

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. C: Amen.

*Blessing

Pastor: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. C: Amen

*Closing Hymn:

Take My Life, that I May Be

LBW 406

*Dismissal

Pastor: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We welcome Pastor Kevin Shock this morning to lead us in worship.

LAST DAY to order poinsettias is today. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Price is \$10. Available colors are Red, White, Pink, and Red Glitter.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on December 3rd to approve budget. Copy of 2024 budget is forthcoming.

Items for newsletter are due December 17th to either Sharon Cordwell or Becky Cannavan. You may place them in their mailboxes in the back of the church.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 23rd. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. We will NOT be lighting the tree or any candles until Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662
Worship Sundays at 9:00 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 in memory of Virginia Pinos by Ruth Elaine. Tall candles are in memory of Virginia Pinos by Ruth Elaine.

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 the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **C: Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open your hearts to your coming open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **C: Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

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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

*Hymn of Praise:

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

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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

Psalm 70

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

*The Verse

***Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

C: Glory to you O Lord.

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C: Praise to you O Christ

*Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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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.

LBW 121

*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

***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 all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **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:** There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"
*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.'*

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Distribution

Communion Hymn:

Blessed Assurance

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*Post Communion Blessing

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