

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

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

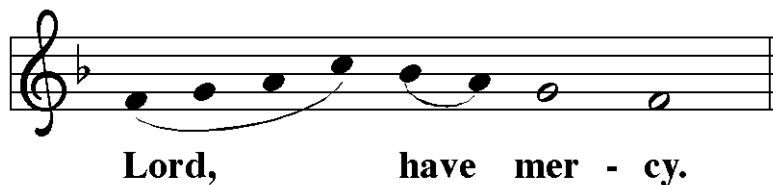
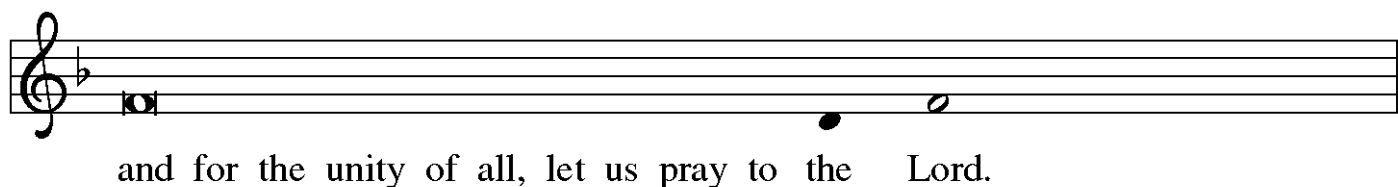
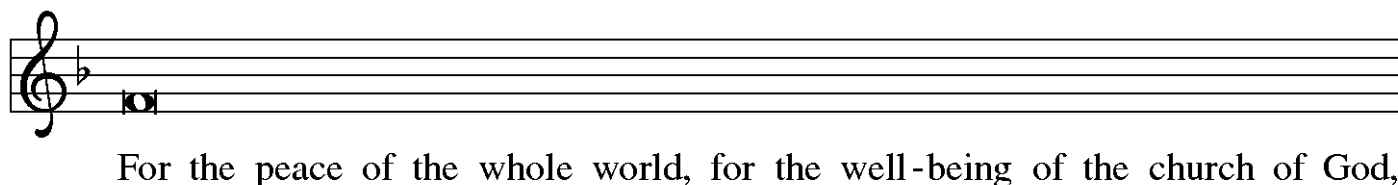
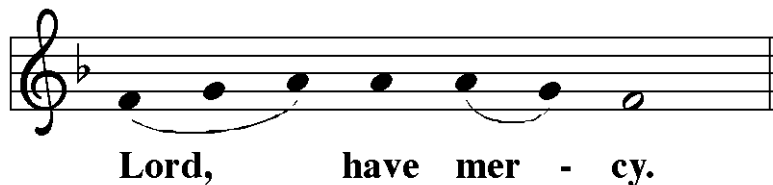
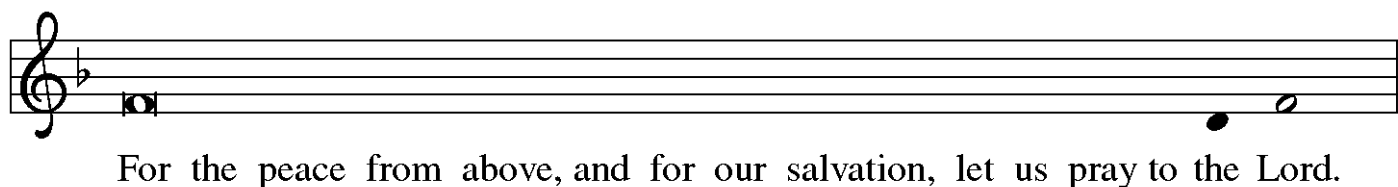
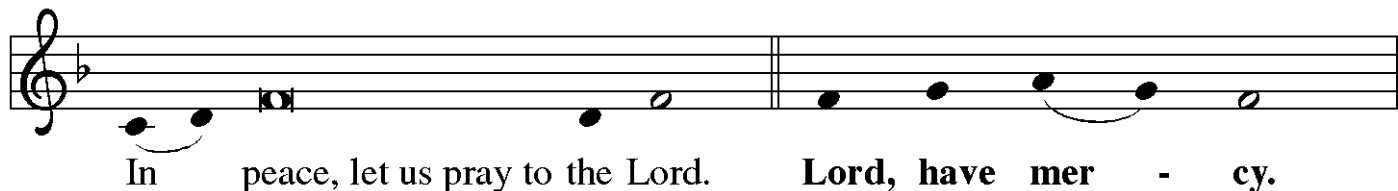
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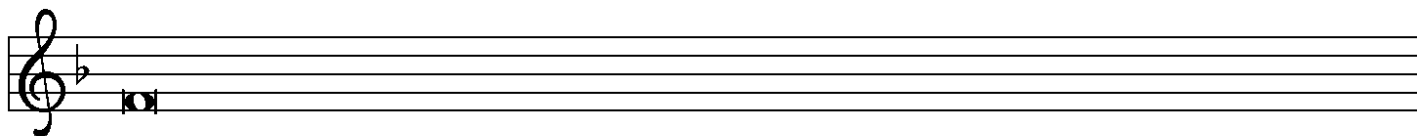
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

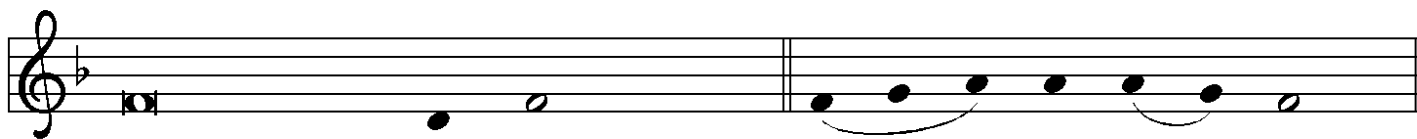
And also with you.

KYRIE



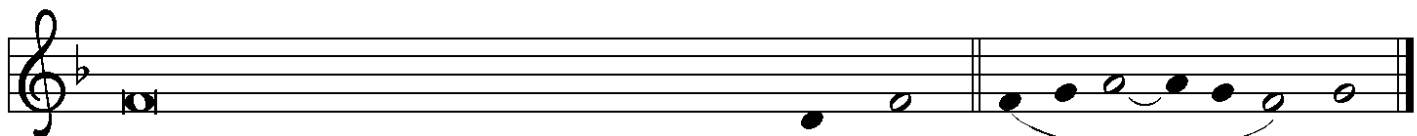


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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 7:10-16

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- on the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
**17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
18 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
**19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

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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 1:18-25

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

ELW 257



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

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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

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

arr. Larry Shackley

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 key signature change to F major (two flats) for the refrain. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to G major. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to F major, marked 'Refrain'. The fifth staff continues the refrain melody and ends with a double bar line.

COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

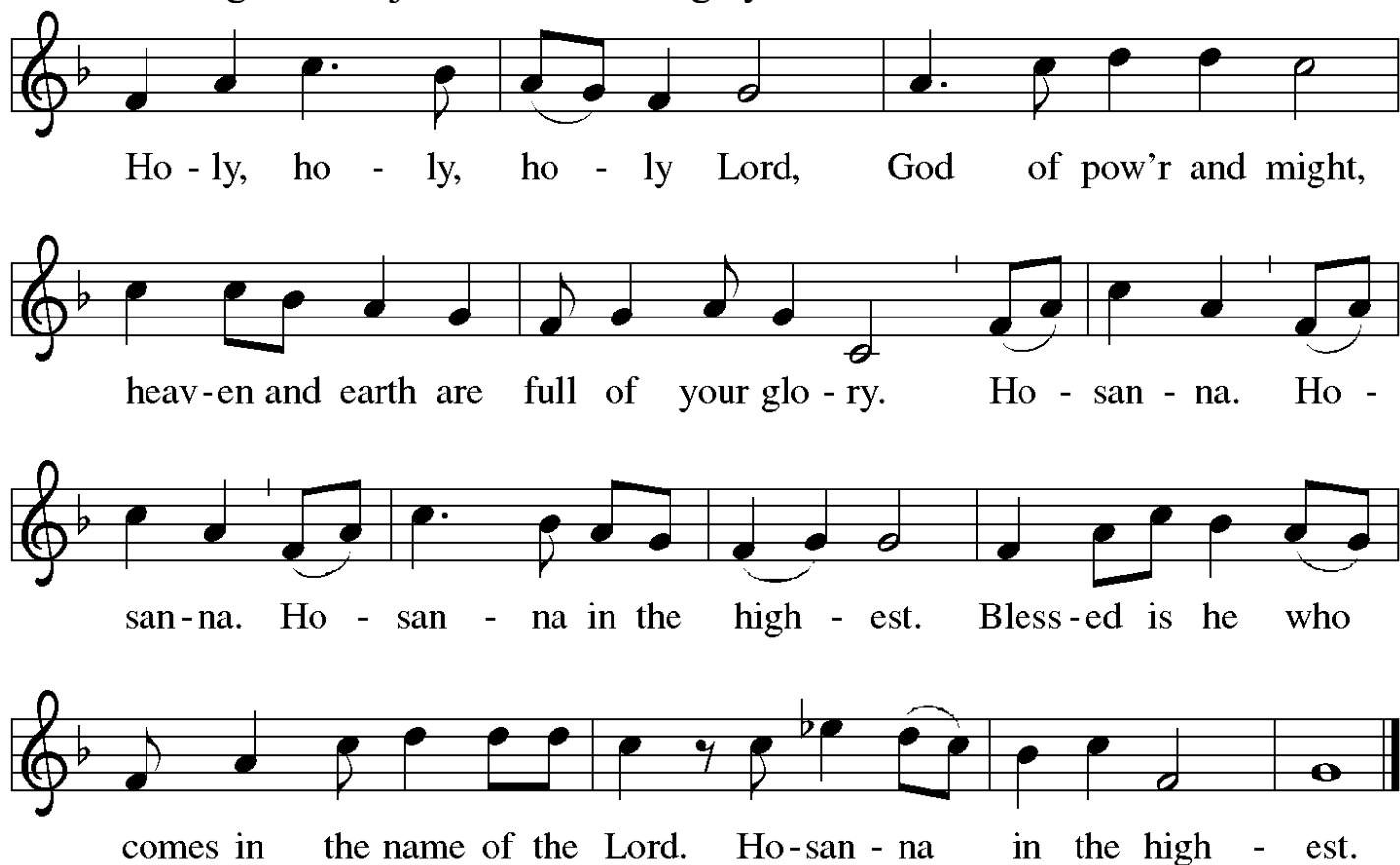
Lift up your hearts.

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...and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

DISTRIBUTION AND SONGS

All Earth Is Hopeful

ELW 266



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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- 1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
- 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light now be - gin to drift a - way.
- 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in:
Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark-ness shines the hope of com-ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang-er, in the out-cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him.
Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him.
Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

A Celebration Of Christmas arr. Cathy Moglebust
Handbells, Brass, Choir and Congregation

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald Angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth,
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep end dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

Oh holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship Today

Pastor Jess Daum and Pastor Trey Daum

Barry Dunn, Reader

Craig Long, Cantor

Mary Ermel, Organist, Choir Accompanist

Pat Anderson, Sanctuary Choir Director

Barbara Horten, Handbell Director

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