



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are welcome here!

First Lutheran is committed to being a compassionate and inclusive congregation where all people are invited to celebrate faith, participate in God's mission, and share God's love with the world.

Parish and Community Announcements for the Week of September 25th

- Check out the new “Welcome Table” located outside of the Fellowship Hall for all upcoming event sign ups and Sunday volunteer sign ups.
- Wednesday, September 28th, the Prayer Partner dinner will be held in the Fellowship hall. Bring a small gift for your prayer partner with a signed card, revealing yourself! A light meal will be served and sign-up sheets will be available for the 2022-23 year! If you haven't been involved and would like to join, call the office to sign up!
- Please note the change to our Confirmation time: we will begin at 6:30 pm, not 7:00 pm. See you on Wednesday!
- Join us for Mr. Ed's farm on Sunday, October 2nd from 3:00-5:00. Fun for all ages, we will see all the animals, go on a hay ride and have snacks around the campfire. Sign up is outside the fellowship hall on the new “Welcome Table”.
- There will be a Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, October 30th for those who have completed three years of study.
- We have a new phone system in the office. When you call, a recording will direct you to push “0” for Rian and “1” for Pr. John. If we are away from our desks, you will be able to leave a message. We are still getting used to these phones, so please bear with us and make sure to leave a message if you would like a call back.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service # 712

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

KYRIE

[ELW pages 147-148]

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God

and join in the hymn of all creation:

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GATHERING PRAYER

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

And also with you.

. . . through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**4 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

**8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

9 The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10 The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from Timothy.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[ELW page 151]

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

WELCOME TO CONFIRMATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

[ELW pages 152-153]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

You may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

[ELW page 154]

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG: Just As I Am, without One Plea #592

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Lord God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart
and nourished us with the body and blood of Christ.**

Now send us forth to do justice, love kindness,

and to walk humbly with you and one another. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon us with favor and † give us peace. Amen.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG: Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

SENDING MUSIC

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