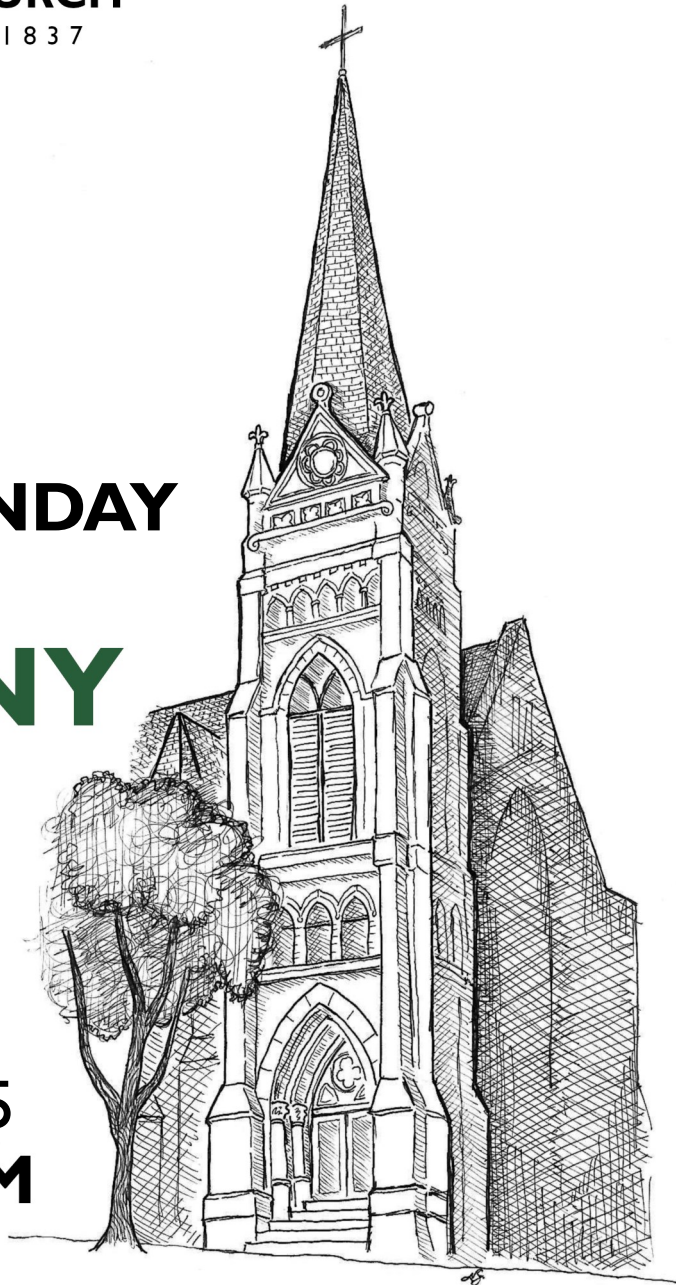


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED JANUARY 15, 1837

**THE
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE
EPIPHANY**

**February 23, 2025
8:30 & 11:00 AM**



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PARDON OUR DUST

Reconstruction of our front sidewalks is now underway. The courtyard is now open. Entry to the church is now limited to the entrances off the new courtyard. Please note, then, that for now the safest way to enter will be from the direction of Sixth Avenue. Those parking in U.S. Steel should cross Grant Street at Sixth instead of Strawberry Way. Though the new ramp is now very gradual and ADA compliant, please be cautious, railings will be installed shortly.

We will 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.

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 Accessible entrances to the nave are available using either door from the courtyard. 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 ✠

FLOWERS

THE CENTERPIECE

is given to the glory of God.

SANCTUARY

VOTIVE

LAMPS

February 10 - 23

*is given in celebration of our
second wedding anniversary by
Nancy Headrick & Harry Obley.*

*is given in memory of Mary &
Myer Headrick by Nancy
Headrick & Harry Obley.*

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

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

Read Psalm 100 p. 263

THE PRELUDE

Berceuse, Op. 31, No. 19

Louis Vierne

The people stand.

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen

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

C Amen

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

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

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

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

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

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

ELW 557



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

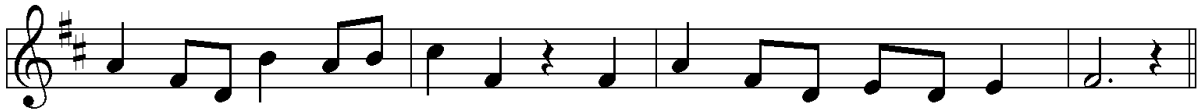
Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.
Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis



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



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like him through whom we pray, 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 45:3-11, 15

L A reading from Genesis.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

11:00 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 *Noli æmulari* Psalter for Worship

Sung by the Choir.

THE SECOND LESSON—I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

L A reading from First Corinthians.

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

THE VERSE

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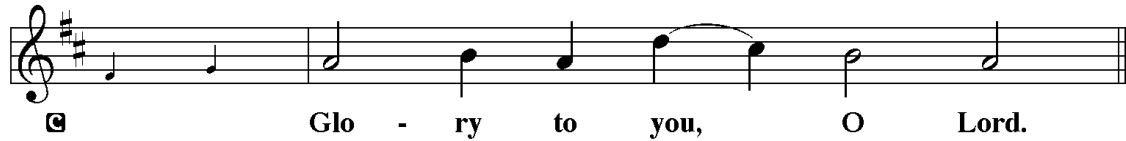
*The Alleluia is intoned once by the Soloist/Choir, and repeated by **All**.*

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

Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixth chapter.

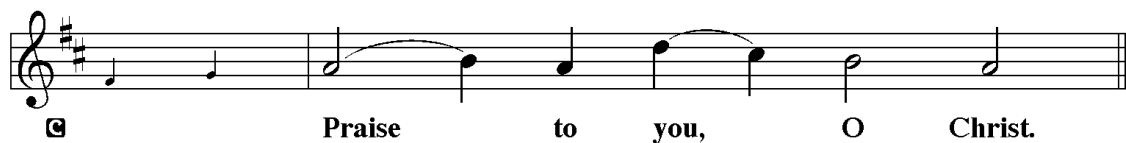


[Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LBW 304

St. 1—All • 2—Men • 3—Women • 4—All

1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?

how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us, how of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,

your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–1878, alt.
Music: ANTHES, Friedrich K. Anthes, b. 1812

INSTALLATION OF THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, AND FELLOWSHIP

Representative of Council:

After prayerful deliberation,
we, the Congregation Council of First Lutheran Church have appointed Amy Bills to
serve in the position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Christian Education, and
Fellowship.

Address and Questions

P Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of
loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a
particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

P Amy, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust
and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

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

P Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with
the confessions of the Lutheran Church?

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

P Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures
and faithful in prayer?

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

P Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve,
strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a
godly life?

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

P Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C Amen

The pastor addresses the congregation.

P People of God, will you receive Amy into this ministry as one sent to serve in the Church of Jesus Christ?

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

P Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

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

P Amy, I now declare you installed as Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Christian Education, and Fellowship. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

C Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

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

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

A ...Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen

The people stand.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*The people offer each other the sign of peace, saying "Peace be with you."
The people are seated as the gifts are prepared.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

8:30 AM

O Lord, Our God

W. A. Mozart

11:00 AM

Laudate!

John Leavitt

Praise the Lord, all you nations, praise him, all you peoples. Alleluia! The Lord is high above all nations. His glory is high above the heavens. Praise God! Praise him! Alleluia!

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

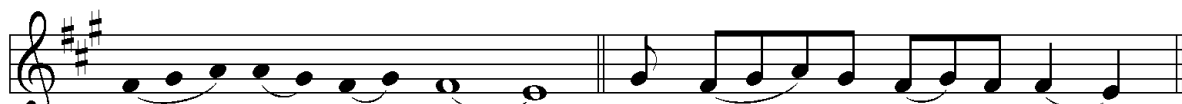
A Let us pray. Blessed are you,

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


SURSUM CORDA



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



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

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

SANCTUS

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God. You surround us with your glory and mercy, and in the splendor of your heavenly light you lead us through the darkness of this world.

You led your people Israel by a pillar of fire, as you delivered them from bondage and brought them to the promised land. By the light of Bethlehem's star you led the sages to your beloved Son, revealing him to the nations as King of kings and Lord of lords. In words, signs and wonders your Son gave the light of hope to the hopeless and healing to the downcast.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

With joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

P Gracious Father, we give you thanks for the light of our Lord's passion and his
victory over the grave. We rejoice that you have made us your people, by Christ's
redeeming love. We pray that by your Holy Spirit you will bless and sanctify this
Holy Communion, that we may be illumined in faith as we partake of Christ's
body and blood, renewed in the forgiveness of sins, and joyous in our hope for
your eternal kingdom.

C Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

THE FRACTION

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

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

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

The people are seated.

AGNUS DEI



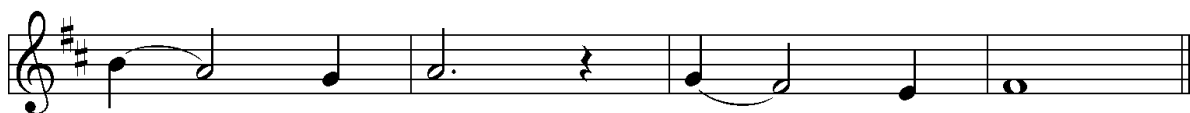
☪ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

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MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

11:00 AM

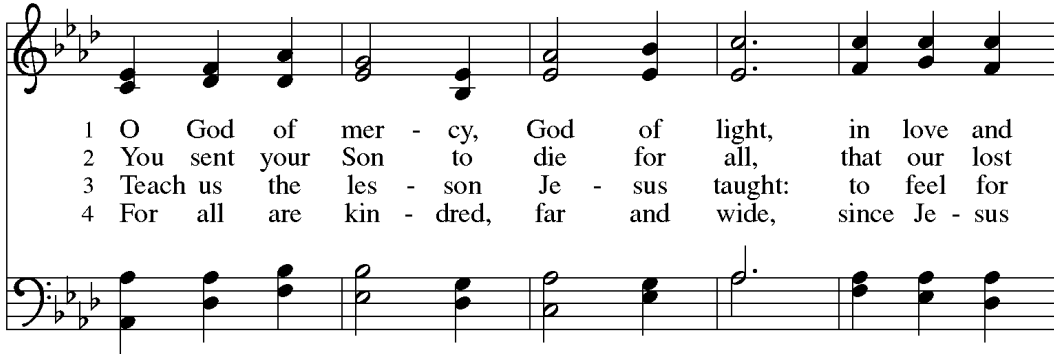
O Lord, Our God

W.A. Mozart

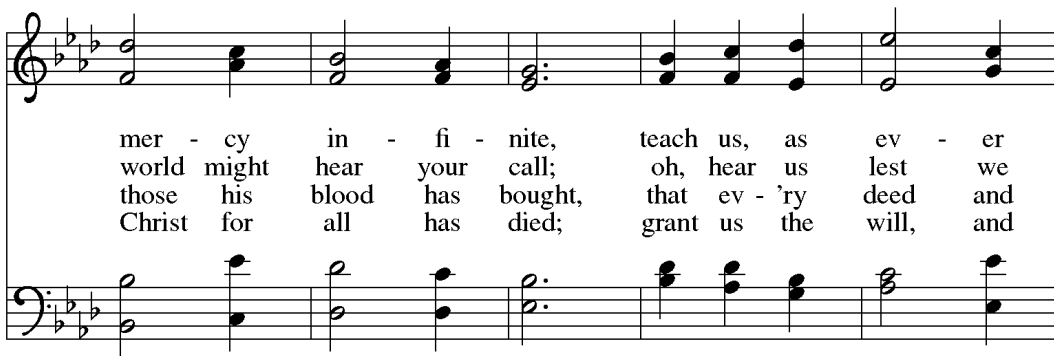
HYMN

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

When all have communed, the people stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

8:30 AM THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



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



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



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

11:00 AM THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Nunc Dimittis*

Sung by Choir

Sir Joseph Barnby

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 y **x** now and for - ever. **C** A - men

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

THE HYMN TO CLOSE

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

ELW 716



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I -
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.
Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šamotulský Kancionál*, 1561
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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Voluntary on ENGELBERG

Charles Callahan

THIS MORNING AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 23

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC: Today at 11:00 AM, the Parish Choir will offer an anthem by American composer, conductor and teacher, John Leavitt. He has served as music professor and director of choral activities at several universities in North America. He is a regular guest conductor at Carnegie Hall in New York and at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

INSTALLATION OF CYM: TODAY at the 8:30 AM service, Amy Bills will be installed as First Lutheran Church's Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Christian Education, & Fellowship (CYM).

ADULT SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY: Join us **this morning** for a closer look at Hero's of the Reformation. This week, led by Chuck Torie, we will look at two key figures who in many ways paved the way for Martin Luther. Join us as we learn about and discuss the lives of John Wycliffe and Jan Hus.

YOUTH GROUP OUTING TO CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER: The Youth Group will visit the Carnegie Science Center TODAY, Following the 11:00 AM service, we will gather in Holy Cross Hall for pizza and then drive to the Science Center on the Northside. This activity is set to run from **1:00 - 3:00 PM**. Youth can be picked up in front of the Science Center. If you have any questions, please see Amy Bills.

INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR: The Rev. Joseph G. Murdy will be officially installed to the office of Associate Pastor on **Sunday, March 9, at 4:00 PM** by our Conference Dean, The Rev. Dr. Margarethe Galbraith-Cordes, with our pastor-in-residence, The Rev. Caroline Mendis preaching. A light reception will follow in Holy Cross Hall. All are welcome. Clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is purple.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Our 16th annual Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held **Saturday, March 1, at 9:00 AM** in Holy Cross Hall. The guest speaker is The Rev. Eric André from Trinity Lutheran in Oakland, who will speak on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in light of the recent movie. Please sign up in the Parish House or contact Amy Bills at cym@flcpittsburgh.org if you plan to attend. Friends are welcome!

NEW PASCHAL (EASTER) CANDLE: If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of the new Paschal Candle this year, please contact Christine at cgh@flcpittsburgh.org or 412-471-8125. A dedication may be included in the Easter Flower booklet.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND TEACHER APPRECIATION: Support our Youth Group and Sunday School teachers **NEXT Sunday, March 2 at 9:45 AM** in Holy Cross Hall at our annual pancake breakfast and teacher appreciation. First Church's youth will cook and serve made-to-order pancakes and raise money for activities. Teachers will be recognized for their service and dedication.

FAMILY CIRCUS PARTY AT THE TOY LENDING LIBRARY: Please drop in and play alongside other families from First Lutheran on **Friday, March 14, 2025**. We will serve food around 5:30 PM. If you would like to attend, please fill out the form that can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyCircusFLC> If you have questions, please contact Emily Weimer at eharmon130@gmail.com. Friends are welcome!

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: THE "LENT" OFFERING has been designated for Bridge to the Mountains. Bridge to the Mountains is a full-time dedicated street outreach organization that assists individuals living on the streets of Allegheny County in accessing and navigating available resources. Your donation helps fund ongoing outreach as well as summer outdoors retreats for these individuals and the people who work with them. Please use the "LENT" envelope in your offering envelope box, or, make your check payable to "First Lutheran Church" and mark it "LENT."

CALL FOR COMMUNION ASSISTANTS/ASSISTING MINISTERS: Please consider serving as worship assistants on Sundays. Assisting Ministers serve as assistant to the presiding minister, leading prayers, preparing the altar for communion and administering the Cup. Communion Assistants administer the wine at communion and perform other small tasks at the altar. Time commitment is about one Sunday a month. Training is available. Please contact Christine Hoffman, who coordinates the assistants by calling 412- 471-8125 or email cgh@flcpittsburgh.org. Thank you!

THE CARING AND HOSPITALITY TEAM are looking for more volunteers to provide meals to our fellow parish members during illness, recovery, or other circumstances. Please email Amy Mehta, Chair of the Care and Hospitality Team at amyandamish@aol.com or call/text her at 412-559-4963 if you can serve in this way. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5, 2025

Imposition of Ashes
8:30 AM

Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes
12:00 PM & 7:00 PM



Join us as we begin our annual Lenten pilgrimage toward the cross of Christ.

TIME TO RESTOCK THE PANTRY! We could especially use: large and individual sized shelf-stable milks, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned fruits and fruit cups, jam and jelly, pasta sauces, canned pasta meals (Chef Boy-Ar-Dee), Hormel Compleat meals, and packages of snack crackers, granola and multi-grain bars. Please donate easy -open pull-tab canned goods whenever possible. Thank you!

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, **February 23 - 26.**

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 March 10.

SERVING TODAY

	8:30 AM		11:00 AM
Presiding Minister	Pr. Evans		Pr. Murdy
Preacher			Pr. Murdy
Assisting Minister	Mimi Pasternak		Pr. Evans
Communion Assistants	Pr. Murdy Kathy Dearth		Ben Sommer Neal Venters
Lectors	Kathy Reehl		Donna Graf
Acolyte(s)	Roy Navid	C	Abby Wilson
	Olivia Hauser	A	Emily Wilson
Cantor	Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO		
Vocalists	Theresa Kesser, <i>Treble Section Leader</i>		The Parish Choir
Head Usher			Kurt Herbst
Usher(s)	Kurt Hansmann		Wes Nelson
Altar Guild	Amy Hansmann Janet King		Jen Roth Kathy Roth
Coffee Hour Host			Janet Balas

CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 *Elizabeth Fedde, Deaconess*

1:00 PM Staff Meeting MEZZANINE

5:30 PM Stewardship Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Meal Ministry Prep KITCHEN

12:10 PM Noonday Holy Communion NAVE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:00 AM Renovation Task Force Meeting MEZZANINE / ZOOM

6:00 PM Youth Ministry Committee Meeting ZOOM

6:30 PM Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 *George Herbert, Hymnwriter*

9:00 AM Sixteenth Annual Men's Prayer Breakfast HOLY CROSS HALL

9:30 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal CHOIR ROOM

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, SUNDAY MARCH 2

8:30 AM Holy Communion NAVE

9:30 AM Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT

9:45 AM Youth Ministry / Teacher Appreciation Pancake Breakfast HOLY CROSS HALL

10:00 AM Parish Choir Rehearsal CHOIR LOFT

11:00 AM Holy Communion NAVE

12:15 PM Cantate Children's Choir Rehearsal CHOIR ROOM

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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, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Daniel E. Hall, MD, *Assisting Episcopal Priest*
Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO, *Cantor*
Ms. Amy Bills, *Christian Ed., Youth Ministry, & Fellowship*
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, *Carnegie Mellon Univ.*
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



Assisted listening devices are available. Inquire with an usher.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday Church School
(Classes for all ages during school year)
11:00 AM Holy Communion

Midweek Noonday Worship

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

SUNDAY PARKING

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

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

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