

Time After Pentecost

November 8th, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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..

Welcome to First Lutheran Church , Edinburg, Texas on the Twenty-fourth 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 are invited and encouraged to participate in the Eucharist. 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 adults who do not wish to recieve Holy Communion are invited to receive a blessing. Those unable to partake of the wine be assured that the chrch affirms our Lord's presence in the bread alone.

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

Presider: Rev. Gabriella Maria Conklin

Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn

Cantor: Claudio Esquivel

Organist: Marilyn Martin

302 S. Sugar Rd. Edinburg, TX 78539
Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday
10:00am - 3:00pm

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

Please remember to **TURN OFF OR SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES** before worship service starts. We appreciate your help minimizing any distractions during the service. Thank you!

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

GATHERING

PRELUDE

STAND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross is made in rememberance of Holy Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
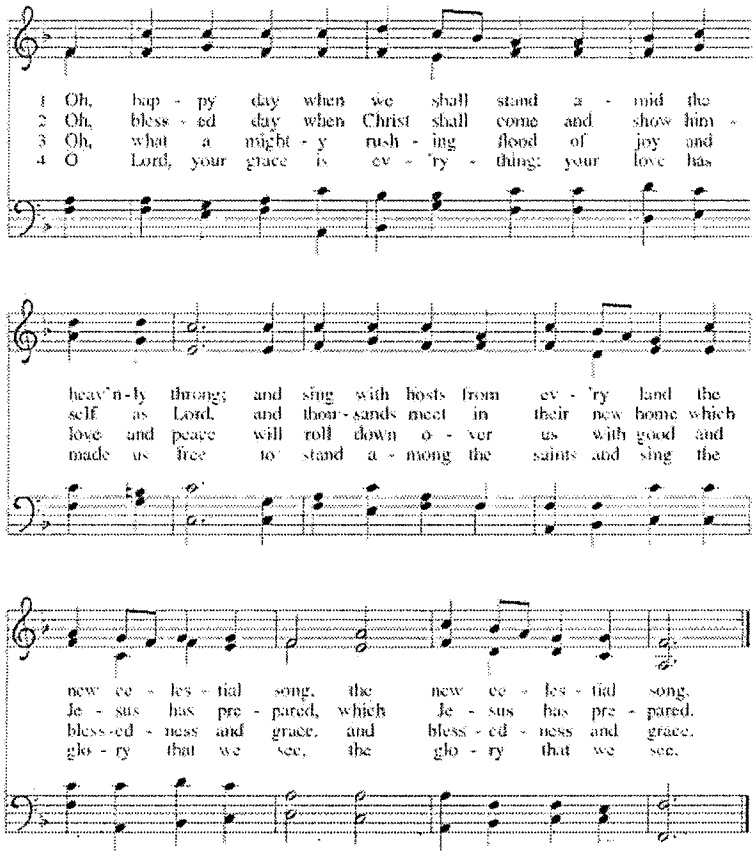
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 441 *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

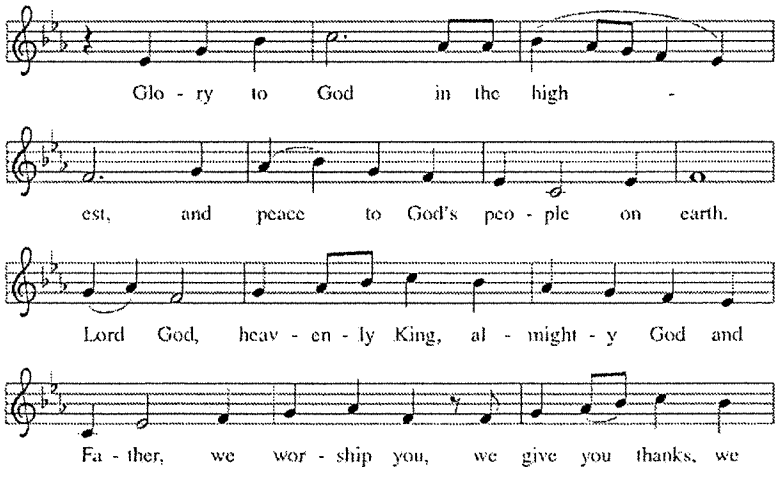


THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

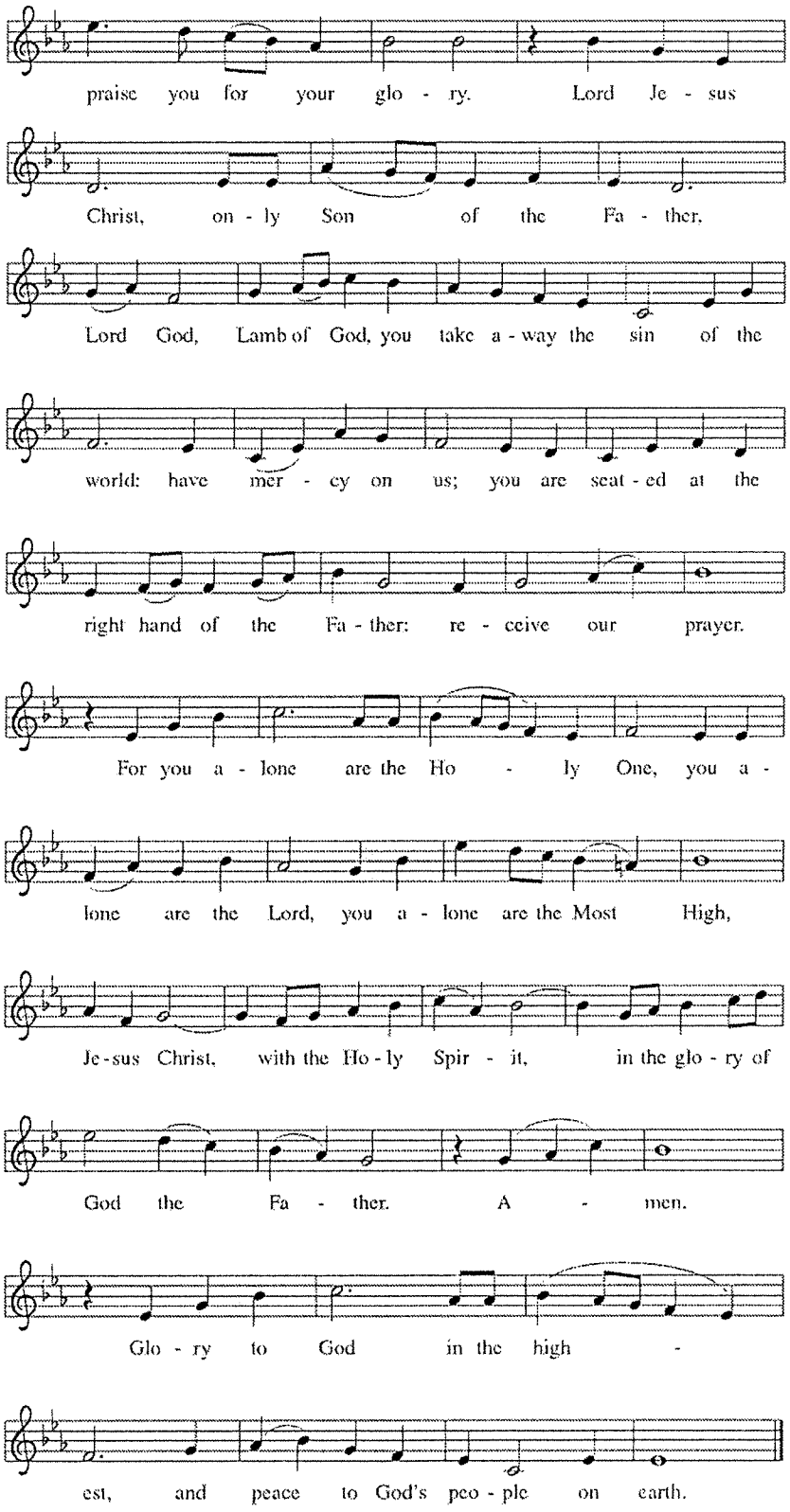
The grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE *cont.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SIT **CHOIR ANTHEM** *It Is Well With My Soul*

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING - *Amos 5:18-24*

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

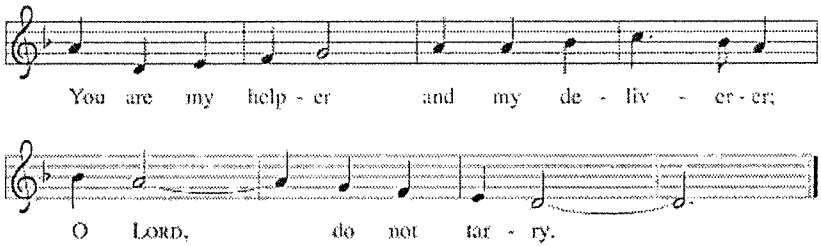
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 70



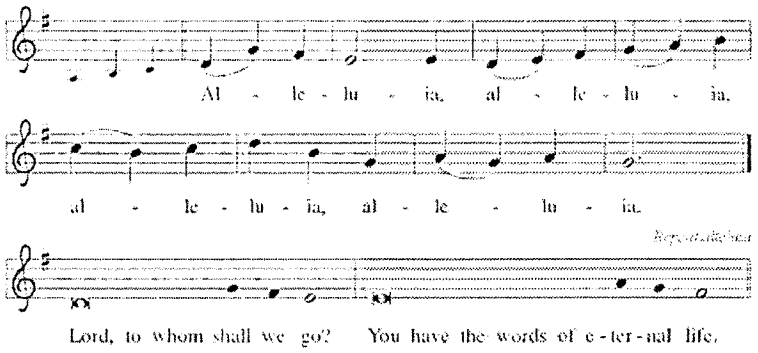
1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry. R

SECOND READING - *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the
clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord
forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

STAND **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - *Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but
the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you
had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it,
the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet,
and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord,
open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."
This is the Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT **HOMILY**

STAND **HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 436 *Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying*

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.
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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Together as a community we lift our prayers of God on behalf of those in need.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (We pray especially for . . .) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

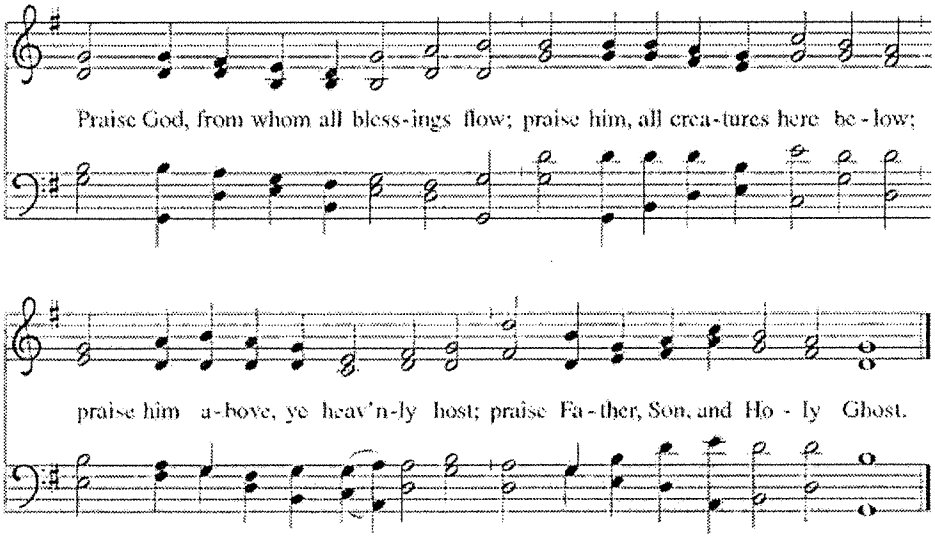
THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

+ THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD +

SIT **OFFERING**

STAND **OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, our time,
talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

SIT **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

STAND **SENDING HYMN** ELW 439 *Soon and Very Soon*

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.