



First Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

10:00am Worship & Communion

*We welcome all people into
grace through faith as we
belong, behave and believe in
Jesus Christ.*



Welcome! Your presence at worship is a gift. Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. If you are a visitor to First Lutheran, we invite you to fill out the tear off card on the back of the service folder and place it in the offering plate.

Christ the King

Sunday

November 22, 2020

5:30pm

HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

All Amen.

Please kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor Holy One,

All we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Pastor Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Verses 1 and 5

Greeting

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

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor 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.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

Please Stand as able.

Pastor The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Pastor The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Sermon

**The Rev. Dr. Tracey Breashears Schultz
Bishop's Associate for Leadership**

Please Stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

ELW#821

Shout to the Lord

Creed

Pastor With the whole church,
we join in professing the Christian Faith.

**All 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

Pastor Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Please kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Pastor You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Pastor Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity, peace and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Pastor Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away and bring healing to all in need. We pray for Cheryl, D. Gale, Joyce those on our sustaining prayer list, and those we name now... . Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Pastor Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Pastor Stir visions of hope for all our ministry partners. We pray for Bishops Eaton and Rinehart and their staffs that work with them. We pray for Upbring Lutheran Social Ministries and our international partners in the Central African Republic, Peru and our Massai friends in Tanzania. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Pastor Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

Pastor Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

All Amen.

Passing the Peace

Please greet others with a wave to maintain social distancing.

Offering Prayer

Pastor God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

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.

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;
who overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel as able.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All 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

Pastor There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Reception of Holy Communion

Ushers will direct you to follow social distancing as you come forward to receive the promise of God's grace in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ. As you come forward you will find stationary offering plates in which to place your offering. As you come forward, keep your face mask on. Observe social distancing. Extend your hand toward the celebrant who will place a wafer of bread on your open palm. You may respond with the affirmation, "Amen." Step to the side, lift your mask to eat the wafer and then replace your mask. Step to the communion tray station where an assistant guide you to pick up your own prefilled cup of wine. You may again offer the affirmation, "Amen." Then step to the side, lift your mask to drink the wine, lower your mask, place the used cup in a receptacle and then return to your pew by the side aisle.

Please stand as able.

Reception of Holy Communion

Music during the reception of Holy Communion

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝
strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer

Pastor Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

Blessing

Pastor May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

ELW#634

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Dismissal

Asst Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Christians are the light of the world, but the switch has to be turned on.
- The Evangelism Team

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday – Holy Communion, 10:00am

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Thursday - Church Office Closed

Friday - Church Office Closed

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

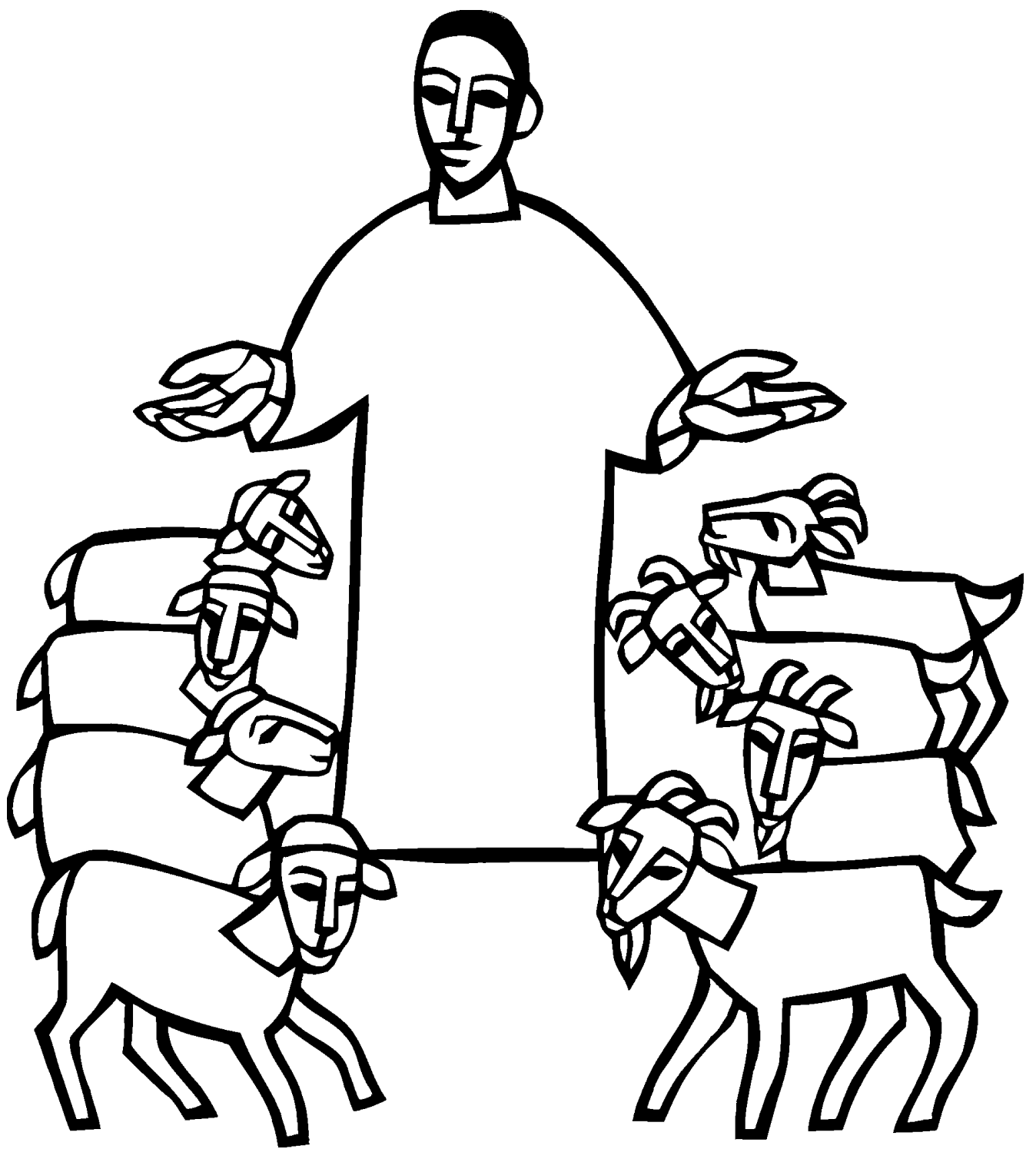
Prayer Concerns: Cheryl Moon, D. Gale Rogers, Joyce Ekelund

Sustaining Prayers: Jeanie Doreck, Herbie Doreck, Pat Henderson, Gene Nelson, Antia Katz, Milton Barnum, John Doreck, Lee King, Susan Schultz, Bernice Klyng, Cheryl Jaynes, Darrell Brooks, Christina Muehe, Tina Pereboom, Nicole Cheramie, George Badger, Earl Gilmore, Ann Reiser, Barbara Austin, Kristi Martorell, Patty Geml Goodwin, George Badger, Helga Garcia, Dana Connor, Darlene Badovinac, Barbara Sanderson, Ann Andrews,

Altar Flowers - There are still some open dates on the altar flowers calendar. Please contact the church office if you would like to fill in one of those dates.

Poinsettia signup sheet is in the Narthex. The cost is \$15 and they can be picked up after the 10am service on December 27th.

Thank Offerings The Glorianas annual Thank Offering collection is today! Please bring your thank offering container or donation forward with you as you come to communion. You will find a basket in the front pew on both sides ready to receive your offering. Thank you for your generosity!



Upcoming Commemorations

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Monday, November 23, 2020

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Monday, November 23, 2020

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William

Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Prayer and Care

How can we pray for you?

Email: flcg@firstlutherangalveston.com

Web site: firstlutherangalveston.com

Church Office Hours, Monday – Friday

9:00am to 12:00pm, 12:30pm to 3:30pm

The People of First Lutheran, Ministers

The Reverend Richard A. Rhoades, Pastor

Emily Billin, Minister of Missional Community

Brandi Painter, Parish Administrator

Don F. Hermanson, Organist/Choirmaster

Kelsey Scheuerman, Instrumental Music Director

June Pulliam, Executive Director, LMA

Cynthia McEldowney, Director, The Lyceum

Derrill Mallett, Rising Tide New Media, Webmaster

Please tell us about your experience today.
We value your thoughts.

Connect

I'm Here on (date): _____

Received Communion _____

What would you like us to know?

_____ I'm Visiting _____ I'm a member

☐ Please add me to the mailing list

 I want to Join First Lutheran

How did you find us?

 I was invited!

_____ Google _____ Social Media

_____ Other

What describes you best?

____ Student (school) _____

_____ Single _____ Single Parent

_____ Widowed _____ Engaged

Married (spouse) _____

How can we connect with you?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email:

Birth day: _____

Children's Names & Grades: _____

Please place in the offering plate.

Sermon Notes

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