

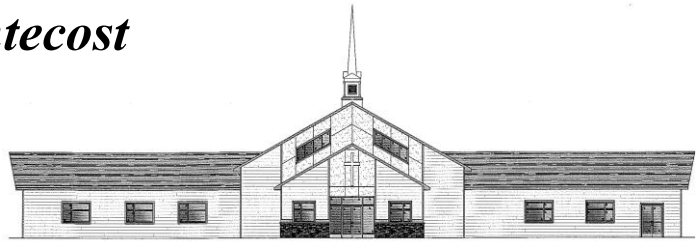
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

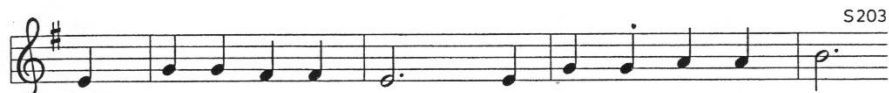
C Let us rejoice and be glad. †

*Opening Hymn #522 (LBW) – Come, Thou Almighty King

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin

S203



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol- emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a- way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de- part.



We come to hear your liv- ing word; it saves us from de- spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be- gin.
Re- new us with your sav- ing pow'r; cre- ate in us new hearts!

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C **Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice but you take no delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit, a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

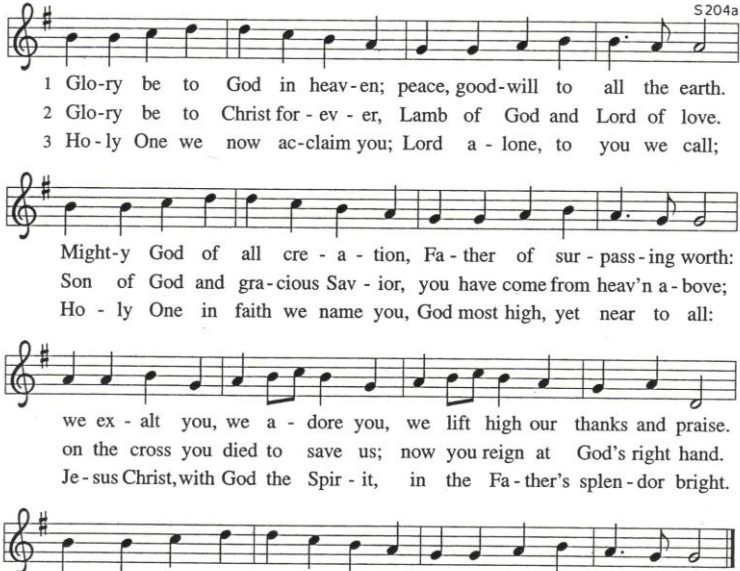
The Lord has chosen Cyrus to be king. He has appointed him to conquer nations; he sends him to strip kings of their power; the Lord will open the gates of cities for him. To Cyrus the Lord says, **2** "I myself will prepare your way, leveling mountains and hills. I will break down bronze gates and smash their iron bars. **3** I will give you treasures from dark, secret places; then you will know that I am the Lord and that the God of Israel has called you by name. **4** I appoint you to help my servant Israel, the people that I have chosen. I have given you great honor, although you do not know me. **5** "I am the Lord; there is no other god. I will give you the strength you need, although you do not know me. **6** I do this so that everyone from one end of the world to the other may know that I am the Lord and that there is no other god. **7** I create both light and darkness; I bring both blessing and disaster. I, the Lord, do all these things.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:4-7, 9-10

Our friends, we know that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own. **5** For we brought the Good News to you, not with words only, but also with power and the Holy Spirit, and with complete conviction of its truth. You know how we lived when we were with you; it was for your own good. **6** You imitated us and the Lord; and even though you suffered much, you received the message with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. **7** So you became an example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia. **9** All those people speak about how you received us when we visited you, and how you turned away from idols to God, to serve the true and living God **10** and to wait for his Son to come from heaven - his Son Jesus, whom he raised from death and who rescues us from God's anger that is coming.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise



S204a

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass-ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. **16** They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. **17** Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? **19** Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, **20** and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" **21** "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." **22** When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Sermon

Hymn of Praise #557 (LBW) – Let All Things Now Living

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution (Hymns #377, #389, #390, #393 – Use Green Hymnal)

S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Announcements

Choral Benediction

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Linnae Seaman
Communion Asst: Bill McIntire
Ushers: Neil Larson & Kyle Overby
Greeters: Neil & Emily Larson Family
Counter: Bill McIntire
Altar Guild: Hannah Eckwall
Fellowship Servers: Mike & Kim Elwood Family
October 11th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 32; 10:00 AM – 116

GIVING

Total offering for September \$15,597.80 (\$21,874.25 needed monthly)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Judi Desmond, Ashlie Goodmanson (daughter-in-law of Jackie Goodmanson), and Mikell Fleming (father of Kinzie Kuhn). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Ashlie Goodmanson (daughter-in-law of Jackie Goodmanson) has been undergoing treatment for Leukemia. She has another 28 weeks of chemo/infusions to get through. She is doing well but a little overwhelmed and missing her family. If you would like to send her a card of encouragement, her address is: Ashlie Goodmanson, 409 Camelia Dr., Clayton, WI 54004.

High School Bible Study and Faith Talk will meet Wednesdays after the supper in the youth room. Aaron Johnson will help with the group. Any and all youth are welcome to attend and bring friends.

Our popular basket raffle is planned to go along with our church dinner in November. Fill a basket with a gift theme. Empty baskets are available in the entry.

Fall Dinner Lefse Work Days – Monday, October 27th & Tuesday October 28th: 9:00 AM and Monday, November 3rd & Tuesday November 4th: 9:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to help boiling and ricing potatoes on Monday and with rolling lefse on Tuesday. Sign-up sheets are in the entry.

Sign-up sheets for workers and food donations for the Fall Dinner are in the entry. Take one or more food donation Post-it notes from the board and record your donation on the sheet.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice
Monday	Pastor at Amplify Evangelism Conference (Oct. 19-21)
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	5:30 PM-Wednesday Supper 6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun 6:00 PM-High School Bible Study/Faith Talk NO CONFIRMATION
Saturday	7:30 AM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday	REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Confirmation Service 11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice