



**November 10, 2024**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church  
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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

*(Each year the women of First Lutheran Church sponsor a very special Harvest Festival. Led by the women of our congregation. The special worship service is yet another way to celebrate God's goodness in our lives and His invitation to greater faithfulness. Today's special guest is singer, songwriter, Greg Hager. Welcome to our worship service today!)*

WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

**HYMN ..... LBW #241**  
**“We Praise You, O God”**

# We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 And with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

(We rise)

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

L: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets;

**C: The Name of the Lord is to be praised.** (Psalm 113:3)

L: Have no anxiety about anything.

**C: But in everything with prayer and petition let your requests be known to God.** (Philippians 4:6)

L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**C: They shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

L: They shall run and not be weary;

**C: They shall walk and not grow faint.** (Isaiah 40:31)

WE PRAY (Spoken together):

**Dear Heavenly Father, You have given us a great gift in your Word. Open our hearts that we might become attentive as we listen and study it. Make clear for us Your will for our lives as we let your Word grow in our hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING ..... 1 Kings 17:8-16

*(In today's first reading, food was scarce due to devastating drought. Through the prophet, Elijah, God shows his providential care to those who trust in Him.)*

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: <sup>9</sup> "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food."<sup>10</sup> So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

<sup>12</sup> "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make

a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”  
13 Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”  
15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

SECOND READING ..... Hebrews 9:26-28  
*(Today’s second reading speaks to the hope that God’s people carry. Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross removes our sin once and for all.)*

26... But [Jesus] has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHOIR ..... “The Love of God”

(Please rise)

GOSPEL READING ..... Mark 12:41-43  
*(Jesus praises a poor widow for her total trust in the God and his ability to meet her every need.)*

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the

others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”  
(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST..... Greg Hager

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORY .....p. 75



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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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, for ever and ever. Amen**

BENEDICTION (Spoken Together)

**The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face  
shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us  
with favor and give us peace. Amen.**

## "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

STEWARDSHIP

## Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,  
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts his good-ness gave,

With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
 The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.  
 The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.

By him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
 God fills them with his full - ness, All things with large in - crease;  
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him When at his feet you fall,

Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
 He crowns the year with good - ness, With plen - ty and with peace.  
 And with your lives a - dore him Who gave his life for all.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for our potluck following the worship service.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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### Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR .....	Pastor Paul Krueger
USHERS/GREETERS .....	Mary Haugtvedt, Pam Vollmuth Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
ACOLYTES.....	Chloe Erber & Kale Nelson
READER .....	Sue Winter
ORGANIST .....	LeAnn Richard
ALTAR GUILD.....	Theresa Petersen
FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR.....	Potluck Follows Worship FLCW Work Group 3 Serves
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS.....	Randy & Gwen Hall Melanie Beckman



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OFFICE HOURS: T-T-F 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 - 3:30

W – 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

ORGANISTS: Theresa Petersen and LeAnn Richard

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Randy Hall

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Gwen Hall

CUSTODIAN: Jeff Schmidt

## **Our Mission**

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

## **Welcome to all who have come to worship.**

Family of Christ, welcome to worship! May you sense Jesus' presence and be strengthened in his love.

## **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book in the narthex.

## **Nursery**

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

## **Thank you for your giving**

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Attendance – 265

Online Viewing – 47

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$8,451.35

## **Hearing Assist**

First Lutheran has hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this or want to try it, please see the ushers in the narthex.

## **Pastoral Care**

Please call Pastor Paul (701-240-4712) or the church office (701-462-3775) if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

### ***This week we pray for:***

#### **This Week's New Prayer Requests:**

#### **Prayers of Christian Sympathy:**

### ***Long Term prayer requests:***

**Members:** Alton Krebsbach, Howard Johnson, Karen Goehring

\* The person in parenthesis is who the person is related to or friends of. Please feel free to ask these individuals how best you can pray for their family/friend.

### ***This month we pray for:***

**Members:** Bob Weisgarber, Joan Zimmerman, Emily Scheresky, Sharon Nelson

#### **Friends & Family:**

### ***This Quarter we pray for:***

**Members and Nonmembers:** Corrine Kerzmann (Donna Gunderson), Marion Narum (Peggy Moran), Ty Brown (Jody & Nicole Brown), Alice Richard, Jackie Olson

## **Military Prayer and Card List**

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

- **Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:**  
SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard  
SPC Olivia Retterath – National Guard - Deployed  
SPC Cassidy Sommer – National Guard  
SGT Jonathan Melvard – Army National Guard
- **Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:**  
SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard  
Emily Johnson – Air Force  
Bryar Anderson – Marines  
1SGT Jordan Ternes – Army National Guard  
Tech. SGT Andre Austin – Air Force  
Hunter Feigum – National Guard  
Morris Duffy – Medical Air Guard  
Adam Walsvik – National Guard  
SGT Tom Heidelberger – Army  
2LT Tony Heidelberger – Air Force

### *Notice of Prayer List Policy*

We have a monthly/quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list, please contact the office and the request will be added to our “This Quarter we pray for:” list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God’s people.

## **Large Print Bulletins**

We have large print bulletins for those wanting or needing larger print. Ask the ushers for one.

## **Flowers**

Altar flowers today are from FLCW for Harvest Festival.

## **Welcome**

We want to welcome and thank Greg Hagar to our Fall Harvest Festival Worship. Greg is from Valley City and will be our musical guest.

## **FLCW Freewill Offering**

A basket is in the narthex for a freewill offering for FLCW.

## **Potluck**

A potluck will follow the worship service today. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the delicious food and fellowship.

## **Thank You Veterans**

On Veterans Day, we salute all the men and women who selflessly serve. Thank you, Veterans for serving our Country!

## **Office Hours**

Jeannette will be in the office this week Monday thru Thursday. She will be out on Friday.

## **FLCW Executive Board**

The FLCW Executive Board will meet this Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.

## **Choir Practice Change**

Choir will practice this Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. No practice on Wednesday this week.

## **Super Sunday Supper Thanksgiving Meal**

A signup donation sheet for items needed for the Thanksgiving meal is in the narthex. Please consider sharing your kindness by helping out.

Super Sunday Supper will be serving a Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm here at First Lutheran Church. ***Call Judy at 701-220-4410 no later than Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, for: Meal Delivery or takeout (ready by noon) and In-House Reservations - Required (1-3 pm).***

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are in the narthex. A pamphlet with a list of suggested items, how to pack the shoebox and labels is with the boxes. ***Shoeboxes need to be returned to the church no later than November 16<sup>th</sup>.***

***Blessing of the shoeboxes will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.*** They will then be delivered to Bismarck for shipping to a distribution center to be sent worldwide. A \$10 donation per box is suggested to help cover shipping and other project costs.

## **Confirmation Meal Signup Sheet**

We are looking for volunteers to make and serve a meal on Wednesday nights for our confirmation students and volunteers. A signup sheet is in the narthex on the big poster board. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

## **Altar Flower Signup Sheet**

A signup sheet for altar flowers is on the table in the narthex. Sundays left before the end of the year are November 17 and December 29. You furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.

## **Connections Magazine**

The November/December issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy today to read updates on LCMC, NALC and other interesting articles.

## **Our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer**

The September/October/November issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the October - December 2024 issue of *Portals of Prayer* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

## COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ **Pasta Bar** – All you can eat – Freewill donation. Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Washburn United Methodist Church. Menu: Spaghetti Bolognese, Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Breadsticks, GF, DF, and Veg options available. This is to support the work of Washburn Helping Hands.
- ⇒ **Camp of the Cross Ministries Harvest For Camp 2024.** Our year-round ministry takes a lot of supplies to run programs. A list of items currently needed is posted on a tote in the Narthex as well as clipped on the entry way bulletin board for the taking. Donations of any kind and size are valued and appreciated through November 20, 2024. Thank you for your support of Camp of the Cross Ministries!
- ⇒ **Camp of the Cross Annual Scandinavian Supper** will be on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meal begins at 5:30 pm (doors open at 4:45 pm). Entertainment by Marty Malachowski of “Pickin N Grinin” from 6:15 to 6:45 pm. Tickets available for purchase NOW! Prices: \$40/meal – ages 12 and up; \$15/meal – ages 5 to 11; Free – ages 4 and under. To purchase tickets go to [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com) or calling CCM office at 701-337-2246. There will also be a silent auction. If you are interested in donating an item or experience for the silent auction, please let them know by emailing [info@campofthecross.com](mailto:info@campofthecross.com) or calling CCM office.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY

**NO** Bible Study

**NO** Sunday School

9:30 AM Fireside Bible Study

**10:30 AM Fall Festival Harvest Worship  
Followed by Potluck**

7:00 PM AA Meeting  
Al-Anon Meeting

MON.

10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting

TUES.

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

10:00 AM Mommy's Group

7:00 PM Choir

WED.

9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study

5:30–6:15 PM Confirmation Meal

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10-12 Grade FLY

7:00 PM Bell Choir

7:45 PM 7-9 Grade FLY

FRI.

10:00 AM FLCW Executive Board Meeting

SUN.

8:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour

10:45 AM Sunday School  
Fireside Bible Study

7:00 PM AA Meeting  
Al-Anon Meeting

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27) – November 10, 2024**

*“Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live... Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God... The Lord sets the prisoners free.”*

*–Psalm 146:2-3, 5, 7b*

Psalm 146 is the first of the final five hallelujah or praise psalms. The closing chapters of the book of psalms conclude with promises of the LORD, but there are also words of warning to mankind who have a habit of putting our trust in the wrong places. The First Commandment and the words of warning expose our misplaced trust. This is then followed by lavish words of promise of what the LORD has done, does, and will continue doing to deal with sinners and our wayward hearts. Inevitably, following the general election cycle in our nation, people will begin to post on social media platforms, “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation” (Psalm 146:3). In a cursory observation, this is most commonly posted by those whose candidate lost. It reveals that one had put their hope in a human being to help improve their life and their nation. Should we not have put our trust in the LORD for all things before the election? Should this not be a word to those whose candidate won even more so than to those whose candidate lost? Indeed, this is a word to all of us who vote. We all have fallen short of the First Commandment and our particular political desires disclose that we had less trust in God regarding our earthly life and believed that some human being will at least make up the difference.

In an eschatological turn in verse 5, the LORD blesses us who demonstrate that we do not fear, love, and trust God above anything else. In mercy, he has come to us who need help and salvation. He who made the heaven and earth and sea, promises “keeps faith forever.” We do not keep faith; we give up faith in the LORD by putting our trust in anyone who we believe will open the door to financial and political freedom. We cannot by our own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ that he has, is, and shall keep us in true faith forever. This belief in Christ is the work worked in us by the Holy Spirit alone. Before his ascension, Jesus Christ told us that even the psalms are written about him (see Luke 24:44). This psalm declares the end of all earthly regimes and political winners and losers. Jesus Christ is exposing the reality that we are all imprisoned by the fact that we have put our trust in our politics. But our LORD Jesus Christ is king of a kingdom not of this world, for it is a kingdom ruled by the gospel apart from the law. He is the only one who has the power to keep us in true faith and to set the prisoners free. While the earthly rules perish one after another, he rules his kingdom forever. In Christ alone do we have our salvation.