

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025

WELCOME VISITORS

*We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church,
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger
located on the second floor in the education wing. First door on the right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available,
please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **February 9 – February 16**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Council
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study in the Parlor
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	1:30 p.m.	WELCA
	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Vocal Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

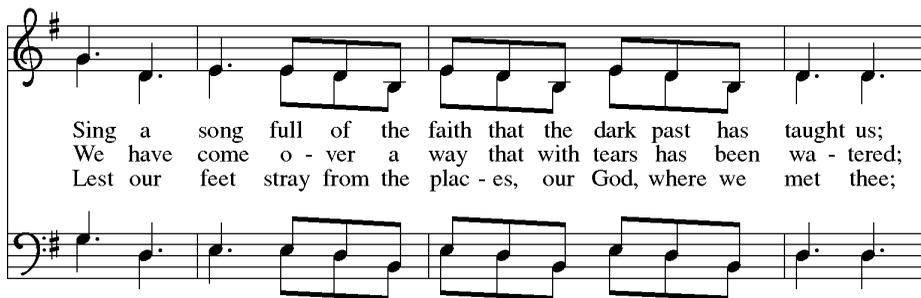
Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

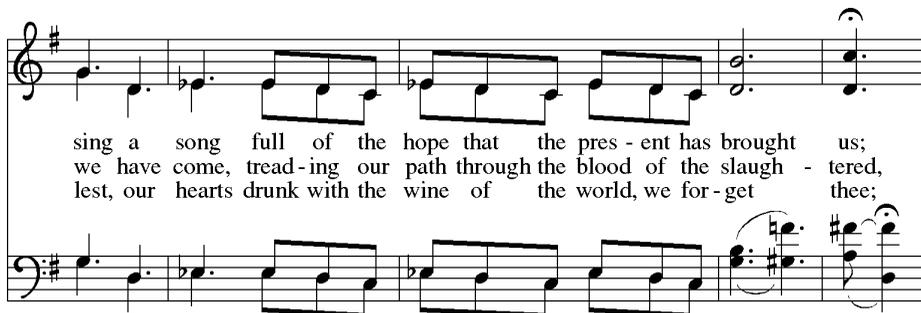
ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

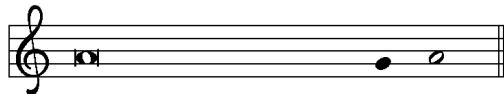
Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

GREETING

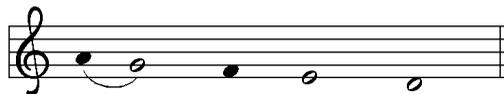
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



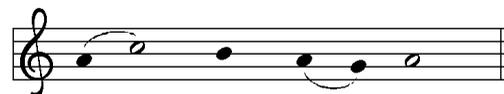
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



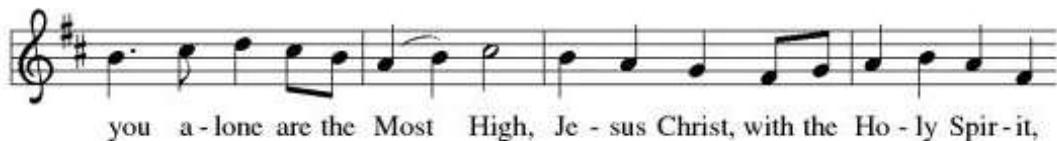
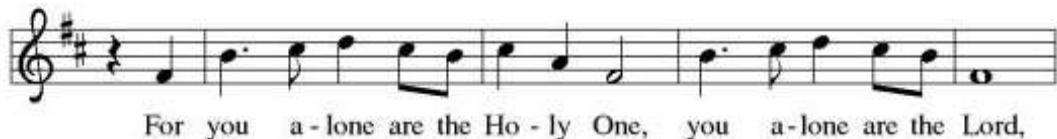
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Long, Long Ago In Jerusalem

Verses: Cantor or choir

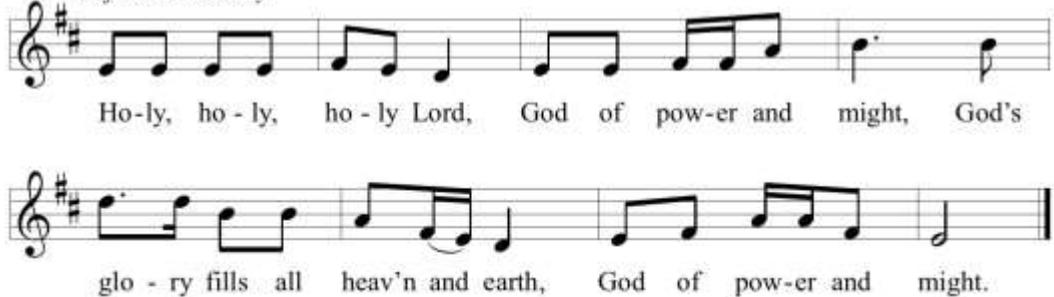


1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

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.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Sanctus
Music: SHADY GROVE, Appalachian traditional

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Luke 5:1-11

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Silence follows the sermon for reflection.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand following the prayer as you are able.

Please be seated.

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 or by scanning this QR code



ANTHEM

O, For a Thousand Tongues

by: Wesley/Mattix

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



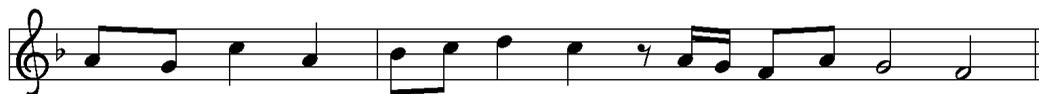
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

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 of grace, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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

The Spirit of the triune God, ✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

On Our Way Rejoicing

Text and Music: Anonymous; Central America

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in two columns under each system. The first system includes two numbered lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The fourth system has two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines in the bass clef.

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
 hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Ruth Blair (2/22), Tina Tonielli (2/22)

Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, Julie Diehl, June Diehl, Tudy Gates, Charles Kampmeyer, Garry Shatzer, and Joe Pine**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold and Parker Brown.

ATTENDANCE February 2 61 in person 3 online

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE Please consider giving donations to help the victims of the Los Angeles fires. Checks may be made payable to First Lutheran and please indicate on the memo line or offering envelope: LA Fires. 100% of your donation goes to recovery efforts.

WOMEN OF ELCA (WELCA) will gather for Bible Study and fellowship on Thursday, February 13th at 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1.



TACOS and GUATEMALA REPORT

Join us on Sunday, February 23 following worship for a taco lunch and slide show presented by our missionary group who went to Guatemala in January. Come and share in their exciting experience and hear about how God used our friends to enrich the lives of these children and adults. Please sign up on the board by the Main Office Door.



EVENING BIBLE STUDY In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land. Tuesdays through March 11 at 6:30 p.m. This Max Lucado video study will be facilitated by Pastor Nicholson.

SPECIAL FINANCIAL GIFTS First Lutheran is currently receiving financial gifts to be used toward for the repair of the stained glass windows and the replacement of the air conditioning unit in the sanctuary. If you would like to make a special financial gift toward these items, please talk with Carol McCoy (financial secretary) 717-816-0712 1cjmccoy@comcast.com , Sally Herritt (treasurer) 717-262-5063 felcctreasurer@gmail.com



“SOCK IT TO ME” SUNDAYS have begun in preparation for the August 16, 2025 Back to School Event. NTT is collecting low cut socks for elementary boys and girls from **Kindergarten through 5th grade**. Our goal is to have **5 pair of socks** for each child who attends the event. You may place socks in the collection sites in the back of the sanctuary, at the elevator entrance to the sanctuary, or in the NTT box in Memorial Hall. Cash and check donations are also accepted. You may use the envelopes that are available in Memorial Hall or use your own. Please make checks out to First Lutheran with socks in the memo line.

DOWNSIZING? The Lutheran Churches work together to collect furniture and give it to families in need. If you have any furniture, they would like to have the opportunity to come and look at it to see if it can be used. There is a storage unit for the items until needed. In December and January 4 refugee families from Syria needed much of what was available. If you have furniture to contribute, please contact Shelly Davies at St. Luke Lutheran Church 717-261-1213 or Don Greer at Trinity Lutheran Church 717-263-8156.

BIRTHDAY BAGS Little Daisy’s Closet hands out birthday bags so families can have a memorable celebration. We are collecting cake mixes, packaged icing, birthday napkins, balloons, and a disposable baking pans. Please place items in the container by the main office door. Questions? Contact Joyce Ray at 717-658-6077.

ST. SERAPHIM SOUP KITCHEN offers meals on Saturdays when the Salvation Army does not provide meals. First Lutheran has joined with St Luke Lutheran to help provide servers for this ministry. St Seraphin is located near the Salvation Army. Upcoming volunteer opportunities are March 8 and April 19. If you are willing to help serve please call Mary Gotwald at 717-264-4759.

LAUNDRY DAY at Spot Laundry on Saturday, March 15 from 11:30 to 1:30. Everyone is welcome to come, greet our neighbors and pay their laundry expenses with a laundry card. We also offer religious materials, water bottles, children’s books and Meals on Wheels left overs. NTT has also started a children’s library there with used books. Contact: Joyce Ray at 717-658-6077.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>February 9</u>	<u>February 16</u>	<u>February 23</u>
Lector:	Sally Herritt	Doris Burdick	Becky Hoover
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:		Jim Brown Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick	
Greeters:	Bob and Nancy Wildeson		Bob and Nancy Wildeson
Closer	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Jim Brown Rick Gates Denny Love Mary Beth Warne-McGraw Rose Wilson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Denny Love Mary Beth Warne-McGraw Rose Wilson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Denny Love Mary Beth Warne-McGraw Rose Wilson



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Custodian	Jennifer Flores

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.