



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

Season of Creation
10:30 am

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

As we gather, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God, one another, and all of creation.

Gracious God,
we confess that we are a people of contradictions.
You have blessed us with the gifts of creation
yet we have distorted them for our own benefit.
We are quick to see the sins of others,
but slow to acknowledge our own.
We have been indifferent to suffering
and complacent to the groaning of creation.
Forgive our sins, renew us in your spirit,
and free us from our brokenness
that we may live as your forgiven children,
in service to our neighbor
and to all that you have made.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless...In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:14

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37:1-9

1 Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**4 Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord;
put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

**6 The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**8 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

9 For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

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

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

SERMON

SONG

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor, especially Curt, Justin, Mary Jo, JT, Janice, Michaela, Tony, Barbara, Duane, Karen, Mitch, Jackson, Jim, Duane and Keith. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING and SONG

COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

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BLESSING

SONG

DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God.

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