

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021*



Welcome to Worship

*It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.
We especially remember those who are not able to be with us this morning
and keep them in our prayers.*

*For the safety of all, we ask that throughout the worship service
you please wear your face mask.*

If you are in need of a mask, please let our ushers know.

*Visitors are invited 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 in church.

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available.
Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

In the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for [†]Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

*A small group of people will be singing the first hymn from the choir loft.
Because of the Coronavirus, we ask the congregation to listen to the music
and meditate on the words.*

Built on a Rock

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth.
Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,
trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia. (Luke 23:36)

GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

The Gospel according to St Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tim Gotwald

Our Response

GATHERING OF GIFTS

Returning our thanks to God with our offering is a regular part of our worship.

To reduce the odds of spreading the coronavirus,

we have placed the offering plates at the entrances of our worship space.

You are encouraged to present your gifts to God as you leave worship today

or give online at www.FELCC.org.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

Together with all the saints, we 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.**

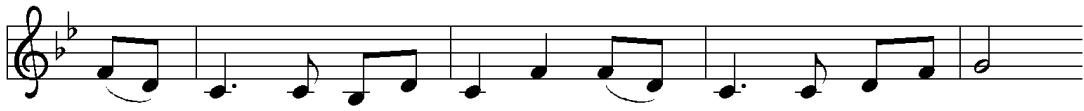
BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
☩ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

With your face masks on, the congregation is invited to sing the closing hymn.

O God Beyond All Praise




 for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,


 at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:


 we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,


 we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
 in loving memory of my parents, Nancy & Thomas Burkey,
 Mr. & Mrs. Enos H. Horst and
 The Honorable & Mrs. Enos H. Horst by Suellen Burkey*

ATTENDANCE November 7 55 In-person
25 on-line x = 50 (ELCA formula)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS Prayers & Lector Joyce Ray
Soundboard Rose Wilson
Livestreaming Justin Holoviak

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

November 14 to November 21

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Congregation Meeting
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Brown Bag
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Brown Bag
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast (Greenvillage Restaurant)
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA board meeting
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Book Study
	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion
		Christ The King Sunday
		Thank Offering Sunday
		Guest Preacher-Rev. Carla Christopher-Wilson



Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Dee Bean (12/8), Verdeen Beaver (11/20),
Esther Beaver (11/20), Ruth Blair (12/2),
Mimi Carlton (11/24), Donna Dorand (12/8),
Gloria Dorsett (11/11), Kerry Hammer (12/9)
Gloria Hammond (11/20), Denise Heinbaugh (11/23),
Tedd Sloan (12/2), Marsellina Smith (12/2),
Donna Synder (12/5), Jeff Vanderbush (12/2),
James Warne, Chuck Yaukey (11/20)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent, Fred Jacobs, Mid Kramer, John Newcomer,
Evelyn Scott, Joan Thorpe, Grace Williams

Military: Olivia Richart, Tawny & Brad Arnold

Military Prisoners: Trevor Reed, Paul Whelan

CONGREGATION MEETING First Lutheran's congregational meeting is today following worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2022.

LADIES BREAKFAST will be held on Wednesday, November 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Greenvillage Diner. All ladies are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL There will be no Children's Sunday School or Confirmation Classes on Sunday, November 28. (Thanksgiving break)

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born. Hope is Here. By Max Lucado. This four session video Bible study explores how God chose to make himself nothing and come into our world. Jesus' birth gives us the promise that God is always near us, always for us, and always within us. Join us on Monday at 1:00 p.m. throughout the season of Advent (November 29, December 6, 13, and 20) as we pause in our busy lives to remember God's gift of love and hope. Meeting Room 2, facilitated by Pastor Nicholson. Please let Pastor Nicholson know if you would like to join this group 717-264-2015.
The books for this class may be picked up in the church office.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Sponsored by LARC. The Lutherans, Anglicans (Episcopalians), and Roman Catholics are joining together to Give Thanks (Thanksgiving) to God through worship on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi (320 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg.) This worship is open to the entire community. Invite your neighbors.



BEACON OF HOPE Thank you to those of you who have returned your 2022 anticipated giving cards. You may still send yours to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your financial support of God's ministry through the work of our congregation.

ADVENT CALENDARS Advent Calendars are available on the table by the elevator on the first floor. Please help yourself and take one to share with neighbors or family. Advent begins November 28.

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

Donations of individually packaged food items for the backpack program are greatly appreciated. For the Month of November, suggestions are: canned fruit/fruit cups in light syrup, dried fruit: raisins, plums, cranberries. Thank you for your contributions.

COVID PRECAUTIONS UPDATE

At our council meeting in November, the following actions were determined to still be prudent during this time of Covid. Thank you for your understanding our desire to keep everyone as safe as possible during worship.

- We will continue to livestream our worship service
- We will hold an abbreviated service (approximately 35-40 minutes)
- We will continue distancing using marked pews
- We will collect offering at the entrances to the worship space.
- We will continue cleaning protocols for worship space and common areas
- *Masked, the congregation is invited to sing the **final** hymn with the choir.
- We will have 10 persons or less singing with masks on from the choir loft.
- Unvaccinated and vaccinated should wear masks while worshiping