

# 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** *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* Arr. Hayes/Wagner

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *An Advent Prelude* by Charles Callahan  
Handbell Ensemble Barbara Horten, Director

**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.



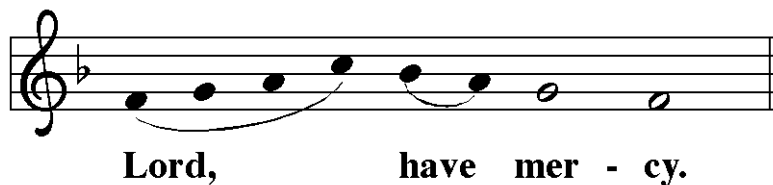
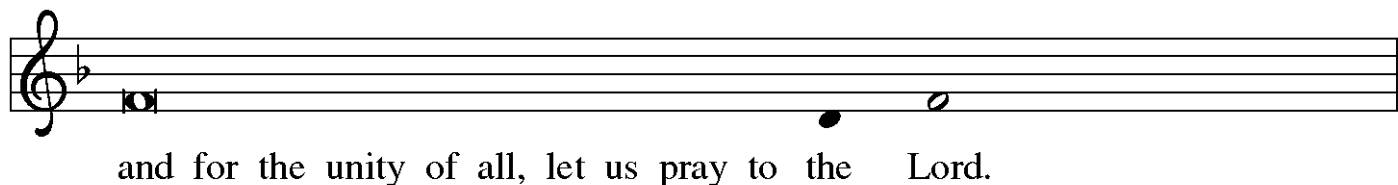
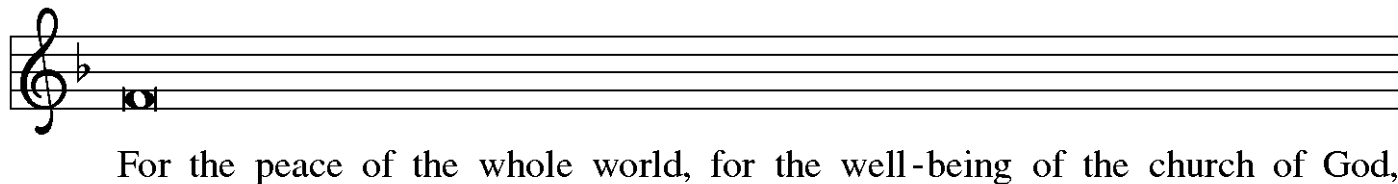
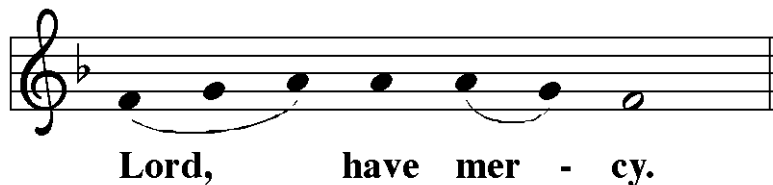
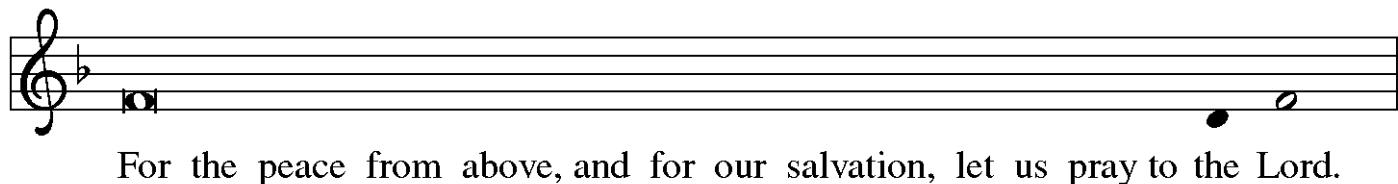
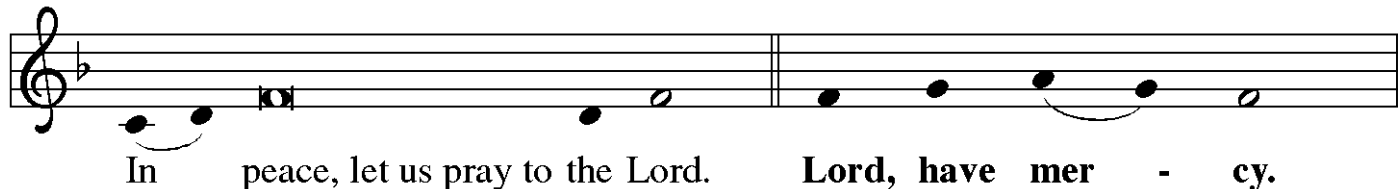
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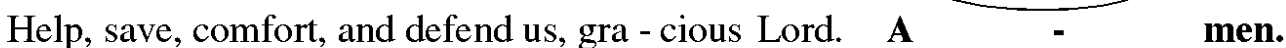
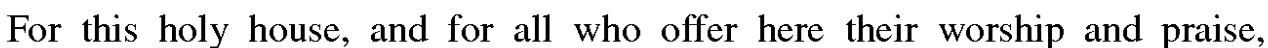
## GREETING

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





**6 Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**18 Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;  
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be your glorious name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 15:4-13

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 3:1-12**

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

## *There's A Voice In The Wilderness*

ELW 255



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -  
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.  
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like  
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of  
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!  
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.  
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.

Music: ASCENSION, Henry Hugh Bancroft, 1904-1988

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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.**

Sanctuary Choir Pat Anderson, Director  
Advent calls for waiting and watching in the night,  
for shadows to be lifted revealing wondrous light.

Advent calls the promise that prophets did foretell,  
to send to us a Savior, our Lord Emmanuel.

Refrain: Stem of Jesse, budding rose, come to us and nevermore depart.  
Plant your seed of love and hope, and blossom in our hearts.

Advent calls to ready our hearts for Him to dwell,  
to waken and prepare for our God, Emmanuel.

Darkness will be conquered and banished all our fear.  
Prepare the Royal highway, the King of Kings is near.  
Refrain

**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. The first three staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The fourth staff is the refrain, marked with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' above it. The fifth staff continues the refrain melody. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, key signatures, time signatures, notes, rests, and slurs.



## COMMUNION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

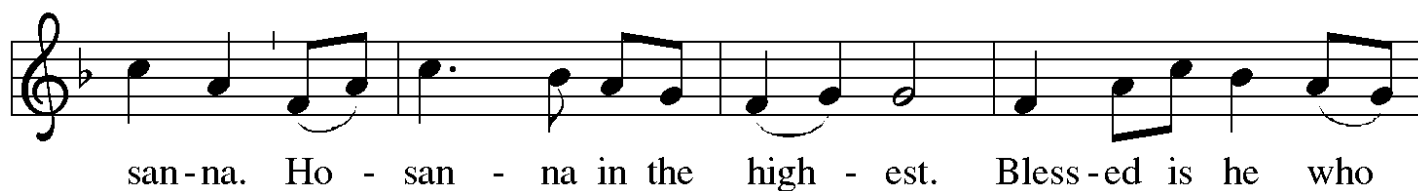
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



## 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

### *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

ELW 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



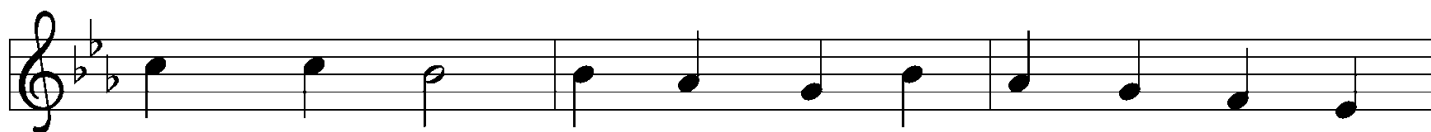
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"  
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
and with words of love draw near.  
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

*Prepare The Royal Highway*

ELW 264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

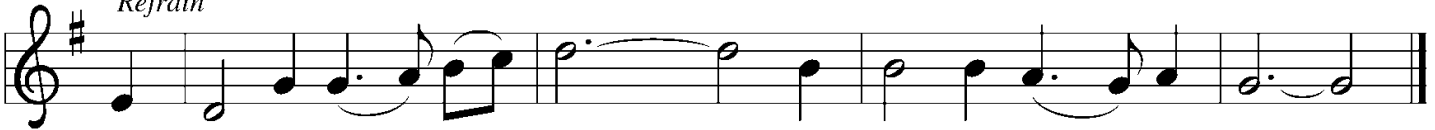


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Come, This Long Expected Jesus*

Anna Laura Page

### *Serving in Worship Today*

*Pastor Jess Daum and Pastor Trey Daum*

*Randy Richards, Reader      Lewis Jenkins, Cantor*

*Mary Ermel, Organist, Choir Accompanist      Moriah Nyberg, Flautist*

*Pat Anderson, Sanctuary Choir Director      Barbara Horten, Handbell Director*

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