

Christ the King Sunday

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
408 9TH STREET NW
MANDAN, ND 58554

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

November 22, 2026 8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK *Linda Anseth*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* *ELW #855 or Page 8*
(v. 1, 2, 3 & 4)

GREETING
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Pastor: Let us pray….

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Choir "A Jubilant Thanksgiving" (Trumpet: Drake Schoellkopf)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
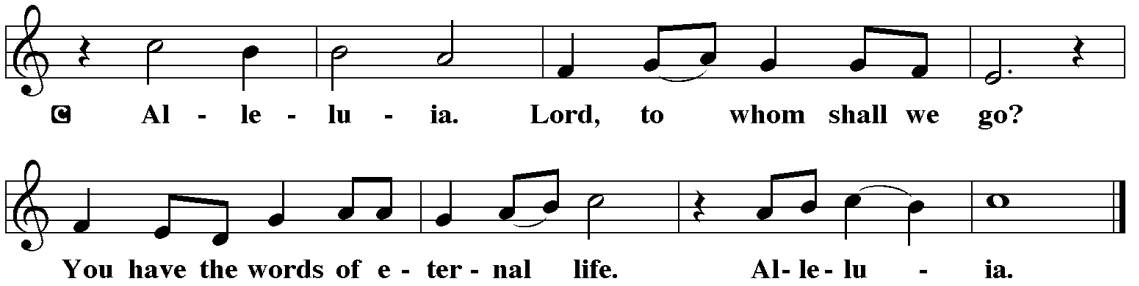
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and

seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord. **RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of

these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord. **"Praise to you, O Christ."**

SERMON *Pastor Adam*

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* *ELW #712 or Page 9*
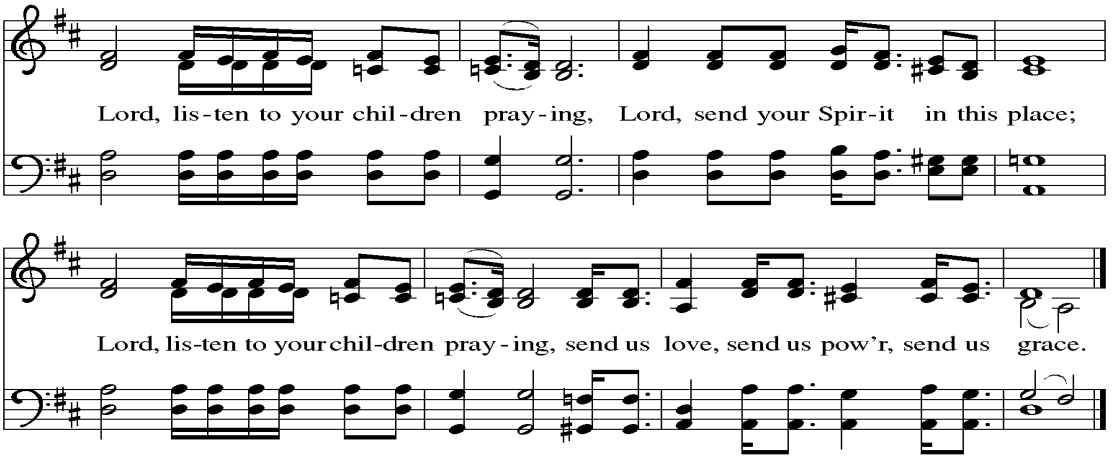
APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: "God, in your mercy," Congregation: "hear our prayer."

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

Thank you for your financial offerings to First Lutheran. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ through our life together here in this congregation and through our loving service to our neighbors beyond our walls. We now have resumed the traditional offering practice of "passing the plates." For those who contribute to First Lutheran's ministry in ways other than weekly in-church offerings and would still like to be included in the in-worship gathering of the offering, laminated "Offering Cards" are now included in the pew racks for you to place in the offering plates.

OFFERTORY *"We Are an Offering" ELW #692 or Page 10*

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MEAL

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER
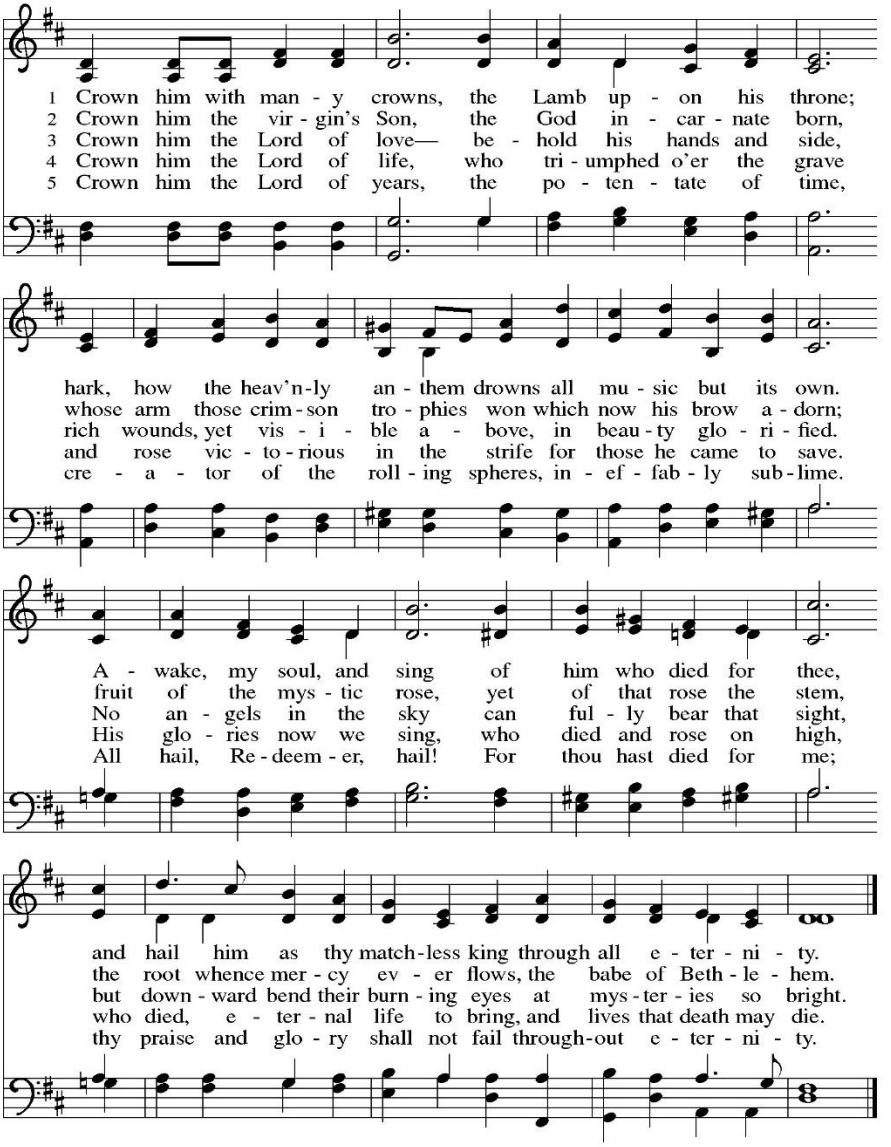
BENEDICTION

*Sunday School children and parents are welcome to dismiss during the sending hymn.

SENDING HYMN *"Beautiful Savior"* *ELW #838 or Page 11*
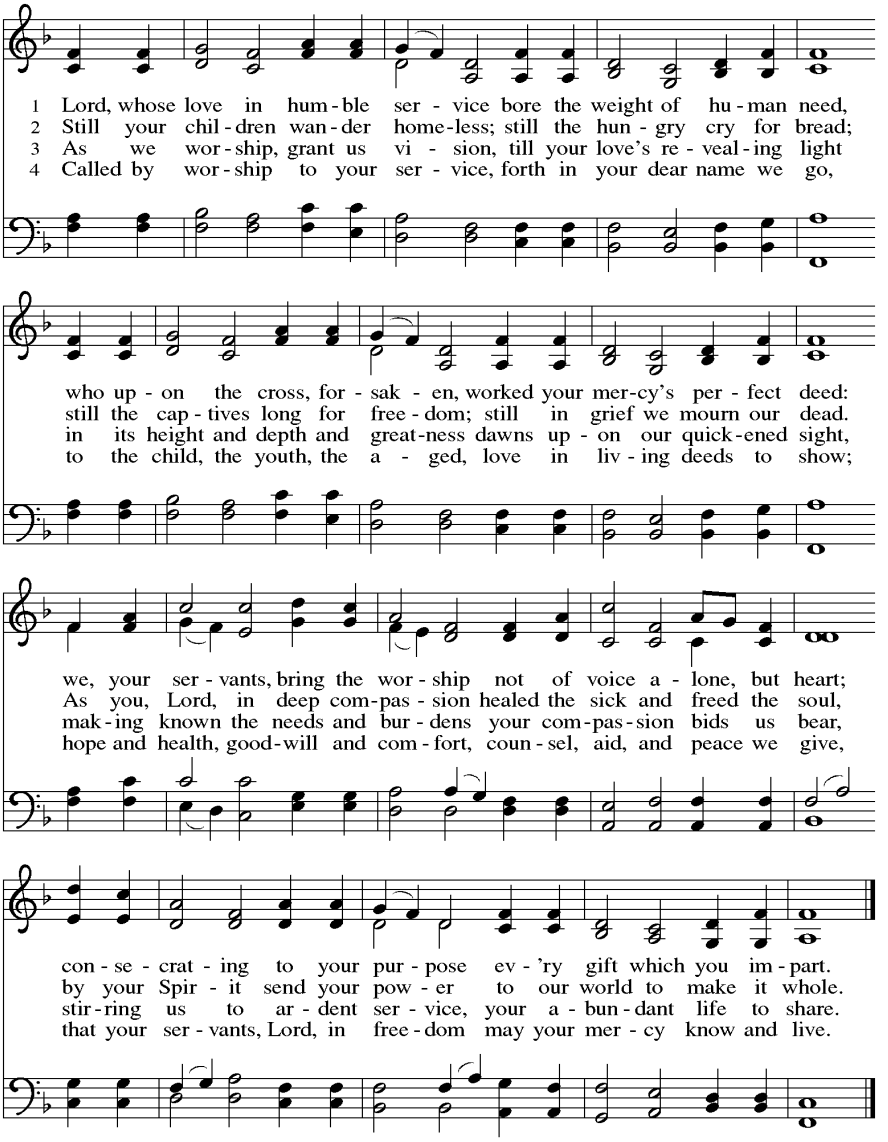
Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Cong: Thanks be to God.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

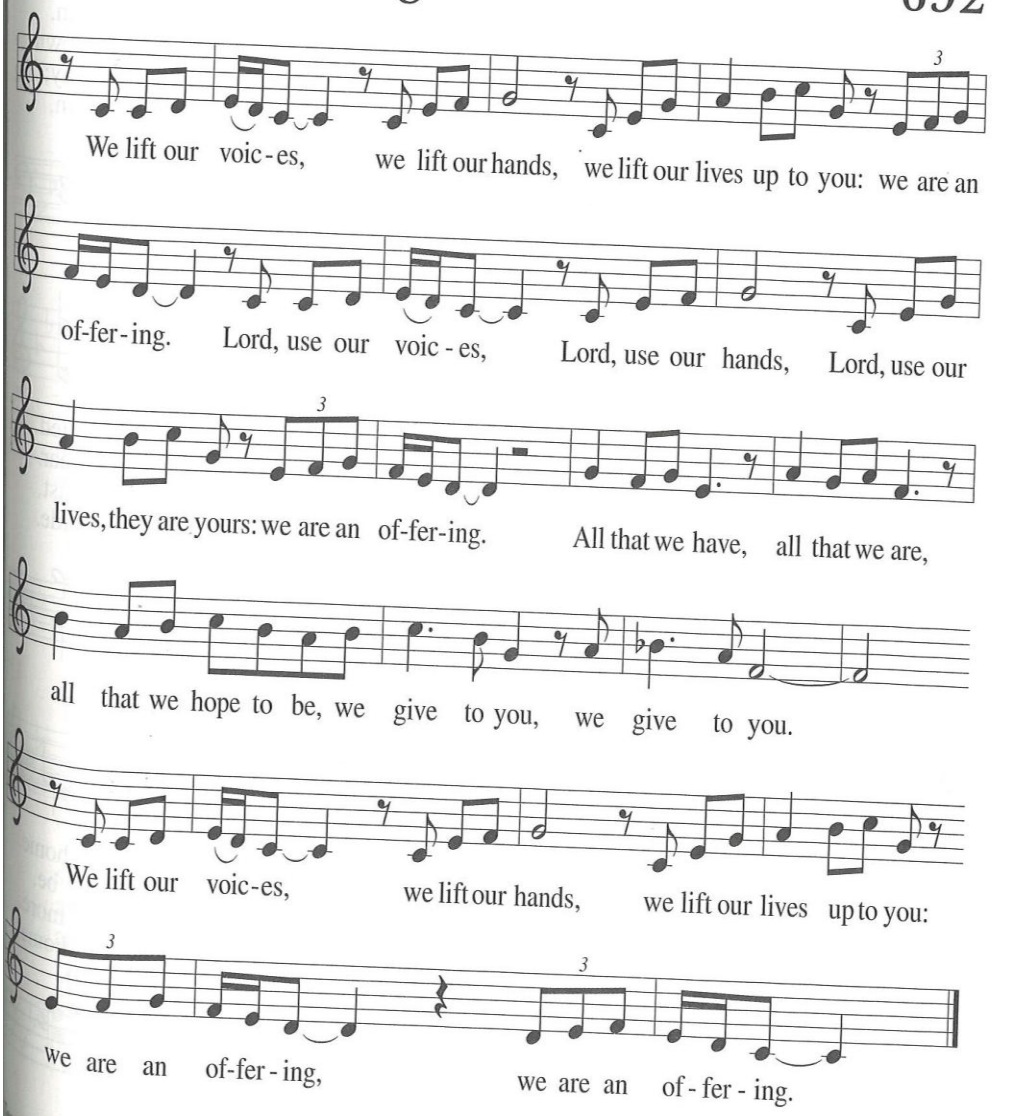


Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985
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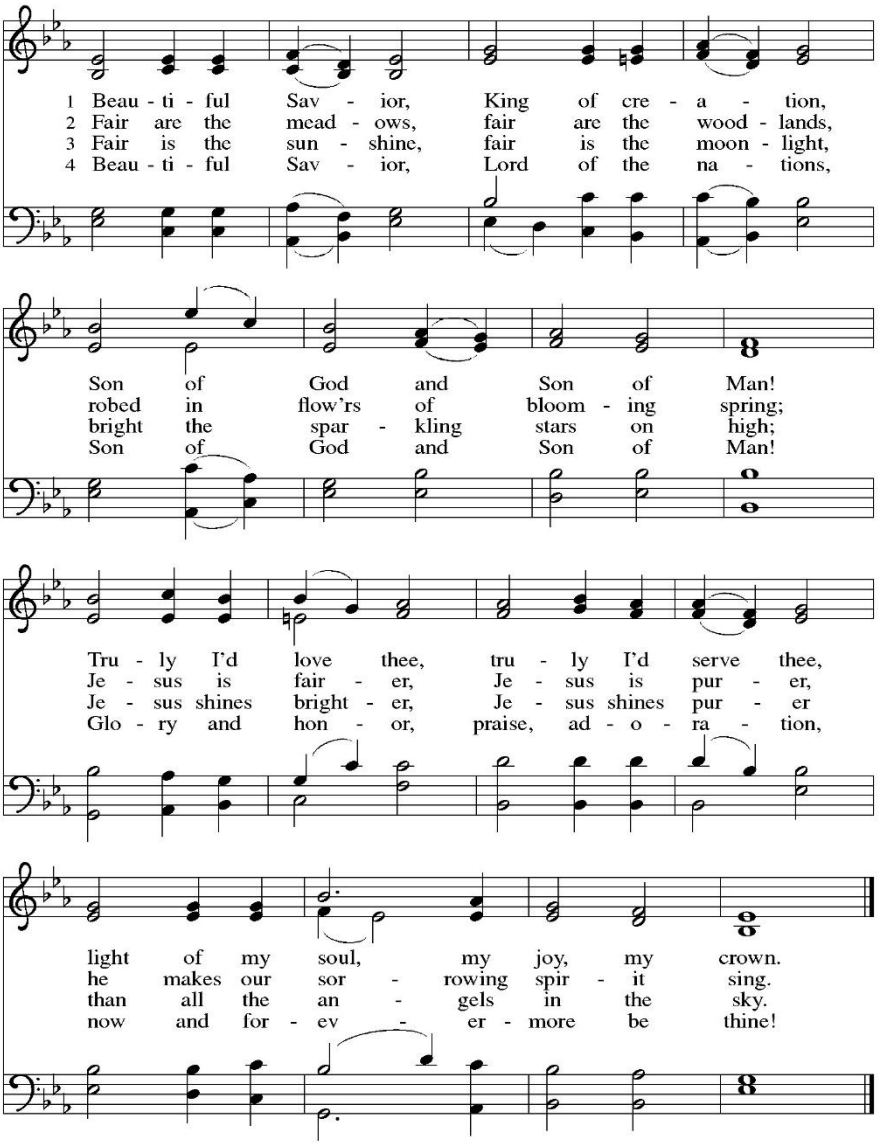
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Music: Dwight Liles
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Beautiful Savior



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Attendance last Week: ***Sunday 8:30*** - 102 ***10:30*** - 116
Wednesday 6:30 - 102

ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

Noel Albrecht, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Dave Thomas, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Pam Weng, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Jeff MacIver, Darin Hinsz, Jerome Bauer, Wendel Mongeon, Brenda Hersch, Ray Stenmoen, Connor Hertz, Teresa Seeman, Linda Stastny, Rachael Hankin, Opal Renken, David Jung, Dina Walker, Kay Link, Tammy Krein, Terry Tanaka, Wanda House, Tom Burau, Judy Walters, Monte Olmsted, Pat Kincaid, Victor Saeman, Lualice Stockert, Katy Anseth, Sarah Weishaar, Anna Anderson, Brenna Blankenship, Ted (Theodore) Delfs, Allen Janz, Justin Hankin, Judy Anderson, Rori Messer, Jayar Kindsvogel, Kristen Rasmussen, Jason Klipfel. Lois Helmer, Pius Johner, Cori Musolf, Eunice Wolf, Adam Walker, Mary Hogan, Corey Palmer, Sandy Hertz, Jacee Huber, Laurie Ronholdt, Naida Feland, Larry Harm, Toby Croteau, Samantha Grube, Becki Barnhart, Saxon Russell, LeAnn Olson

First Lutheran Church will be updating the prayer list periodically. If a name is not listed and you would like it re-listed please call the church office at 663-3594. We will re-list names for prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Todd Bauer, Alex Dove, Jacob Selzler

If you know of anyone who has ties to our congregation and is called to active duty, please contact the church office.

Pastor Phil Leer's phone number: 701-341-7784
Pastor Adam Barden's phone number: 701-595-3180
(If you need to reach them please give them a call)

Ushers:
Lori Meyers

Reader:
Cara Mitzel

Communion Servers:
Gail Mayer
Jeanne House

Communion Set-Up:
Corby Rachel

Musician:
8:30 Organ - Loretta White



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for ushers, communion servers, readers & communion set up for all worship services. Since we have gone back to passing the offering plate we need at least 2 ushers for every service. If you could help out please sign your name on the sheets provided, by the bulletins, in the narthex.

Mission of the Month - Weekend Meals For Mandan Kids

Items needed are Chap Stick, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Ham, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding Cups, Applesauce, Chef Boyardee', Mac & Cheese, Soups, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Pop Tarts, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice A Roni, Pasta Roni, Pork and Beans, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix-no eggs required such as Krusteaz Brand, Syrup.

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

"Thankfulness" Baskets

First Lutheran is collecting fall/winter/early spring items and personal care items for our homebound, assisted living, and nursing home residents. Please consider being a blessing to these precious members by donating items, assisting in the assembly of baskets, and/or delivering them.

There are boxes in the narthex for donation items.

Questions? – please call Lori 701-471-9436.

"Thankfulness Baskets"
will be assembled & delivered on Sunday, November 22nd, 2026.



If you would like to help with assembly and/or delivery, please come to the First Lutheran Church chapel after the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, November 22nd, 2026.



ANGEL TREE NAMES

Linda Anseth will be sitting in the narthex with angel tree names until the names are all picked up. **The gifts have to be delivered to the church no later than Sunday, December 13th, 2026.** Please stop by and pick up a name today. They are also wanting chapstick, hats, mittens, scarfs, & non perishable food items (canned goods with "pop top" lids) by the tree to give to the children. If you have any questions please call Linda at 426-2462.

Women of First Luncheon will be having a Christmas Party for all ladies! It will be held at First Lutheran Church in the fellowship hall downstairs on Wednesday, December 9th at 11:30 a.m. This will be a potluck and gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift valued at $10.00 or less. A wrapped white elephant gift is also welcome. If you are planning on attending, please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible.

Youth Group & Bible Study

Starting this month, we will be switching things up a bit with our youth groups. Before each youth group session, we will be offering a time for Bible Study from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. From 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm, we will have food and fellowship. Youth group will start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

We are also going to try something a little different with Youth Group this month. 8th graders will be welcome to attend the high school youth group session instead of the middle school session. So, for this month's youth group, C-Squad students will meet tonight.

If you have any questions regarding any of the upcoming youth activities, please contact Pastor Adam

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Barb Helm. Her visitation will be held at Eastgate Funeral Service on Sunday, November 29th. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Deck the Halls… Literally!

We're gathering a joyful crew to decorate the inside of our church for Christmas!

Saturday, November 28th starting at 10am

Why You Should Join:

- Free coffee and donuts
- Christmas tunes to enhance your holiday mood
- Step ladders, laughter, and lightbulbs galore
- Limited time commitment (we're usually done by lunch)
- **No experience needed. All ages welcome.** If you're willing to help, we can find a job for you. Bring the whole family and start a tradition! (Kids are good at running the extension cords.)

Bring your holiday cheer, a warm heart, and maybe an extra step ladder if you have a sturdy one.

Call or text Sarah Bradford at 471-9801 with any questions.

We also will need help after the Christmas season to take the decorations down again. That will happen on Saturday, January 9 at 10am. You can help with either one or both.

Advent (ure)! In God's Word

Bible Study from 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 30th
Monday, December 7th
Monday, December 14th
Monday, December 21st

This will be an informal four-week Bible Study led by Pastor Adam & Pastor Phil that will "look ahead" to the Bible readings assigned for the Sundays during Advent and Christmas. We will meet in the chapel. Scripture readings will be provided for participants.

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OR TEXT 8449340609 TO DONATE

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.

We have to stay financially strong. The ongoing ministry of our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up here https://firstlutheranofmandan.com/. Simply click on the button on the right hand side that says "Give Online". If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can drop it off at the church or mail it to 408 9th St NW Mandan, ND 58554. Staying strong in worship, caring ministries, and finances are important as we work to love and serve hurting people during this tumultuous time.

If you provide your financial offerings to First Lutheran through other ways besides the weekly worship gathering of gifts (e.g.: Vanco, automatic bank withdrawal), you are welcome to place one of the laminated "offering cards" in the pew rack in the offering plate during the Offering.

Notes on Holy Communion:

Practice: *We practice Open Communion, which means if you are here, you are welcome at the table of Christ. If you do not take Communion, or you do not take Communion yet, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. We can also bring Communion to you in your pew if you are unable to come forward. Please notify one of the ushers.*

Procedure: *You will receive a wafer of bread and a small cup of communion wine (juice and gluten free wafers are also available; please let your server know). Please place the empty cup in the waste basket by the communion assistant as you return to your pew.*

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 22	7:00 Community Access Channel 12 or 612
	8:30 Worship/Live Stream Worship
	9:30 Coffee
	9:30 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship
	11:30 Thankfulness Baskets Assembly & Delivery
	5:00 6-7 Grade Bible Study
	6:30 6-7 Grade Youth Group
Monday 23	
Tuesday 24	9:00 Staff
Wednesday 25	5:15 Choir Practice
	No Church School
	6:30 Worship
	No Bell Choir
	No Confirmation
Thursday 26	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
	Office Closed
Friday 27	Office Closed
Saturday 28	
Sunday 29	7:00 Community Access Channel 12 or 612
	8:30 Worship/Live Stream Worship
	9:30 Coffee
	No Sunday School
	10:30 Worship