

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Harvest Home Sunday
October 1, 2023



WELCOME VISITORS

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

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 at worship.

If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children on the first floor near the ramp, across the hall from the bulletin boards.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available.

Feel free to ask an usher if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

October 1 to October 8

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
		Harvest Home
		World Communion Sunday
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Worship & Music
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Property
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
		In-Gathering and Blessing of Quilts
		Social Missions Meeting after worship

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

GOD'S WORK, OUR HAND'S MESSAGE

Rose Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand as you are able.

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us,

God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand,

God is praised.

When we share of our abundance,

God is known in the world and God is at work in us!

In our daily lives, let us live out and fulfill our baptismal calling.

God's Work. Our Hands.

God ☩ bless your hands, your gifts, and your work,
that through you, God's love may be known. **Amen.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving in our hearts!

God's Work, Our Hands

Tune: Earth and All Stars

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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

Cantor



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer - cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Cantor



Assembly



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie
Music: MY FATHER, HOW LONG, African American spiritual

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Oh, sing of God's great vic - to - ry! Je - sus'
 2 This is the feast of vic - to - ry of the
 3 Oh, is it not a mys - ter - y that our
 4 All hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might, sing the



blood has set us free! Let all his crea - tures
 glo - rious Lamb a - bove. Now all God's peo - ple
 Lord a Lamb should be, who on the cru - el
 hosts to Christ on high; all pow - er, rich - es,



join our songs, for to Christ the throne be - longs.
 gath - er round for the ban - quet of God's love.
 cross was slain, but a - rose in heav'n to reign.
 wis - dom, strength. Now let all on earth re - ply:

Refrain: All



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais - es to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on Revelation 5

Music: THE SHEPHERD'S DAUGHTER AND THE KING, Appalachian traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Harvest Home

PSALM

Psalm 25: 1-5

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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.*

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

APOSTLES' 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

God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated following the sharing of peace.

MEAL

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*

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

arr by John Coates

Please stand as you are able

Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer Music: Barb'ry Ellen, Apalachian traditional

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Long, Long Ago In Jerusalem

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Sanctus Music: Shady Grove, Appalachian Traditional

Verses: Cantor or choir

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain: Assembly

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, God's

glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow-er and might.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, eat and be nourished to do God's work with our hands..
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar.

Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.

O Lamb of God, to Earth You Came

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei Music: The Suffolk Miracle, Appalachian traditional



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to



save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from



on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

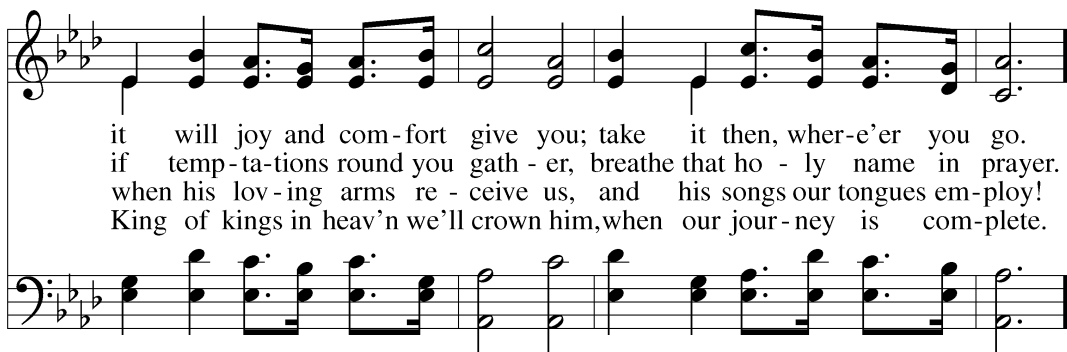
Take the Name of Jesus with You

Text: Lydia Baxter, 1809-1874 Music: PRECIOUS NAME, William H. Doane, 1832-1915



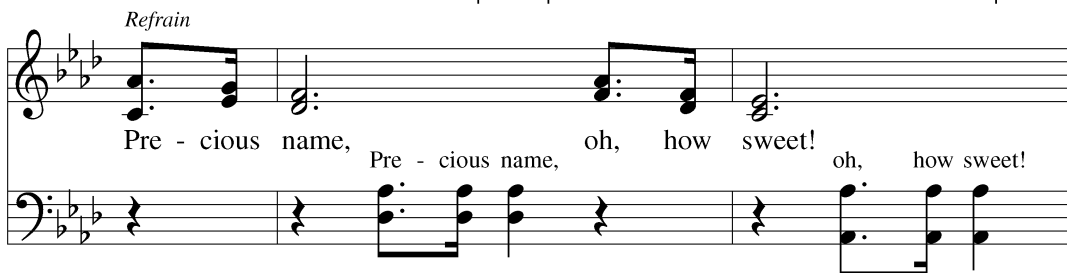
1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;
2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
3 Oh, the pre-cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
4 At the name of Je - sus bow-ing, fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,





it will joy and com-fort give you; take it then, wher-e'er you go.
if temp-ta-tions round you gath-er, breathe that ho-ly name in prayer.
when his lov-ing arms re-ceive us, and his songs our tongues em-ploy!
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour-ney is com-plete.

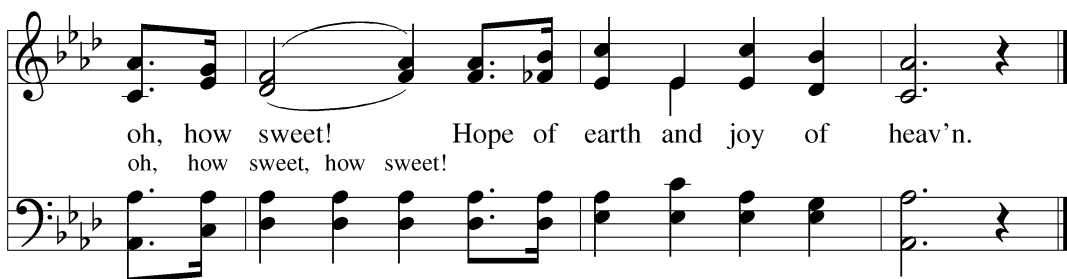
Refrain



Pre-cious name, Pre-cious name, oh, how sweet! oh, how sweet!



Hope of earth and joy of heav'n. Pre-cious name, Pre-cious name,



oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.
oh, how sweet, how sweet!

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

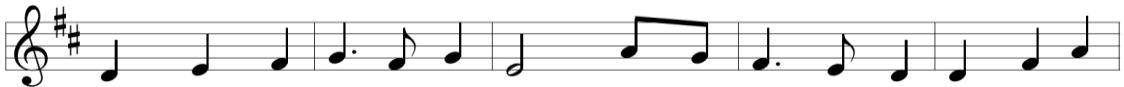
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

O Lord of the Blossom

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer Music: My Home, North American traditional



1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -
2 O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, where sor-rows are



vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ished our faith at your
van-quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your



ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your



face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the



vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Joanne Fisher (11/4), Leslie Gotwald (10/5), Denise Heinbaugh (10/28), Shirley Martin (10/7), Joyce Morschhauser (10/19), Sam Mull (10/18), Martha Willson (10/19).



Long Term Care: Pat Dent and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul and Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia).

ATTENDANCE

September 24

60 in person

16 on line

CANTATA PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS will begin on Oct 12 at 7 pm. Please come to the rehearsal or see Freda for more information. The cantata will be presented on Dec 17 at our 10:45 am service.





COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED In November we will be electing council members for a three year term to serve from January 2024 through December 2026. If you have an interest in being nominated or finding out more about this opportunity, please talk with Tim Gotwald.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION Did you know that a Qualified Charitable Distribution allows individuals who are 72 years old or older to donate up to \$ 100,000 total to one or more charities directly from a taxable IRA or 401k instead of taking their Required Minimum Distribution? As a result, the donor may avoid paying federal income tax on the distribution while also possibly avoid being pushed into a higher income tax bracket. Contact your financial advisor and/or your tax advisor for more details and procedures to make it happen.

ELCA's National Youth Gathering is coming to New Orleans in July of 2024. Kate Nienstedt will be attending along with a group of five youth from Trinity Lutheran. Their first fundraiser is now underway. Kate will be selling Sweet Rollers cinnamon rolls (\$6), packs of 2 chocolate chip cookies (\$5), and bags of coffee (\$12) after church through October 22nd. See Kate or her mom Kristy to place an order. Items will be delivered on Sunday, November 5th. Thanks in advance for your support of this church wide youth event!

FALL FOLIAGE DAY Sunday, October 22, 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.at Nawakwa. Come for a fall afternoon! An evening meal provided. Register by October 13. \$15 per person (4 & under free).



QUILT AUCTION November 5 (Oct 29-Nov 3 Online Bidding) at Nawakwa 2:00 p.m. Silent

Auction, 3:00 p.m. Live Auction. Dinner following Live Auction. All proceeds from the day benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come! Please register for the in-person event by November 1. This is a free event, and includes an evening meal.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 8</u>	<u>October 15</u>
Lector:	Jane Love	Gary Fleegal	Becky Hoover
Soundboard:	Mark Nicholson	Marlin Maclay	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:	Deb Fleegal Becky Hoover Tom Kriner		Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick Deb Fleegal
Greeters:	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.