

***Prayer after Communion**

Pastor: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

***Blessing**

Pastor: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

***Closing Hymn:**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Ida Kerch Susan Kerch Dave Lamar Elzy Pauley Carolyn Pinos Vic Schaffranek
Ava Stancovich Gini Gray Carson Berkheimer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We welcome Bishop Paula Schmitt to lead us in worship this morning.

November 6th—Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

If anyone wishes to give to the Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries Harvest Home, there are envelopes available on the dessk in the Narthex. Thank you.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

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Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
October 22, 2023

*First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662
Worship Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.*



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Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

Small candles are given to the Glory of God. Tall candles are given to the Glory of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting II

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete **C: Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Pastor: Steadfast and merciful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.** We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Take My Life, that I May Be

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Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise:

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*Prayer of the Day: **Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The Verse

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

C: Praise to you O Christ

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*Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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*Holy Baptism

We welcome by Holy Baptism into fellowship of First Lutheran Church

*Joseph Fredrick Connacher son of Dan Connacher and Alison (Kleman) Connacher and godparents
Elizabeth Kleman and Dylan Risban.*

*Liam Matthew Knopp son of Matthew Knopp and Emily (Kleman) Knopp and godparents
Dana and Michael Harris.*

*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer

*Passing of Peace **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.

Offering

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

*Offertory

"Let the Vineyards"

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*Offertory Prayer

Pastor: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Liturgy of Holy Communion

*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus

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*Eucharistic Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

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*Invitation to Communion: **Pastor:** Jesus invites you to this table, Come, eat, and live.

*Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

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As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

"The body of Christ, given for you.' & 'The blood of Christ, shed for you.'

After each, the communicant may say: 'Amen.'

Distribution

Communion Hymn:

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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*Post Communion Blessing

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