

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Thank Offering Sunday
November 9, 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 **November 9 to November 16**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Thank Offering Worship
Monday	1:00 p.m.	NTT Meeting
	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	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	WELCA Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	FNF DEADLINE	
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Christ the King Sunday Worship with Holy Communion. Congregational Meeting following worship & lunch

Gathering

WELCOME

*Thank you to the Veterans who have served in the
United States Military to protect our country.
We appreciate you.*

<i>Jim Brown</i>	<i>Seth Cody</i>	<i>Rick Gates</i>	<i>Denny Love</i>
<i>Ralph Burdick</i>	<i>Mike Dent</i>	<i>Bob Hammer</i>	<i>Amanda Rankin</i>
<i>Scott Carbaugh</i>	<i>Pam Dent</i>	<i>Tom Kriner</i>	<i>Don Shoop</i>
<i>Daniel Cody</i>	<i>Gary Fleegal</i>	<i>Rubens Paul (currently serving)</i>	

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

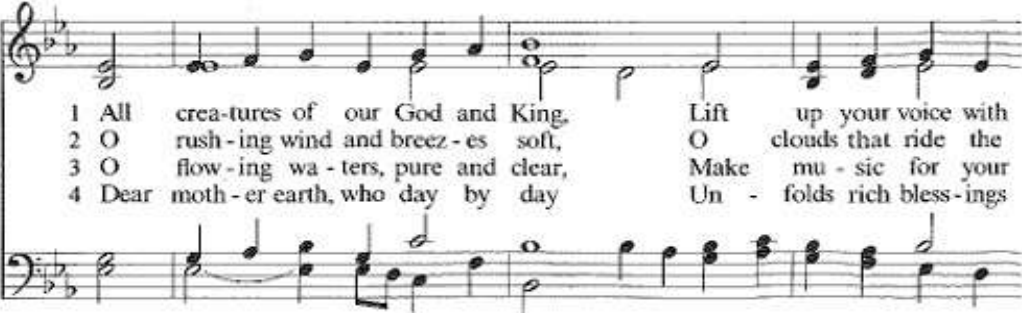
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

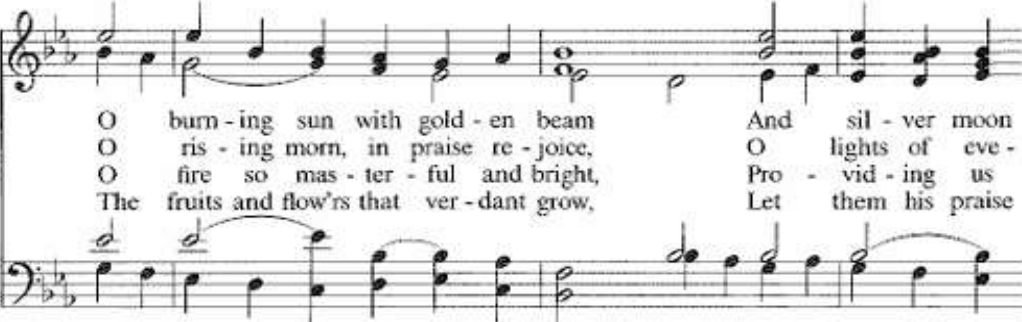
All Creatures of Our God and King



1 All crea-tures of our God and King. Lift up your voice with
 2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the
 3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings



us and sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 winds a-loft: Oh, . . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
 Lord to hear, Oh, . . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
 on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!



O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon
 O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, O lights of eve-
 O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise



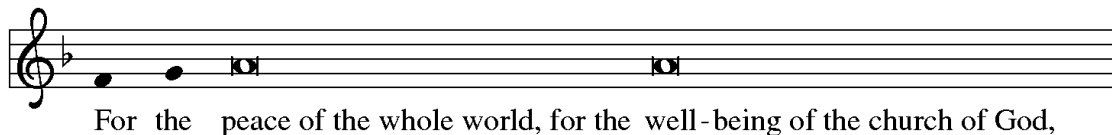
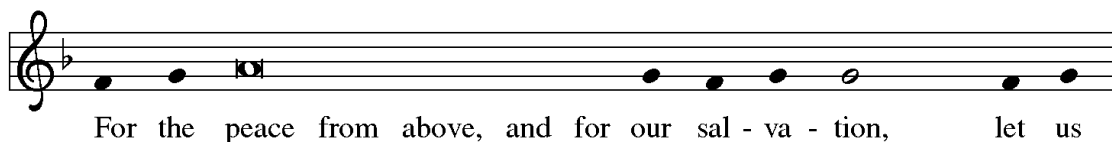
with soft-er gleam:
 ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 with warmth and light,
 a-bun-dant show.

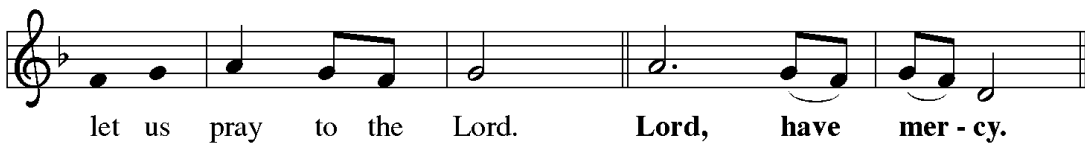
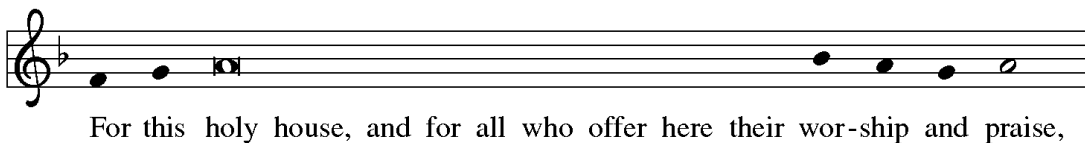
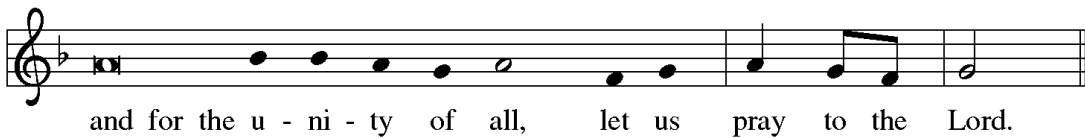


GREETING

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





CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



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



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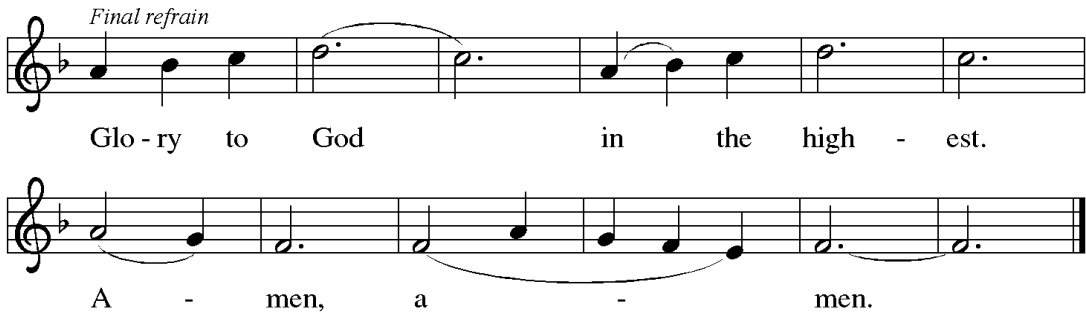
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise against them.
- ⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

The Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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.

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

Text and music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b.



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

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⌘ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

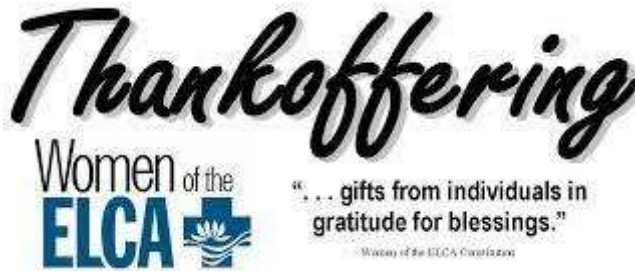
PEACE

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.



As we give our offerings today, we share in a tradition that goes back at least to the 1800's, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support the mission of the church. When others said there was not enough money to carry out the church's work, the women believed otherwise and acted together. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and make their offerings with thanks and praise.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Together we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, you are invited to mail any Thankoffering Gifts to the church office by the end of November. Please make checks payable to "Women of the ELCA."

CHOIR ANTHEM

Blessed is the Nation

by Lloyd Larson

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Phrasing slurs are used to group notes that belong to a single syllable of the lyrics. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. 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

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

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

The Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you ✠ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever. **Amen.**

This Is My Song

Text: Lloyd Stone, Georgia Harkness Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: **Nancy Fricke** (12/03), **Mary Gotwald** (12/02), **Kimberly Long** (11/19), **Peggy Stout** (11/28)

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

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold

ATTENDANCE November 2 60 in person 6 online

Thank you to Deacon Chelle Huth, from United Lutheran Seminary, for being with us today and presenting the children's message and the sermon.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, November 16 following worship. We will be electing council members. Following the meeting we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall and conversation regarding the future use of our building. The sign-up sheet for lunch is in Memorial Hall. Please sign up by today.

HATS, SCARVES, AND MITTENS We hang items on our fence that will help our neighbors stay warm. Volunteer to hang items on the fence on December 7, and January 17-19. Contact: Mary Beth Warne at 717-372-8282.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA) will gather for Bible Study and fellowship on Thursday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. in meeting room 1. Jane Love will be the study leader. All women of the church are welcome!

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

DISCOUNT CARDS SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary is selling discount cards. \$5. 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. See Mary Beth Warne to purchase.

THANKSGIVING DINNER Solomon's Lutheran invites you to Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, Children (5-11) \$7, Under 5 is free. Take outs will be available. Proceeds to benefit Chambersburg Salvation Army, Mercy House, and Solomon's Maintenance Fund.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT First Lutheran is collecting items for the First Responders in the Borough. These would be welcome contributions: cheese and peanut butter crackers, granola/protein bars, gum, nuts/trail mix, mints, beef jerky, candy, donuts, chips, drink powder packets, sports drinks, microwave popcorn, large cans of coffee, k-cups, hand sanitizer, memo books, sticky notes, highlighters, black pens, and lip balm. Monetary donations labeled “Christmas Project” may be placed in the offering plate. Deadline: Sunday, December 7.



SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network) Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations— domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, tim@gotwald.org, mary@gotwald.org Thank you for considering.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>November 9</u>	<u>November 16</u>	<u>November 23</u>
Lector:	Nancy Hamilton Joyce Ray	Ralph Burdick	Gerry Wilson
Communion Assistants:		Jim Brown Deb Fleegal Karen Sloan	Jim Brown Deb Fleegal Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Peggy Stout Bev Rebok	Peggy Stout Bev Rebok	Peggy Stout Bev Rebok
Altar Guild:	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal	Deb Fleegal Gary Fleegal
Ushers:	Janet Friend Jean Reed Mary Beth Warne	Gary Fleegal Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy Denny Love	Gary Fleegal Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy Denny Love