

Time after Pentecost

September 28th, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to God's House ... an area of sacred space to honor God.

We ask that you be respectful of the Nave, and others that are here to worship.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Please refrain from eating or drinking while inside the Nave, or leaving trash behind when you depart.

Pastor: Rev. Gabriella Conklin

Cantor: Claudio Esquivel

Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn

Pianist: Dwight Reeves

**First Lutheran Church
302 S. Sugar Rd
Edinburg, Tx
78539**

**Office Hour:
Tuesday-Friday
10 AM-3 PM**

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas on this sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

As Lutherans, we confess our belief that the **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion) is the place where Our Lord Jesus is truly present (*real presence*). All people, who believe in Christ and share our beliefs concerning this sacrament, are invited and encouraged to participate in the Eucharist. This includes members of other Lutheran churches and members of other denominations. Young children are also invited to share in this celebration and may receive the sacrament if they, with their families, feel it is appropriate. Children and people who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to receive a blessing. Those unable to partake of the wine be assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in the bread alone.



FIRST TIME VISITORS — Please sign and include contact information on the guest book located between the double doors at the front of the Narthex. We hope that you worship with us again. If you have any questions about First Lutheran Church, please call the office at 956.383.2647.

Mission Statement: Grace in Action, Mindful of a Changing World, We Seek ALL People.

Please remember to
TURN OFF OR SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES
before service begins.

We appreciate your help in minimizing any distractions during service.
Thank you!

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

STAND CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 729 *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street. the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



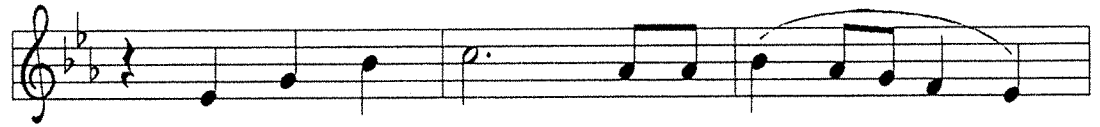
her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

APOSTOLIC 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



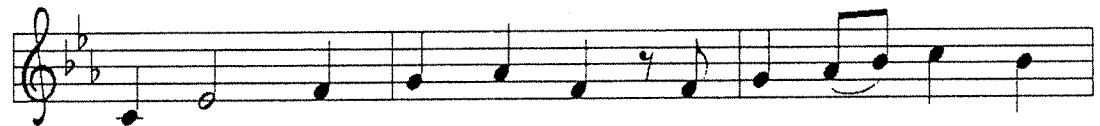
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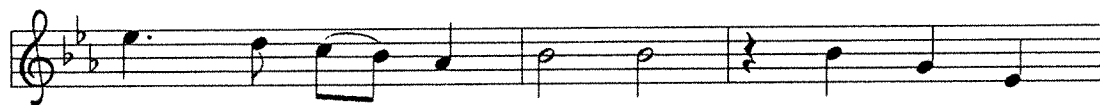
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



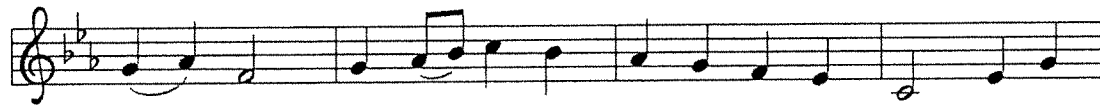
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SIT CHOIR ANTHEM *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING - Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

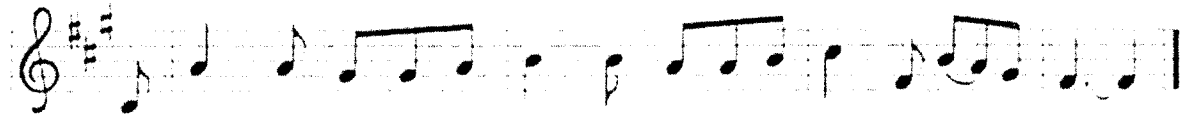
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 146



The LORD gives jus-tice, the LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed.

¹ Hal-¹ lelujah!
Praise the LORD, ¹ O my soul!
² **I will praise the LORD as long ¹ as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I ¹ have my being.
³ Put not your ¹ trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there ¹ is no help.
⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- ¹ turn to earth,**
and in that day ¹ their thoughts perish. R
⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹ for their help,
whose hope is in the ¹ LORD their God;
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹ is in them;**
who keeps promis- ¹ es forever;
⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹ those who
hunger.
The LORD sets the ¹ captive free.
⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**
who ¹ are bowed down;
the LORD ¹ loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the
wicked.
¹⁰ **The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING - 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

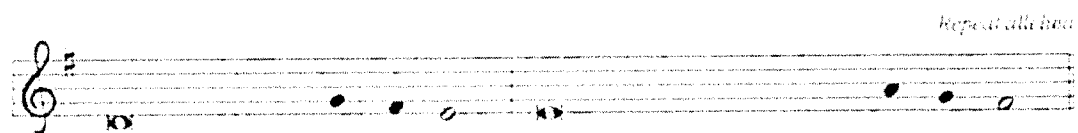
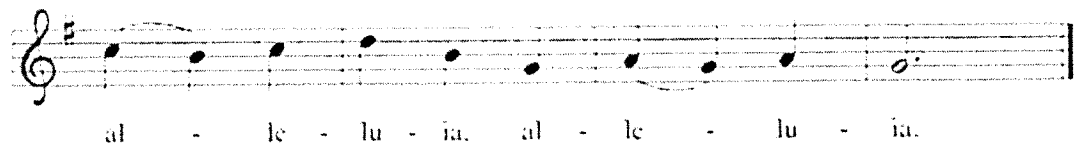
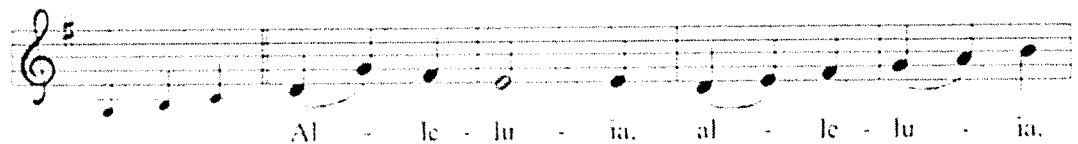
¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING - Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

APOSTLE'S 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.

SIT
STAND

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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Brief Silence.

We pray for people in any need (especially). Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Together as a family of
faith we lift our joys,
concerns, and
intercessions to God.*

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

*The peace our LORD is
shared throughout the
gathered assembly*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

SIT

OFFERING

STAND

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*We offer to God the gifts
of bread and wine, our
monetary gifts for the
ministry of the Church in
the world, and the gift of
our own lives.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving to the Father. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked him) for his works of kindness and love

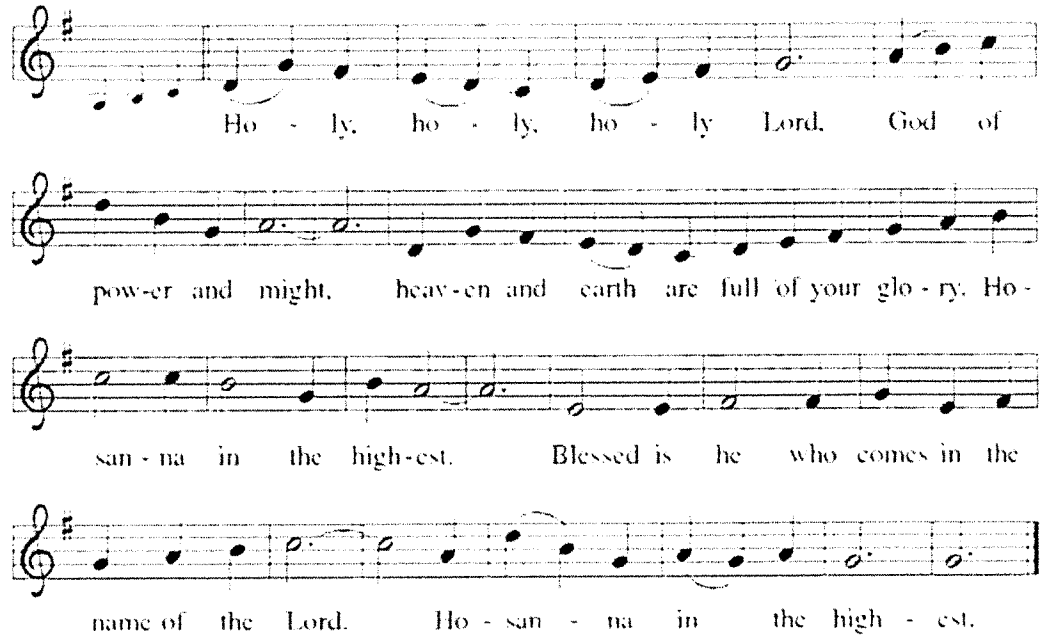


PROPER PREFACE

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; who on this day 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:

The Sanctus is a series of acclamations based on the angels' cry which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26) and with which the people greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on his way to his sacrificial death, Mark 11:9-10.

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

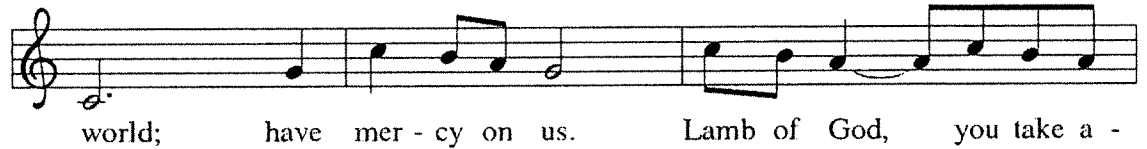
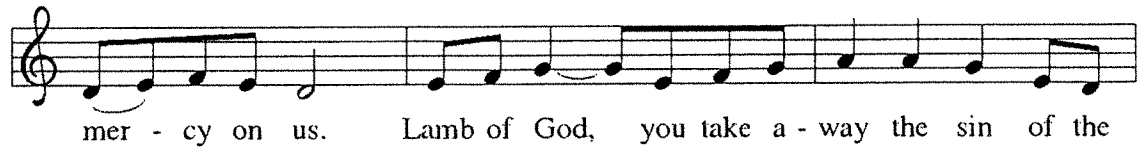
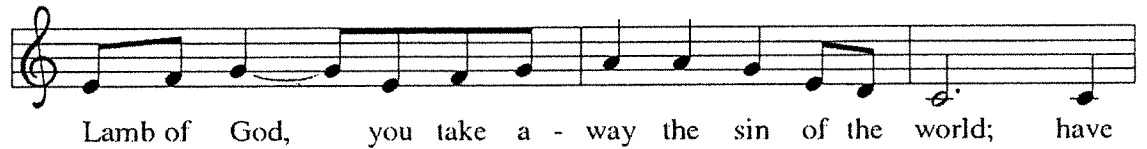
FRACTION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

*The bread is broken in
silence before the congrega-
tion is invited to the
table to partake of the
holy meal*

SIT AGNUS DEI



RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

Those who wish to receive the Eucharist may come to the chancel by way of the center aisle.

*After receiving the elements the communicant responds: **AMEN.***

The sign of the cross is made before and after receiving the elements.

COMMUNION

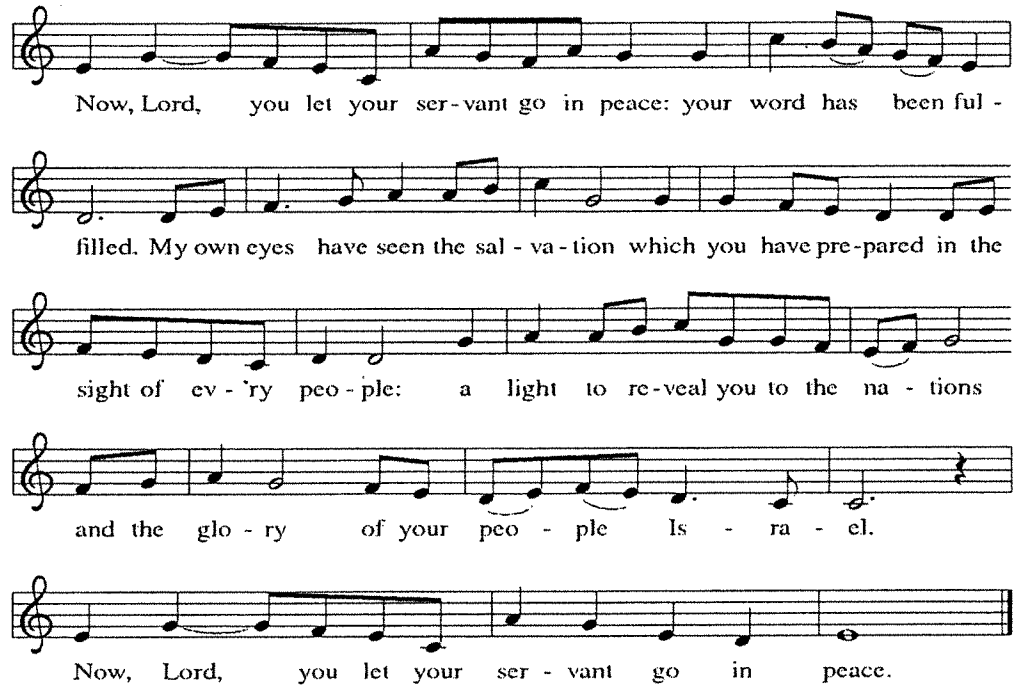
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 754 *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*
ELW 467 *We Place Upon Your Table, Lord*

STAND POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 719 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Those for Whom We Pray

Lolly Tangen, James Flores, Veronica L. Esquivel, Amanda Vale, Sandra Flores, Letty Flores, Nicole Paredes, Victoria Trevino, Javier Davila, Enriqueta Olvera, Teresa Trevino, Ernesto Trevino III, Vanesa Guajardo, Aurora Buentello, Blanca Kelly, Magda Buentello, Oscar Enrique Vergara, Francis Luna, Richard Martin, Hiram Alanis, Mike Salyers, Kim LaFleur, Gerald Crochet, Emma Salinas, Zaida Flores Avila, Laura Cortez, Carey, Melanie Valdez, Roel Corona, Colleen White, The family of Carol Hillman

Prayer request cards are located in the hymn rack. Let us know when God has met your prayer needs! Call the church office at 956.383.2647 or email at flcedinburg@gmail.com, so the requested name can be removed from the prayer list, and we may rejoice with you.

Announcements

- A lector for October 12 is still available, if anyone would like to volunteer.
- We are in need of Halloween candy for the Fall Festival. If anyone would like to donate candy, please bring the candy on Sunday or you can drop it off at the office.
- Girl Scout Troop 5154 will be having a bake sale today after service. If anyone would like to buy some bake goods.
- Our Savior's youth group is inviting any of our youth to join them today at 12 pm, to plan future gatherings and events you may want to participate in.
- Pastor will be out of town the weekend Oct. 4th & 5th.

- Cross Trails Ministry, our synod's camping ministry, is holding a family retreat at camp Rio in Brownsville from November 14-16th. For more information to register see the flyer in the narthex or you can talk to Pastor Gabbi.
- Please bring blankets, new or handmade, for the Faith in Blue collection. Last day is Oct. 10th. You can drop off the blankets on Sunday or when the church office is open.
- **September birthdays**
 - Hailey Trevino's birthday September 6
 - Matthew Morin's birthday September 9
 - Letty Recio's birthday September 10
 - Terry Palacios' birthday September 11
 - Cuca Ricord's birthday September 11
 - Alian Palacios' birthday September 16
 - Frances Luna's birthday September 17
 - Fabian Rodriguez's birthday September 19
 - Alicia Mercado's birthday September 27
 - Cristina Reyes' birthday September 27

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