

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 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 12 to October 19**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bells 101 Class
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast at Green Village
	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
		FNF DEADLINE
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Return anticipated giving cards

Gathering

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Mike Ross

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

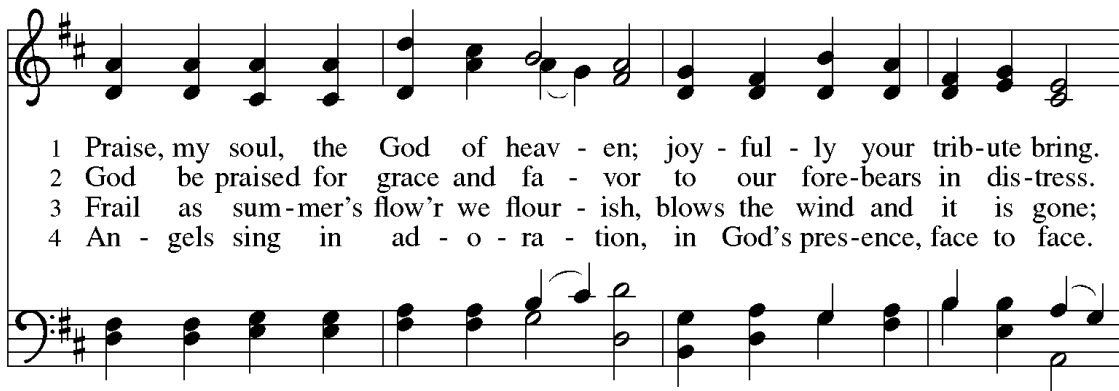
Hear the promise of God:

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

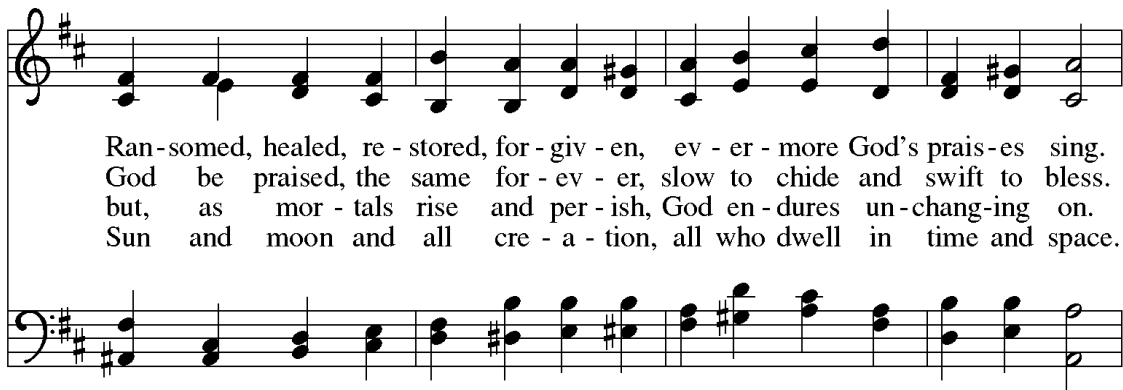
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are held in grace, renewed in purpose,
and called to live faithfully—
yesterday, today, and tomorrow. **Amen.**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

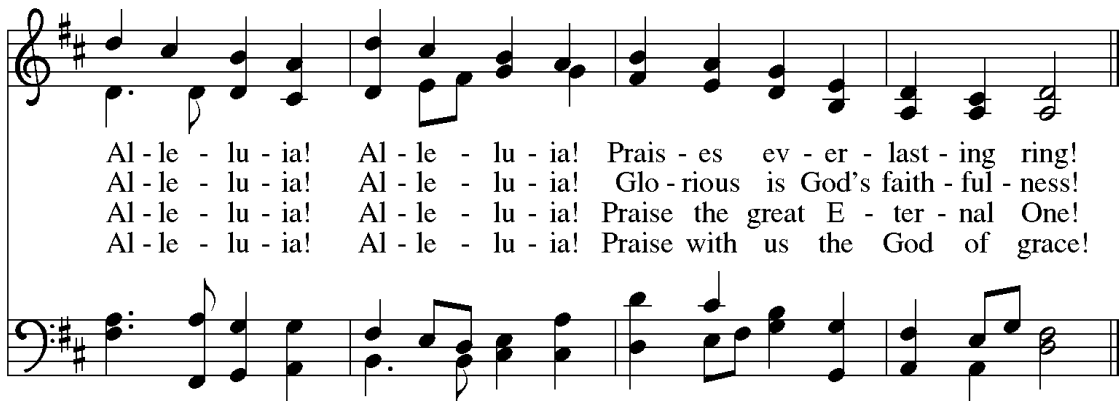
Text: Henry F. Lyte, alt. Walter R. Bouman Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

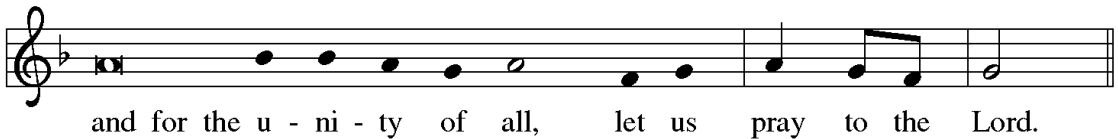
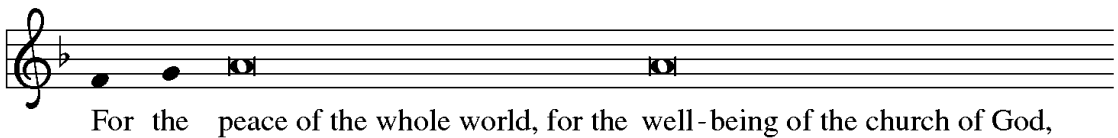
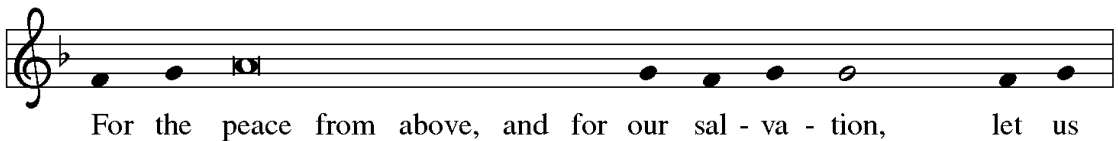
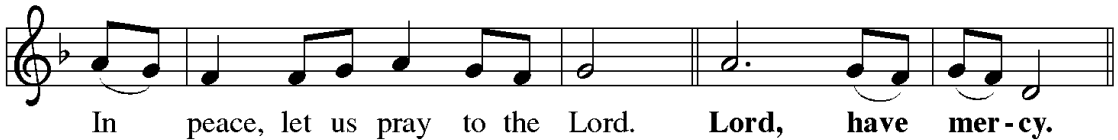


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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.**

KYRIE





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

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures
forever.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

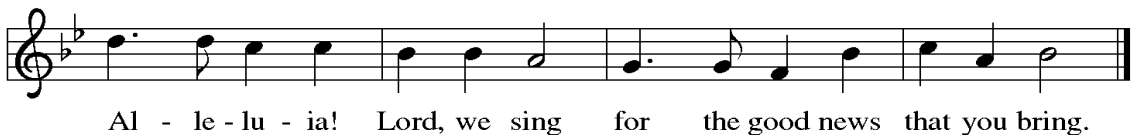
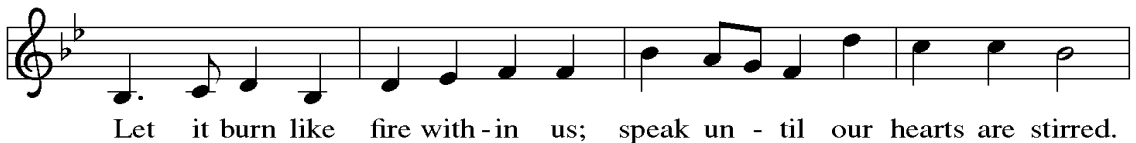
¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able following the prayer.

Now Thank We All Our God

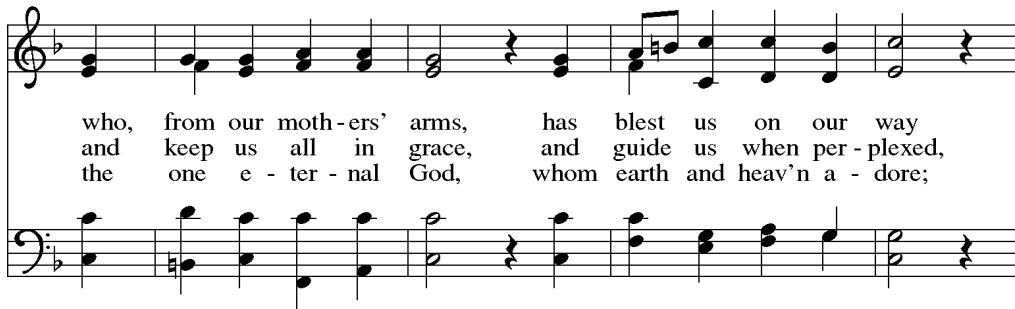
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet one another with Christ's peace and then are seated.

OUR RESPONSE

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 Bring a Heart of Thanks

by Pepper Choplin

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.
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

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.

APOSTLE 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.

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.**

SENDING

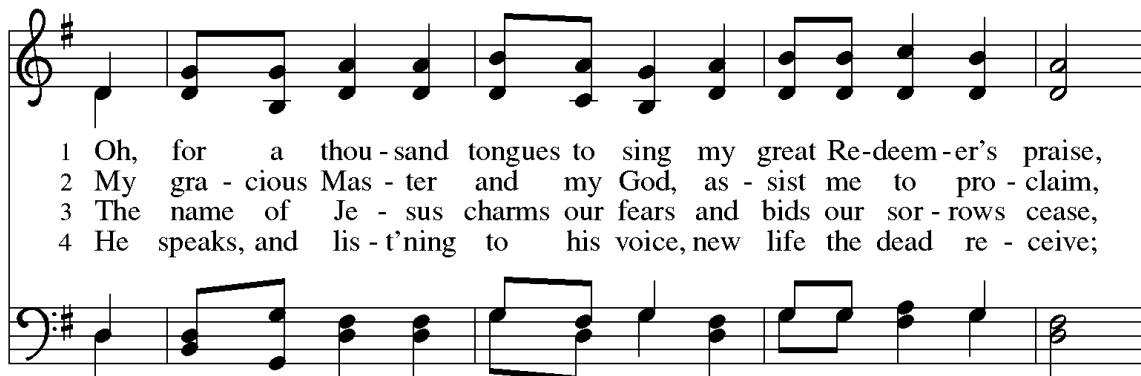
BLESSING

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

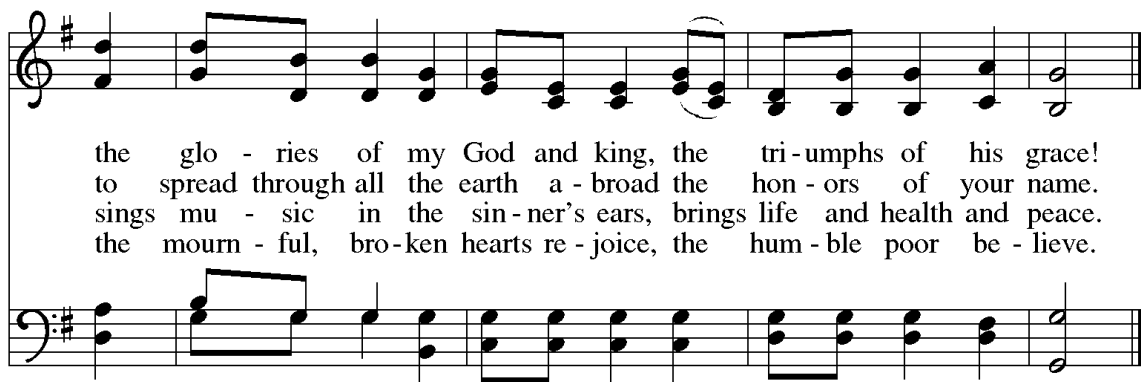
May the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley Music: AZMON, Carl G. Glaser, arr. Lowell Mason



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

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
celebration of Emery's birthday
by Mike and Donna Ross

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Dalton Paul (10/18), Julie Paul (10/18).

Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey**, Linus Christman,
Pat Dent, **June Diehl**, Mark Hammer, **Charles Kampmeyer**, Joe Pine, **Karin Woods**.

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold.



ATTENDANCE October 5 70 in person 19 online

SOCIAL MISSIONS MEETING Committee meets today following worship to prayerfully discern the disbursement of the congregation's money that has been set aside for benevolent giving.

LADIES BREAKFAST is on Wednesday, October 15 at 8:30 a.m. at Green Village. All ladies welcome!

STEWARDSHIP...God is Steadfast Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

2026 Anticipated Giving Cards for our Stewardship Season are being mailed the week of October 9. We ask that you return them on Sunday, October 19, 2025 in the offering or to the church office.

KONDE DIOCESE Shelly Davies from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Chambersburg traveled this summer to the Konde Diocese and attended the dedication of the Mbeya Hospital in Tanzania. This is the hospital to which our congregation donated \$20,000 to help build. Shelly will be giving a temple talk on her experience on Sunday, October 19 at the beginning of our worship. ALSO... St. Luke Lutheran Church is hosting a meet and greet with the Bishop of the Konde Diocese, Dr. Lee from the Mbeya Hospital, and others from Konde on Thursday, October 16 from 6 to 8 pm. There will be relaxed dinner, music, and conversation. Please RSVP if you would like to come, so they may adequately prepare. diredu@stlukechambersburg.org 717-372-9579



CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 19. 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. Contact Bill Nienstedt (call/text 717-491-9704 or email billnienstedt@msn.com). Walkers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the local food pantry.

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.



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!

BIRTHDAY BAGS Thank you to everyone who has contributed to 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.



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.

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 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>	<u>October 26</u>
Lector:	Jane Love	Gary Fleegal	Dia Schumacher
Communion Assistants:		Becky Hoover Jane Love Karen Sloan	Becky Hoover Jane Love Mike Ross
Greeters:	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy
Altar Guild:	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal
Ushers:	Jim Brown Don Shoop Mary Beth McGraw-Warne Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Don Shoop Mary Beth McGraw-Warne Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Don Shoop Mary Beth McGraw-Warne Bob Wildeson