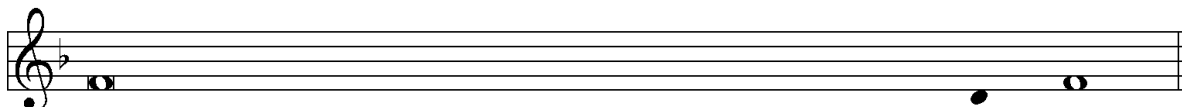
P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**


KYRIE



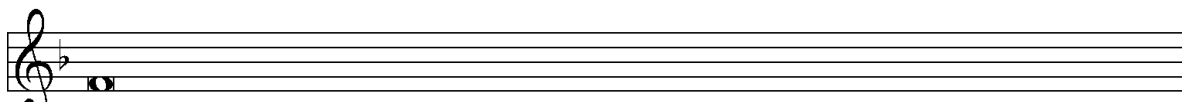
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



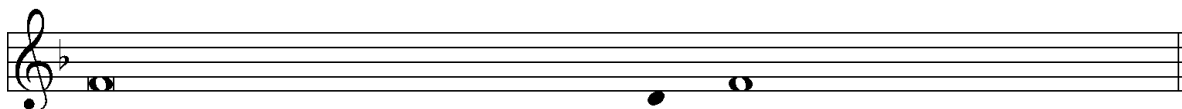
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



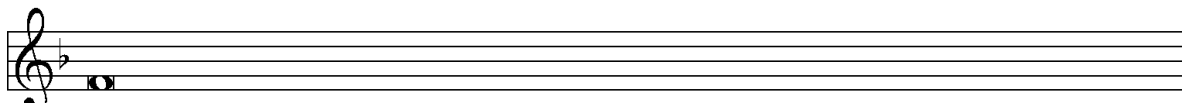
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




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



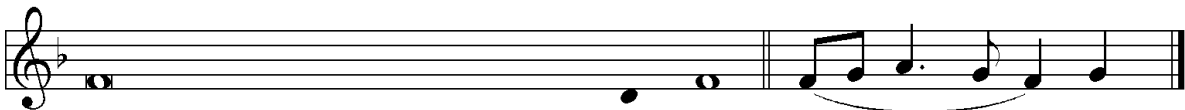
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



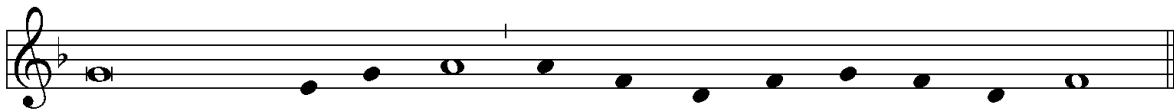
let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; 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—Isaiah 53:4-12

L A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

11:00 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 91:9-16

Qui habitat

Carpatho-Rusyn Chant

Sung by the Choir

THE SECOND LESSON—Hebrews 5:1-10

L A reading from Hebrews.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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!

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint Mark 10:35-45

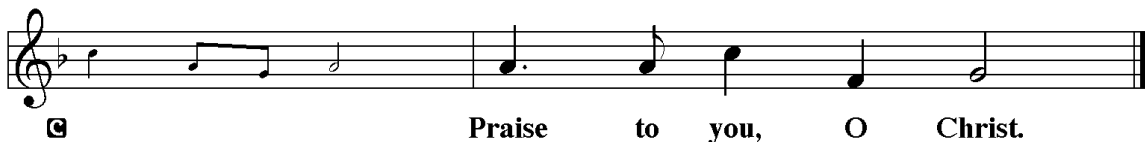
P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the tenth chapter.



³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Joseph G. Murdy

The people stand for the Hymn of the Day.

St. 1—All • 2—Men • 3—Women • 4—All

All 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
M 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
W 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
All 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

11:00 AM

Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs

Paul Laubengayer

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace is upon him. – Isaiah 53:4,5

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**

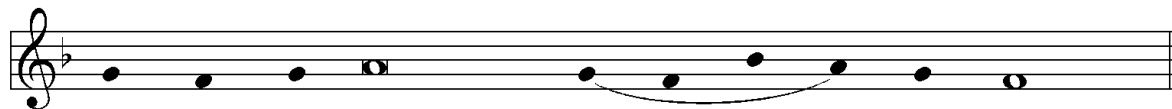
SURSUM CORDA



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**

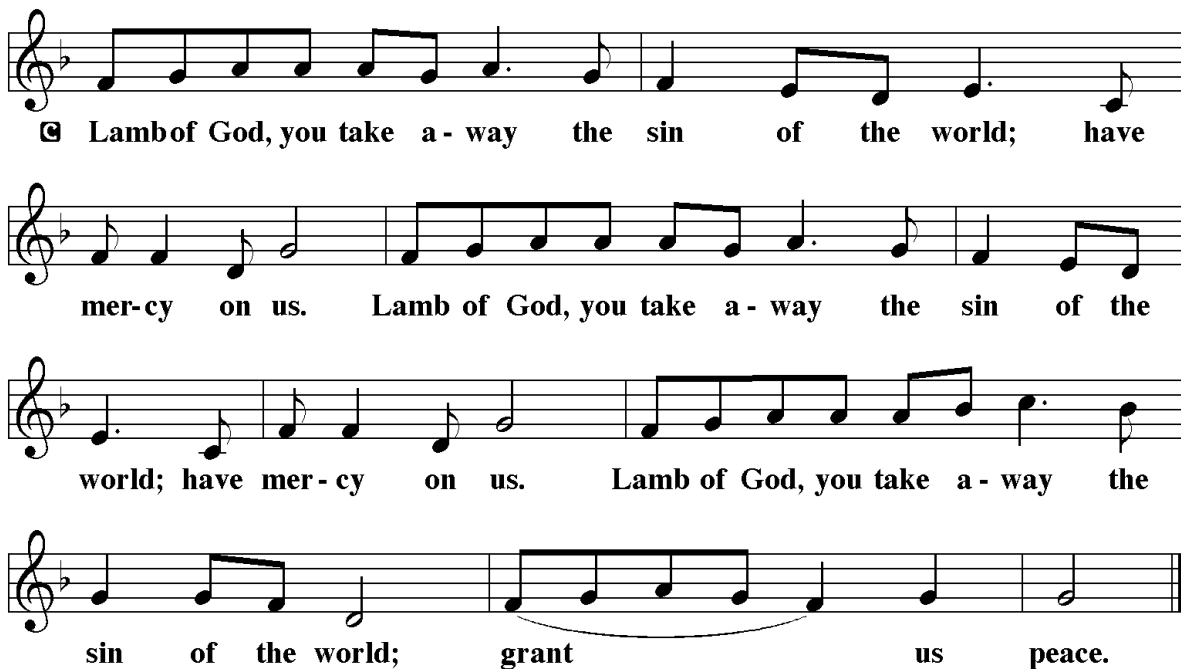
THE FRACTION

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

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MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

LBW 316



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



- 1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
 but you rose and, living,
 made yourself our bread,
 in your goodness giving
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
 in this meal we meet you.
 Be our bread and wine,
 Jesus, we entreat you.
 This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite

Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936

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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

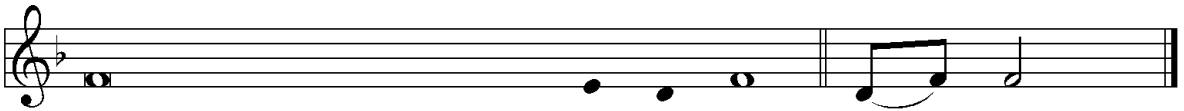
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

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

THE HYMN TO CLOSE

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

Printed on the following pages.

THE HYMN TO CLOSE

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

St. 1 & 2—All • 3—Men • 4—Women • 5—All

All 1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
All 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
M 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
W 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
All 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
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 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Suite du Deuxième Ton: Caprice

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

TODAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION: Our Adult Class, held in Holy Cross Hall, concludes today. Pastor Evans will lead a study on the book of James with reflections on how this small book has influenced our Lutheran theology. **On October 27**, adults will begin a new class entitled *Who is My Neighbor?*, a comparative look at Lutheranism and other faith traditions. We look forward to engaging conversations.

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 Sunday, October 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.

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.

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, Smithfield United Church of Christ will be on duty Monday - Thursday, October 21 - 24.

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.

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://tinyurl.com/amen2actionFLC>

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.

FAMILY CIRCUS GATHERING: The First Lutheran Church Family Circus (families with children age 0 through second grade) is gathering at Marjorie and Jared Weiner's home the morning of **Saturday, November 9, 2024** for a potluck brunch! There will be plenty of indoor and outdoor space to play. If you would like to attend and did not receive a Paperless Post invitation, please email eharmon130@gmail.com for the address and other party information.

VOLUNTEER AT GLOBAL LINKS on November 16 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Have fun with fellow members while sorting and packing surplus medical supplies which are sent to Central America, Bolivia, and local partners. No special skills required. Open to those who are 18 years and older (no upper limit!) and those who are 16-17 with a signed waiver by parent or guardian. Global Links is located near the Greentree exit on I-376. Contact Sherry Wilson with questions at swilson854@gmail.com. Contact the church office for the registration link.

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!

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 is Sunday, November 24 after the 11:00 liturgy. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, December 8 at the 8:30 AM service.** (If others are interested we could also hold FHC on December 22 at either service.) 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 FHC instruction on Nov. 24, First Holy Communion, or both.

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.

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Presiding Minister

Pr. Evans

Pr. Murdy

Preacher

Pr. Murdy

Assisting Minister

Kathy Pfister

Pr. Evans

Communion Assistant

Pr. Murdy
Matthew Seeley

Christine Hoffman
Mimi Pasternak

Lectors

June Navid

Anne Harmon

Acolyte(s)

Ben Pasternak

C
A

Nate Wilson

Cantor

Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO

Vocalists

The Parish Choir

Instrumentalist

Kim Wilson, *flute*

Head Usher

Kurt Herbst

Usher(s)

Kurt Hansmann

Wes Nelson

Altar Guild

Dee Ferina
Gerri Giles

Becky Lauffer
Kathy Lauffer

Coffee Hour Host

Janet Balas

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CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	HOLY CROSS HALL
6:30 PM	Congregation Council	HCH / ZOOM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	MEZZANINE
6:00 PM	Evangelism Committee Meeting	HOLY CROSS HALL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 *James of Jerusalem, Martyr*

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:30 PM	Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
6:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Meeting	ZOOM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	VARIOUS
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 *Nicolai, Heerman, & Gerhardt, Hymnwriters*

9:30 AM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
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REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

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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. Benjamin Sommer, *Organ & Sacred Music Scholar*

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The Rev. Caroline Mendis
The Rev. Martin M. Roth

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& 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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