

*Scout Sunday*  
*January 28, 2024*



## **Welcome to Worship**

*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**

#### **January 28 – February 4**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship – Scout Sunday
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringer
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Jazz Worship w/Holy Communion



**BUZZ JONES SEXTET** Join us on Sunday, February 4 at 10:45 a.m. for a unique Jazz Worship Service with the emphasis being on our Epiphany Season of Light. The Buzz Jones Sextet was with us in December of 2022 and we are excited about their return. Please invite your friends and neighbors

# GATHERING

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**


The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.


You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

# Songs of Thankfulness and Praise


Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr.  
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750




1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



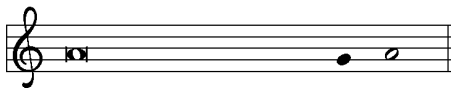
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

## 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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



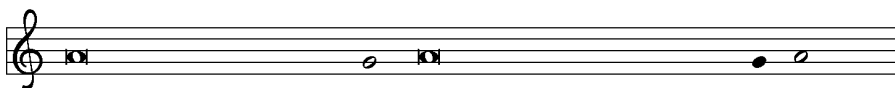
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



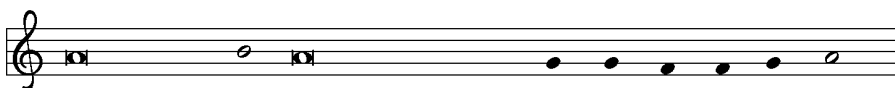
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



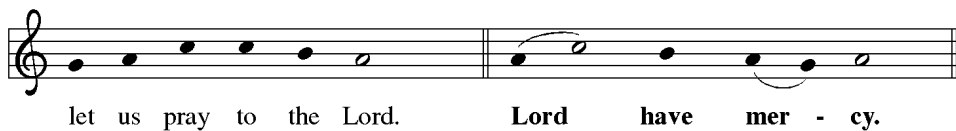
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



All

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,



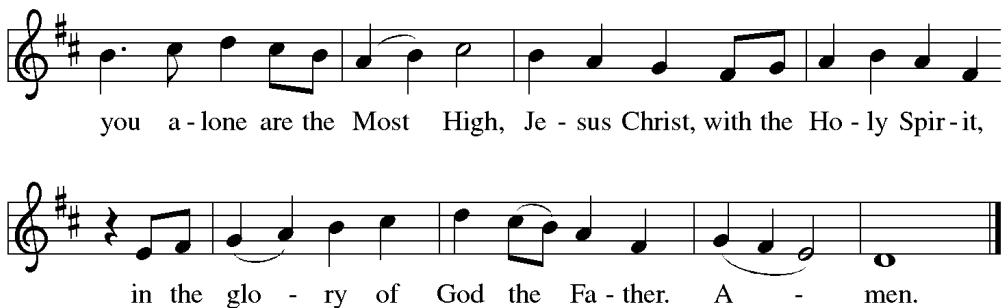
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### FIRST READING

**Colossians 3:12-17, 23-24**

(Sam)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

<sup>23</sup>Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, <sup>24</sup>since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

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

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise  
endures forever.**

## SECOND READING

## Ephesians 2: 4-10

(Gabe)

<sup>4</sup>God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 25:14-29**

The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the

five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

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.*

# There Is a Balm in Gilead

Text: African American spiritual Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all!"  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

# Our Response

## 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](http://felcc.org)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Songs of Peace

by Joseph Martin

*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.*

## OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**God our creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.**

**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 (Gardell, Connor, and David)

We pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(pause)*

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. We pray for peace in Ecuador, The Middle East, Ukraine, and The Holy Land. We pray that you protect those serving in the military and their families including: Brad and Tawny Arnold, Rubens Paul, and Paul Whelan. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those without access to safe housing or health care, and those who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain. We pray for Bonnie, Kathy, Kira, Hudson, June, Denise, Joanne, Rubens, Marcia, Ron, Patty, Nancy, Marilyn, Pat, Charles, and Joe.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Still-speaking God, we pray for our church, for its artists and musicians, for its teachers and caregivers. May all gifts be used to care for those in need, living out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We thank you, O Lord, for the scouts and their leaders. Give them energy and determination to continue learning and growing into the community leaders you have created them to be. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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**

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

# Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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***Please remember in your prayers ...***



Healing: Bonnie (2/5), Kathy Blough (2/20),  
 Kira Coy (2/15), Hudson Crist (2/10), June Diehl (2/14),  
 Joanne Fisher (2/22), Denise Heinbaugh (1/28), Marcia McDannell (2/15),  
 Rubens Paul (2/22), Ron Sokol (2/22), Patty Wheelock (2/10),  
 Nancy Wildeson (2/15), Marilyn Yaukey (2/4)

Term Care: Pat Dent, Charles Kampmeyer and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul, and Paul Whelan

**ATTENDANCE**      January 21                      64 in person                      12 on line

## **SCOUT SUNDAY 2024**



A big welcome to our Scouts and their families who are joining us today. We are delighted to have you as a part of the troops that meet at First Lutheran and are excited to have you joining us for Christian Worship this morning.

### **Boy Scouts of America #128**

Lions: Crosby Rickrode

Bears: Taylyn Kilpatrick, Liam Roberts

Webelos: Charles Lynch, Nora Chaudhry, Aubriauna Kilpatrick,  
Quinton Clever

AOL: Herbert Bohn, Harrison Rickrode, Jude Shoup

Cubmaster Christy Burkholder

Den Leaders. Rodney Rickrode & Stacy Short

#### **Troop:**

Scout - Carson Windhorst, David Parker

Tenderfoot - Connor Gaskill, Gabriel Haughie, Samuel Nienstedt

Second Class - Reece Russell

First Class - Christian Burkholder, Gardell Lehman

Scoutmaster. Phillip Layton

Asst Scoutmasters Christy Burkholder & David Gaskill

COR Paul Holbrook                      Committee Chair Mary Beth McGraw-Warne

Committee Members: Eunice Lehman, Jean Purnell, Megan Haymaker

**NURSERY AND NTT ROOM EXCHANGE** The Council in consultation with the Property Committee and in speaking with the Visioning Team and NTT Members, has come to the decision to move the nursery to the second floor. It will be in the first room on the right side of the hallway when you are approaching from the restroom end of the hallway. The NTT Team will then be using the room on the first floor for staging and sorting the items that are collected throughout the year. This transition will be taking place during the next couple of weeks.



**VARIETY SHOW** Sunday, February 25 after worship. Lunch will be provided. Fundraiser for Youth Events. If you would be willing to be part of the “Show” please talk with Kristy Nienstedt.

**MISSION TRIP** Are you looking for an opportunity to serve abroad and expand your horizon? The Social Missions Committee is organizing a mission trip to visit *Tree-4-Hope* and their work in El Aguata, Guatemala in January or February, 2025. We will experience first-hand the work our mission dollars support at Hope Academy for girls and at the Miguel Magone orphanage. This will be a hands-on experience. Whatever skills you bring to the table will be utilized...building, painting, gardening, technical, cooking, crafting, educational, etc. Everyone has something to contribute. Our mission dollars have been supporting the amazing work of *Tree-4-Hope* since 2021. If you have interest in joining us on this trip, offering your financial support or for more information, see Rose Wilson. Visit [www.tree4hope.org](http://www.tree4hope.org) for more information.

**NEWSLETTER** As good stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to the church, we request that you consider receiving the church newsletter via e-mail. The newsletters will be in printed form and distributed at Sunday worship, choir practice, quilting, etc. If you have not yet picked up your printed version, the newsletter will be mailed to your home address the Monday following Sunday worship. Thank you for responding. [felccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:felccoffice@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** First has the opportunity to help serve meals at St. Seraphim on Lincoln Way West just past the Salvation Army. The hours are 9-1 on Saturdays. The dates needed are January 20, February 24, March 9, April 27, and May 4. Two or three people are needed on each day. To volunteer please contact MaryGotwald at 717-264-4759 or [mgotwald@embarqmail.com](mailto:mgotwald@embarqmail.com)



**HELP NEEDED** the congregation marveled at the gorgeous display of quilts on Sunday, October 8. We would like to continue this wonderful Lutheran World Relief project and would appreciate more help. Please join us for an hour or two every Wednesday morning. You can plan quilt tops, sew squares together, help construct the quilt "sandwich", tie knots, iron sheets. Everyone is welcome, male or female, young or old. Call Janet Friend (717-360-1977) or Nancy Fricke (717- 267-5097) for more information.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** Ash Wednesday is February 14. This year we will be having a 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. service with scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. These services will last no longer than 10-15 minutes. The evening service will be our traditional service including music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. You are welcome to invite friends and neighbors to worship on this day.

**Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14**

9:30am	Imposition of Ashes (Chapel)
5:30pm	Imposition of Ashes (Chapel)
7:00pm	Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b><u>January 21</u></b>	<b><u>January 28</u></b>	<b><u>February 4</u></b>
Lector:	Gary Fleegal	Scouts	Jane Love
Soundboard:	Mark Nicholson	Rose Wilson	Scott Carbaugh
Communion	Becky Hoover		Mary Gotwald
Assistants:	Donna Ross Mike Ross		Tim Gotwald Kristy Nienstedt
Greeters:	Karen Naus	Karen Naus	Marcia Hunt Joe Hunt
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Rob Willits Karin Woods	Barb Evans Rick Gates Denny Love Rob Willits Karin Woods	Rick Gates Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy Karen Maclay Rose Wilson



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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](http://www.FELCC.org)

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