

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

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*Welcome to worship at First Lutheran!*  
*As we encounter God's Word and respond with prayer and praise,*  
*may this gathering be for you a holy time of grace, inspiration, and renewal.*  
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*We're glad you're here!*

## PRELUDE

*Pastorale*

Gilbert Martin

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

*We Are Waiting For Jesus*

ACS 905

Wreath lighting and spoken word between verses



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



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Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



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Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

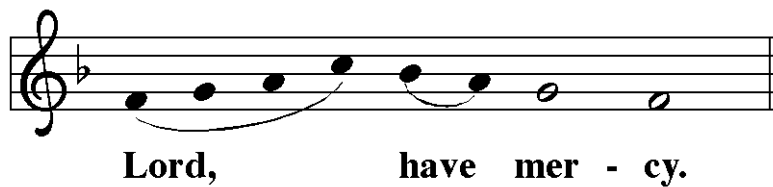
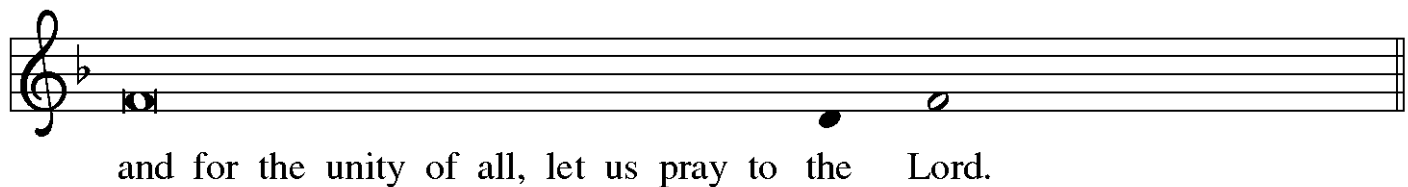
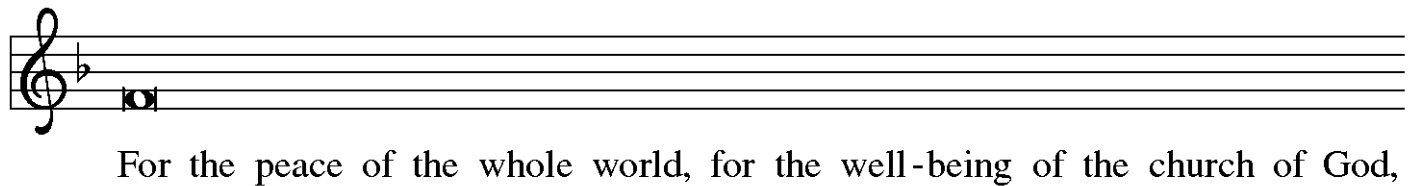
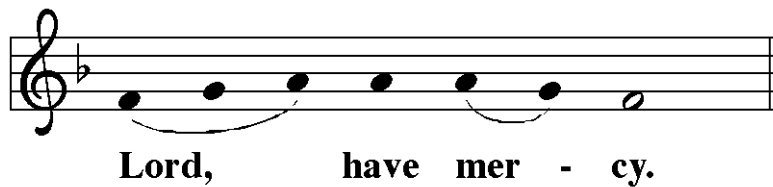
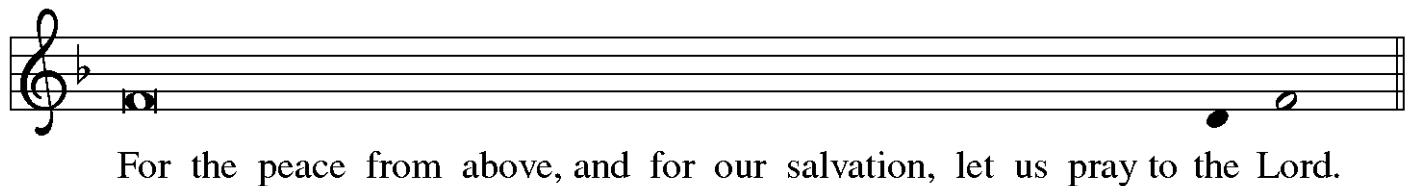
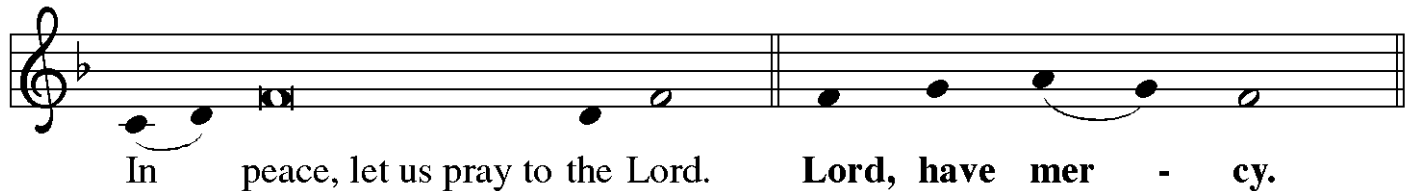
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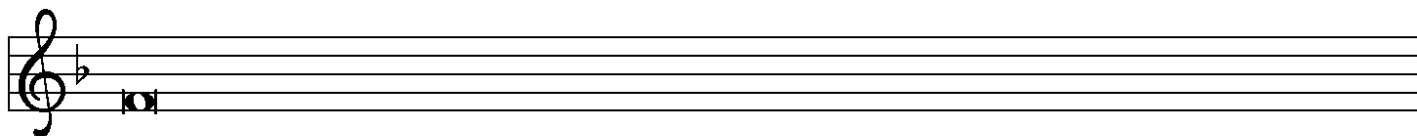
## GREETING

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



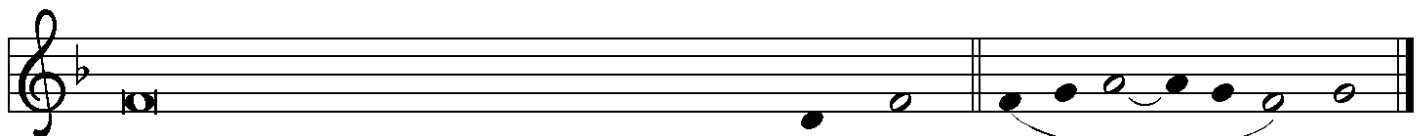


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 146:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord cares for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

ELW 254

Tune ELW 631

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

## **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.  
...through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.  
Amen**

## **PEACE**

**The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.**

**Offering**

*The Yearning*

Craig Courtney

Julie Bergan Abraham, Soloist  
Sanctuary Choir Pat Anderson, Director

There is a yearning in hearts  
weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.  
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide  
and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation.

There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own,  
and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.

There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased  
and we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning. (Repeat)

**OFFERING RESPONSE** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning* ACS 949

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*  
Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;  
chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes a main melody and a refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

**THE 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.**

**BLESSING**



# SENDING HYMN

*People, Look East*

ELW 248



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Prichard/Schram

***Serving in Worship Today***

*Pastor Jess Daum and Pastor Trey Daum*

*Chris Larson, Reader*

*Ross and Julie Abraham, Cantor*

*Mary Ermel, Organist, Choir Accompanist*

*Pat Anderson, Sanctuary Choir Director*

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