

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

November 8, 2026 8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 *"Jesus Shall Reign" ELW #434 or Page 8*

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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is
darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house
and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight
in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But
let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.
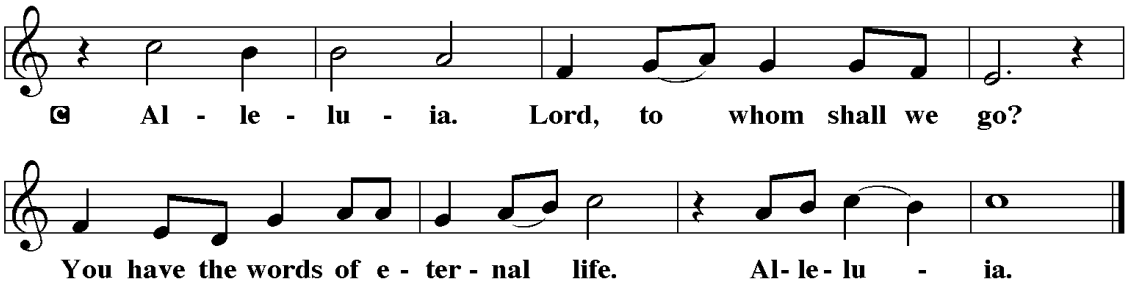
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that
you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare

to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **"Glory to you, O Lord."**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

SERMON *Pastor Adam*

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* *ELW #244 or Page 9*
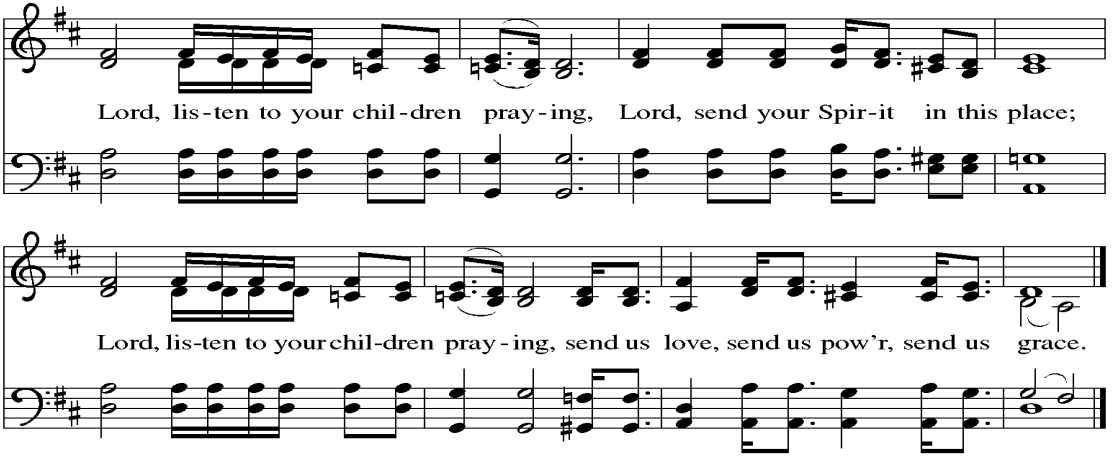
APOSTLES' CREED

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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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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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
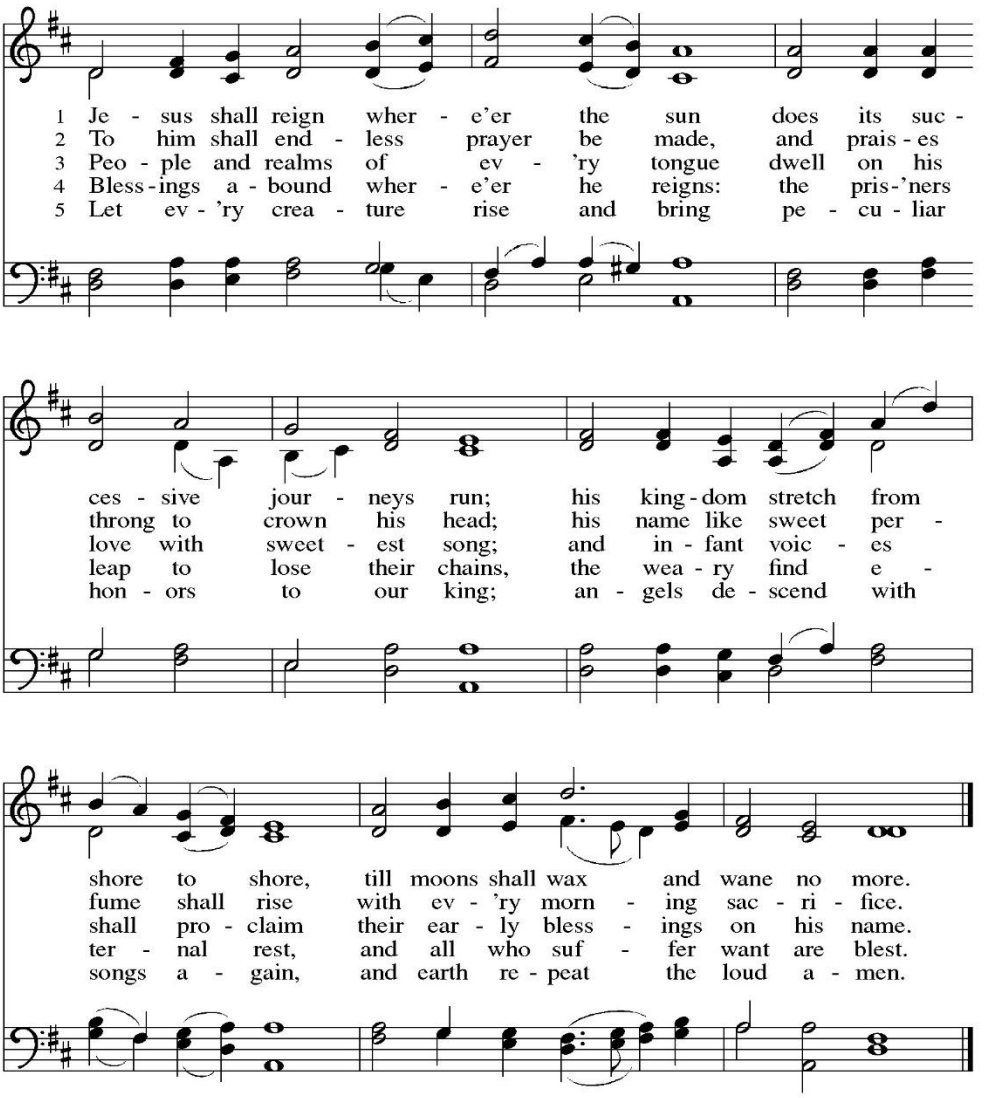
BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"* *ELW #638 or Page 11*
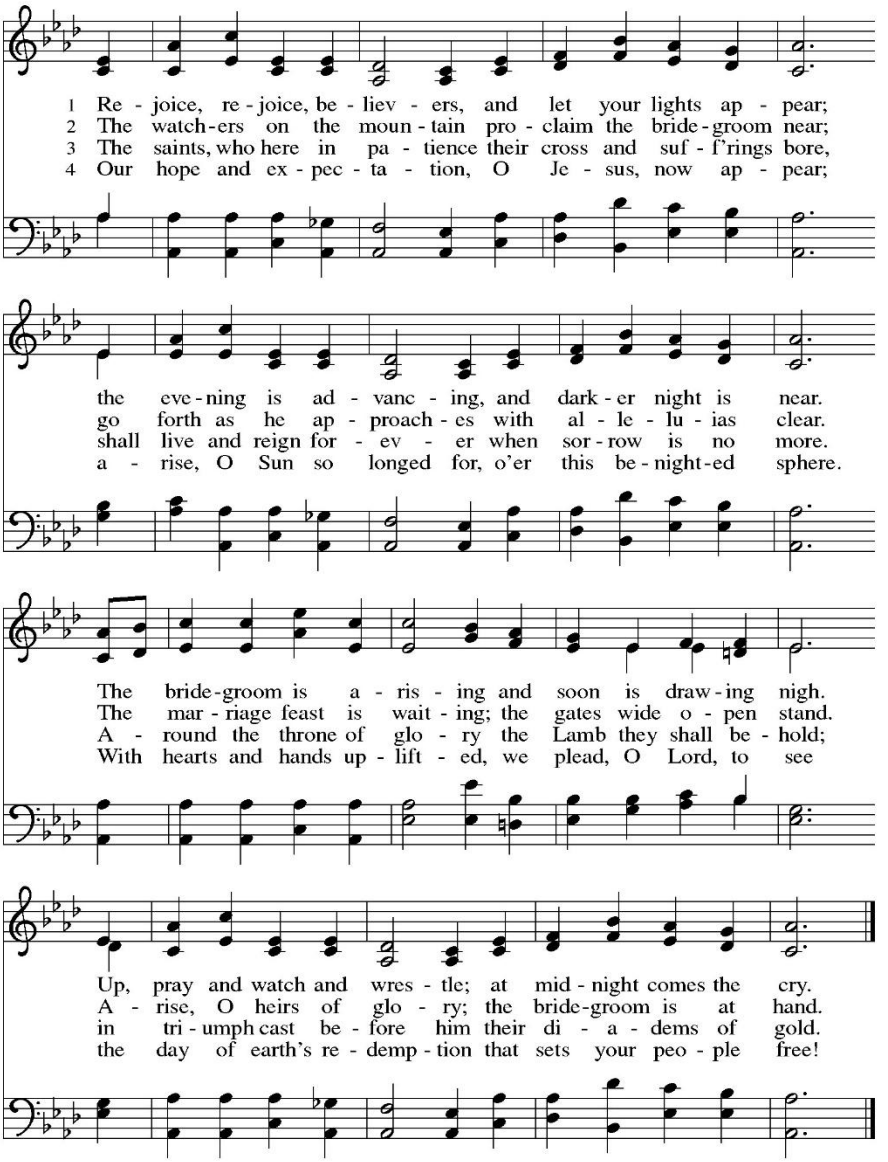
Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Cong: Thanks be to God.**

Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

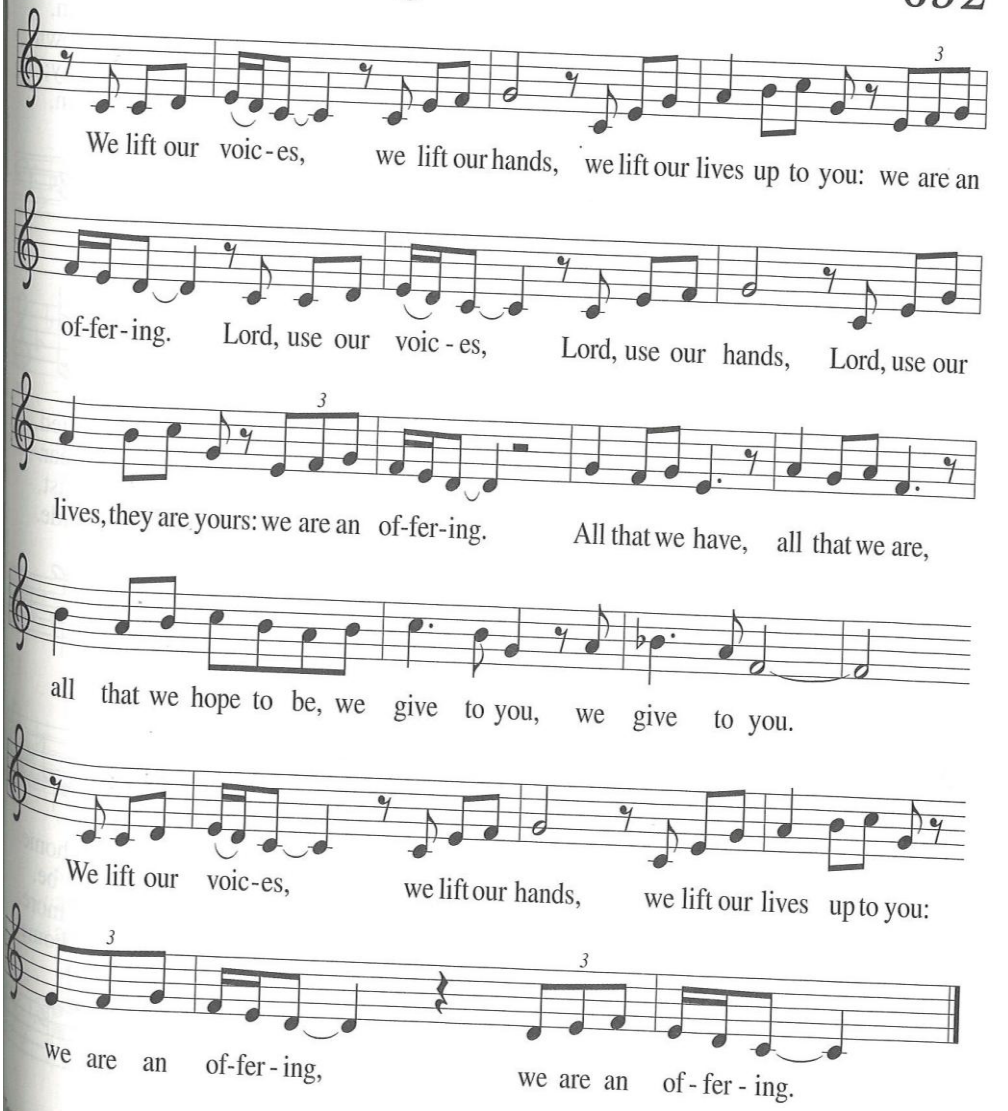
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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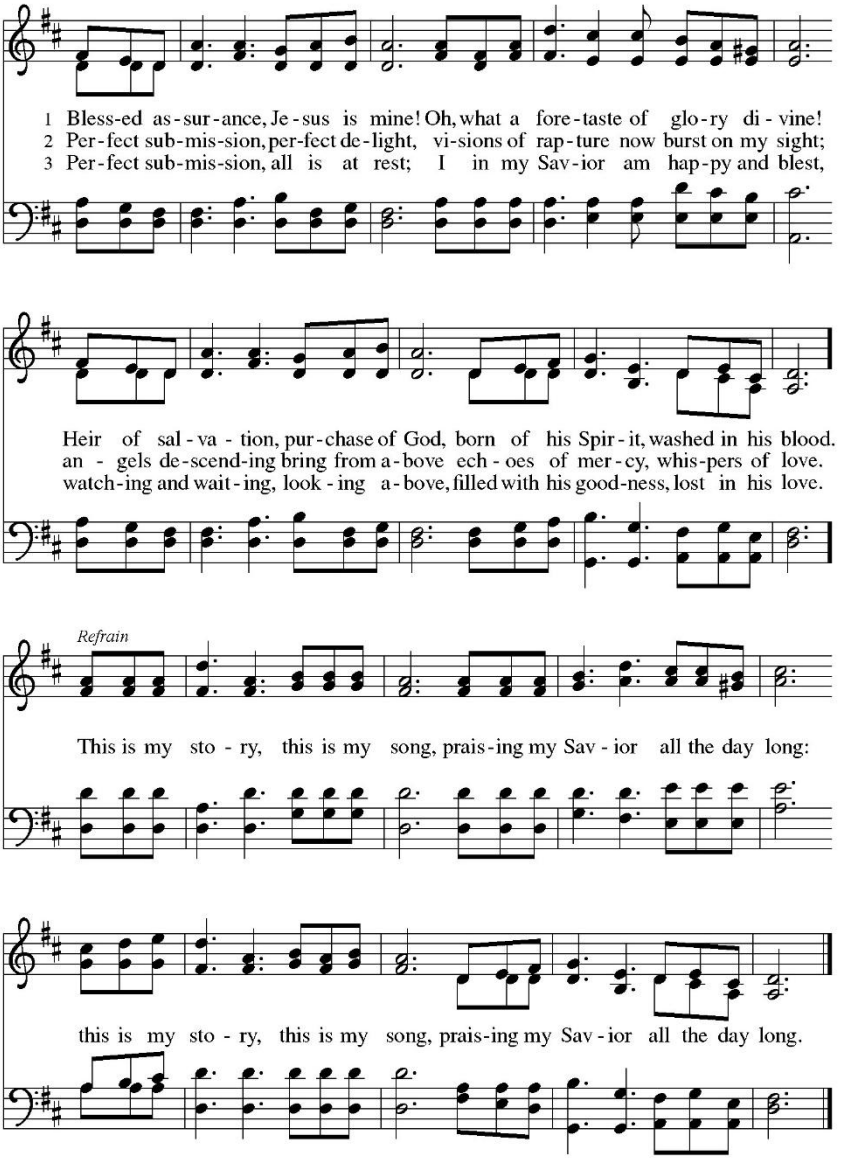
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Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Attendance last Week: ***Sunday 8:30*** - 76 ***10:30*** - 71
Wednesday 6:30 - 137

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:

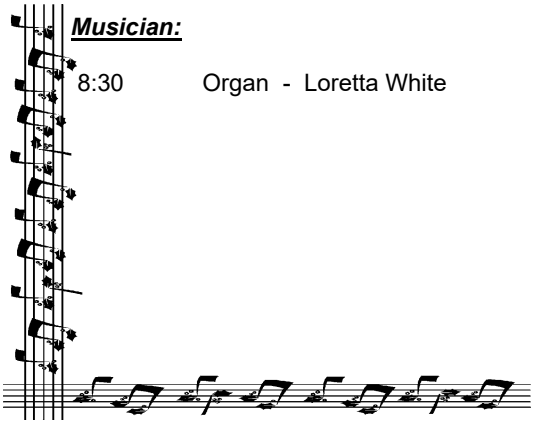
Reader:

Communion Servers:
Gail Mayer

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.





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.

Hotcakes for Heroes

A fundraiser benefiting Veterans in hospice care will be held on Sunday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Bismarck. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Thank you to everyone that had a trunk this year at First Lutheran Church for our Trunk or Treat, donated money or dropped off candy/water & for the kitchen crew serving the hot dogs/chips. We appreciate you!



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 groups, Confirmation students and older will meet tonight and C-Squad students will meet on November 22nd.

Local Mission Event Meeting –
There will be an initial planning meeting for the Local Mission Event this summer on November 15th at 7:00pm. We will select dates for the event as well as discuss what the event will be like. Anyone that is in 8th grade or older is welcome to attend this and future meetings and help with the planning of the event.

Area Mock in –
The next mock-in will be held on November 20th from 6:00 to 10:00 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. You can sign up for the event using the following weblink: https://form.jotform.com/262644641082153.

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

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Christmas Poinsettias

The youth are selling poinsettias, which will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The flowers can be picked up after the last Christmas Eve service. The price for each plant is $17.00. Please place orders by November 15th. We cannot accept late orders. Order forms are available in the narthex and can be turned in with your offering, to the church office, or dropped in the mail.

Thank you to Darrell Nitschke for leading Bible Study and to the participants that attended!

It's time to **Celebrate YOU**!

Please join us today **at 12:00 noon**
or **Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 5:30 PM**
in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at
First Lutheran Church in Mandan, 408 9th Street NW.

It takes very many willing hands and hearts to share God's love. Think of all of the ways that you may have shared His love:
Assisting with worship, attending worship, sharing musical talents, welcoming visitors, teaching church school, leading confirmation, leading or attending Bible study, maintaining the church grounds by weeding, pruning, raking, and general cleanup, supporting the Angel Tree, Advent decorating/undecorating, Trunk or Treat, Thankfulness and May Day baskets, Mission of the month, Food boxes, LAF, Quilting, Circles, Baking or providing goodies for funerals or special services, supporting youth in mission trip or other fundraising activities, and responding to special requests for those in need in our community.

Our talents and gifts are varied, but our mission is united. Thank you for volunteering in various ways.



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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 8	7:00 Community Access Channel 12 or 612
	8:30 Worship/Live Stream Worship
	9:30 Coffee
	9:30 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship
	5:00 8-12 Grade Bible Study
	6:30 8-12 Grade Youth Group
Monday 9	
Tuesday 10	8:30 Homeschoolers
	9:00 Staff
Wednesday 11	5:15 Choir Practice
	5:45 Church School
	6:30 Worship
	7:15 Bell Choir
	7:30 Confirmation
Thursday 12	11:00 LAF ~ Sloppy Joes
Friday 13	
Saturday 14	12:00 Private Party
Sunday 15	7:00 Community Access Channel 12 or 612
	8:30 Worship/Live Stream Worship
	9:30 Coffee
	9:30 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship
	7:00 Mission Trip Meeting