

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Receive Anticipated Giving Cards
October 19, 2025*

WELCOME VISITORS

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome at worship.

If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and the nursery is the first door on your right.

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST October 19 to October 26

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Return anticipated giving cards
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bells 101 Class
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Reformation Day Worship with Holy Communion

GATHERING

WELCOME & HOSPITAL DEDICATION IN TANZANIA

*Shelly Davies from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Chambersburg
First Lutheran Donated \$20,000 from our endowed gifts to help build this hospital
in the Konde Diocese.*

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, who is faithful yesterday, today, and tomorrow,
we come before the Lord to confess our sin, our forgetfulness, and our fear.
Let us open our hearts to the One whose love never ceases.

**Steadfast God, you have been our refuge through every age,
yet we confess that we often live as if you are distant.**

**We forget your faithfulness in the past,
we doubt your presence in the present,
and we fear what lies ahead.**

**We hoard what we have instead of giving freely.
We hesitate to serve, reluctant to trust your purpose.
Renew us, O God.**

**By your mercy, make us generous in spirit,
joyful in giving, and bold in hope.
Let your love be new in us every morning.**

Hear the promise of God:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies are new every morning.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are held in grace, renewed in purpose,
and called to live faithfully— yesterday, today, and tomorrow. **Amen.**

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains two lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

GREETING

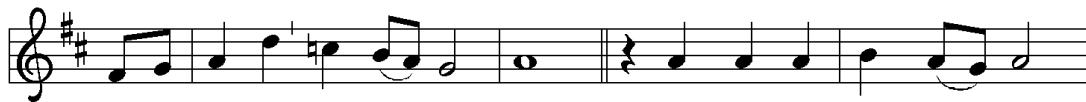
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

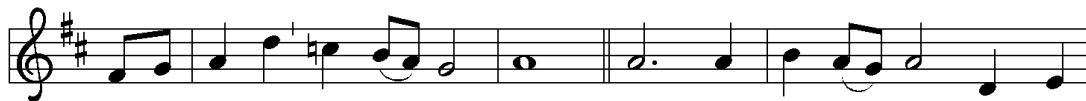


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

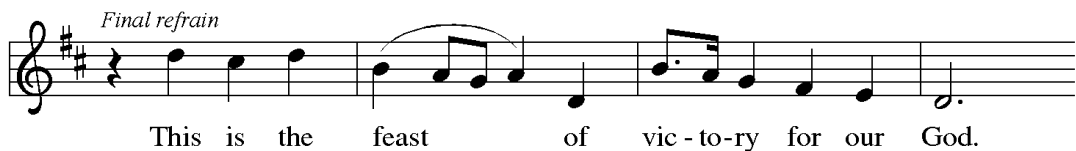
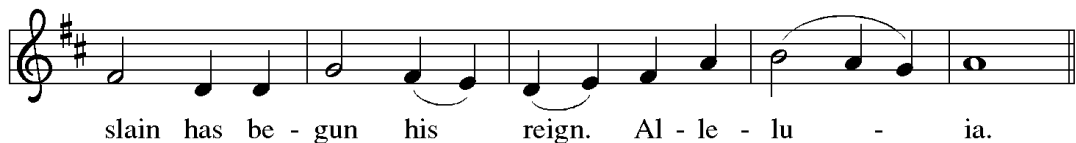
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

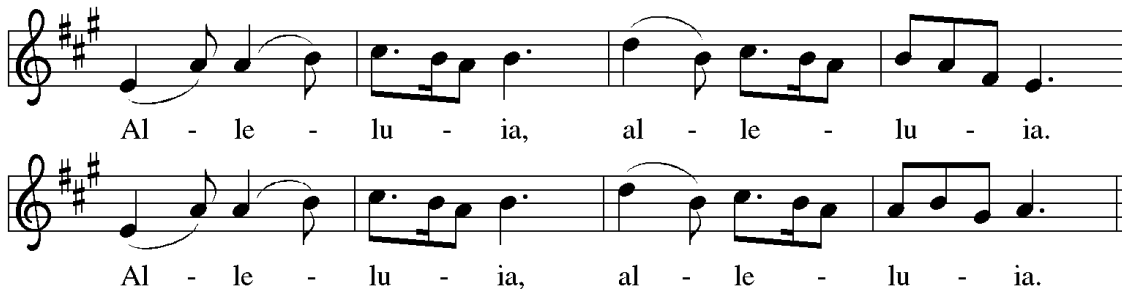
^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence is kept to reflect upon God’s message.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Text: Frank von Christierson Music: ADORO TE DECOTE, plainsong mode V; *Processionale*, Paris



- 1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to
- 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
- 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
pur - pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured:



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me. A - men.



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 INTERCESSION

God of grace, receive our prayer.

PEACE

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. The assembly is seated.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is
available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.*



CHOIR ANTHEM

I Surrender All: Setting by Joel Raney

Following the special music, please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 7 So guide our hands, our hearts, our voice
to serve your purpose still;
in giving may we now rejoice,
and live to do your will.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Receive these gifts—signs of our trust, our gratitude, and our longing to serve you. Help us to rise new each morning, to be conduits of your steadfast love. Amen.

DIALOG

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

From everlasting you are God— your love never ceases,
your mercies never come to an end.

You were with your people in the wilderness, in the storm, in the silence.

You are with us now, in bread and wine, in Word and promise.

And you will be with us always, faithfully guiding us into your future.

So with angels and archangels,

with saints past and present, and with all creation,

we lift our voices in praise:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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

Come to the table of mercy, where the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
This is the feast of God's faithfulness— yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

*Today we offer anticipated giving cards for the 2026 financial year.
Please place your card in the basket near the baptismal font
as you come forward for Holy Communion.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ)
and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.
To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass
(the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar.
Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD



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.

Day by Day

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, tr. Robert Leaf Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt



- 1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-i-ous soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, 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.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF ANTICIPATED GIVING CARDS

Let us pray.

Faithful God, we give you thanks for this holy meal, where mercy meets us anew. You have fed us with your love, rooted us in grace, and renewed our vision. Receive these anticipated giving cards and bless them to your service. May they be signs of your inward work in us. Bless us in our intentions, bless us in our hopes and plans, bless us in our generosity, and bless the world through these offerings to you. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God sends us forth to live generously,
to serve joyfully,
and to trust the Lord's steadfast presence in every tomorrow.

May the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

Jesus, Still Lead On

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendor, tr. Jane L. Borthwick Music: SEELEBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Mary Virginia Baer.

Please remember in your prayers...

Healing: Nancy Fricke (11/08)

Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, June Diehl**, Mark Hammer, **Charles Kampmeyer**, Dalton Paul, Julie Paul, Joe Pine.

Grieving: Family and Friends of Karin Woods. Family of Linus Christman.

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold

ATTENDANCE October 12 54 in person 5 online

PASTORAL CARE Pastor Nicholson is out of the office from Thursday, October 23 through Tuesday, October 28. Please call Pastor Denise Horn at 717-496-5372 if emergency pastoral care is needed.

REFORMATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, October 26 at our 10:45 worship. We wear red to remember the work of the Holy Spirit as God continues to reform our church and our lives today, according to his will.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, November 16 following worship. We will be electing council members.



CROP WALK is TODAY! We will start at First United Methodist Church on the corner of 2nd Street and Washington Street at about 1:30 and the walk will begin at 2:00. Money raised will be donated to organizations that feed the hungry both locally and abroad. Walkers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the local food pantry.

COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINEES Do you feel the tug of the Holy Spirit to serve on Church Council at First Lutheran? The election will be in November. If you have an interest or you would like more information about this, please talk with Joyce Ray or Pastor Nicholson.



HATS SCARVES AND MITTENS HANGING TIME IS HERE AGAIN the Neighborhood Task Team is planning to hang items that will help our neighbors stay warm in the winter months. These items will be hung on the church fence. What can you do to help with this project? Purchase new or donate gently used hats, scarves and mittens for men, women and children to donate to this project. Share this with your friends, relatives and neighbors. Volunteer to hang items on the fence. Dates are November 2, December 7, and January 17-19. Contact Mary Beth Warne at 717-372-8282.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 If you have a loved one who has entered the church triumphant between November 1, 2024 and October 31, 2025 whom you would like to have remembered by name on All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office and include the spelling of the name, and date of death if available. felccoffice@gmail.com

DISCOUNT CARDS SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary is selling discount cards. For \$5 each. Money raised will help The Inn. The card is active now through 9/1/26 and may be used for discounts at various area businesses. Please see Mary Beth Warne to purchase.

ST SERAPHIM Volunteer opportunity available for Saturday, November 8 from 9am-1pm at Food Kitchen on Lincoln Way West. Contact Mary Gotwald at 717-264-4759.

LITTLE DAISY'S CLOSET collection box is located in Memorial Hall. All clean items are accepted!

_the Birthday Bags for Little Daisy's Closet! This is an ongoing project. I try to make up 4 - 6 bags a month. Items are needed: Large Birthday bags, balloons, plates, napkins, candles, small gifts, snack items, cakes, icings, cake pans. Birthday cards are not currently needed. Thank you for your ongoing support. Thanks, Joyce Ray.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS We're looking for anyone willing to help out with running audio or slides for Sunday services. Please reach out to Dan Worcester at danbirdchirps@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer and learn something new!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>October 19</u>	<u>October 26</u>	<u>November 2</u>
Lector:	Gary Fleegal	Dia Schumacher	Sally Herritt
Communion	Becky Hoover	Becky Hoover	Jim Brown
Assistants:	Jane Love	Jane Love	Deb Fleegal
	Karen Sloan	Mike Ross	Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Gary Keenedy	Gary Kennedy	
	Marianne Kennedy	Marianne Kennedy	
Closer	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand
Altar Guild:	Deb Fleegal	Deb Fleegal	Deb Fleegal
	Gary Fleegal	Gary Fleegal	Gary Fleegal
Ushers:	Jim Brown	Jim Brown	Gary Fleegal
	Don Shoop	Don Shoop	Gary Kennedy
	Mary Beth McGraw	Warne	Marianne Kennedy
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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:45 a.m.
also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org
ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.