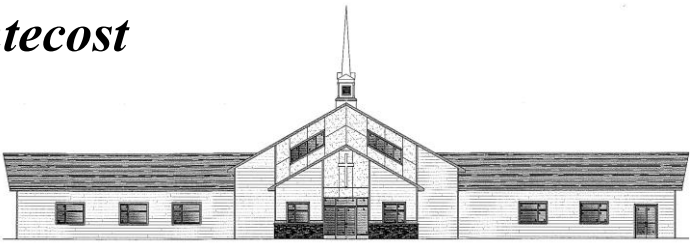
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

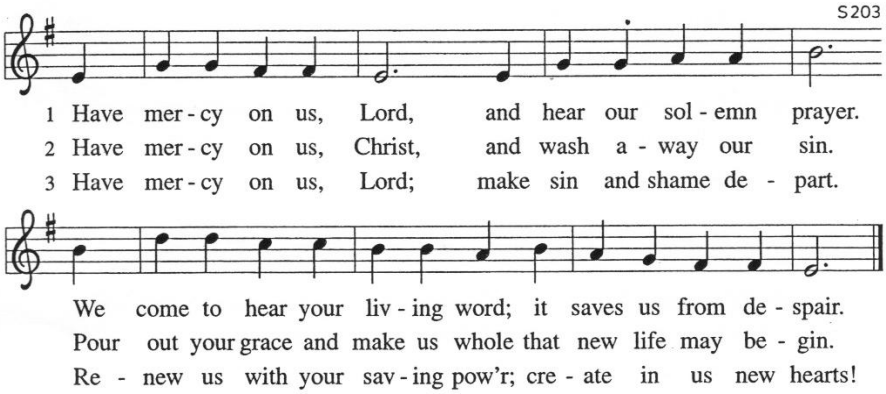
P I was glad when they said to me,

C **Let us go to the house of the Lord. ✝**

***Opening Hymn #771 (WOV) - Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**



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**

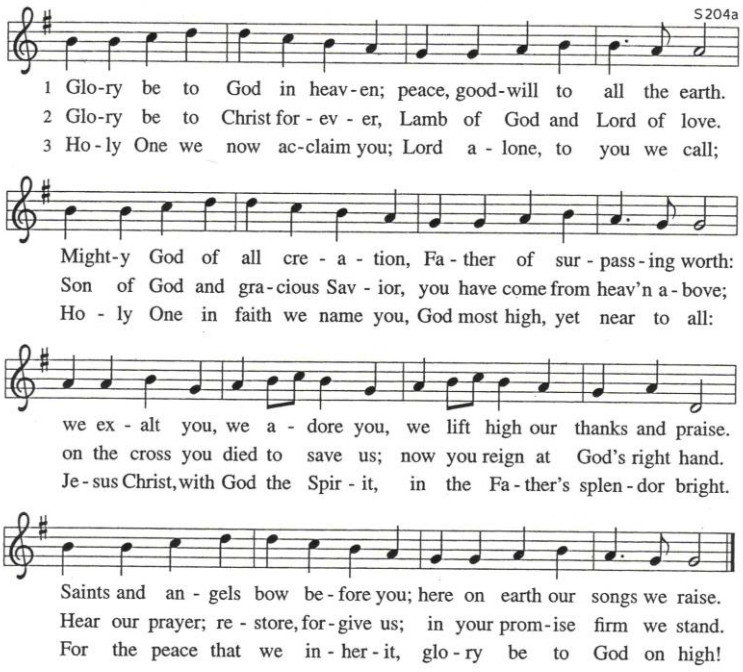
First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-16

The day is near when the Lord will sit in judgment; so be silent in his presence. The Lord is preparing to sacrifice his people and has invited enemies to plunder Judah. **12** "At that time I will take a lamp and search Jerusalem. I will punish the people who are self-satisfied and confident, who say to themselves, 'The Lord never does anything, one way or the other.' **13** Their wealth will be looted and their houses destroyed. They will never live in the houses they are building or drink wine from the vineyards they are planting." **14** The great day of the Lord is near—very near and coming fast! That day will be bitter, for even the bravest soldiers will cry out in despair! **15** It will be a day of fury, a day of trouble and distress, a day of ruin and destruction, a day of darkness and gloom, a black and cloudy day, **16** a day filled with the sound of war trumpets and the battle cry of soldiers attacking fortified cities and high towers.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

There is no need to write you, friends, about the times and occasions when these things will happen. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come as a thief comes at night. **3** When people say, "Everything is quiet and safe," then suddenly destruction will hit them! It will come as suddenly as the pains that come upon a woman in labor, and people will not escape. **4** But you, friends, are not in the darkness, and the Day should not take you by surprise like a thief. **5** All of you are people who belong to the light, who belong to the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. **6** So then, we should not be sleeping like the others; we should be awake and sober.

Hymn of Praise



***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30**

"At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to leave home on a trip; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. **15** He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave five thousand gold coins, to another he gave two thousand, and to another he gave one thousand. Then he left on his trip. **16** The servant who had received five thousand coins went at once and invested his money and earned another five thousand. **17** In the same way the servant who had received two thousand coins earned another two thousand. **18** But the servant who had received one thousand coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. **19** "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. **20** The servant who had received five thousand coins came in and handed over the other five thousand. "You gave me five thousand coins, sir,' he said. "Look! Here are another five thousand that I have earned.' **21** "Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. "You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!' **22** Then the servant who had been given two thousand coins came in and said, "You gave me two thousand coins, sir. Look! Here are another two thousand that I have earned.' **23** "Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. "You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!' **24** Then the servant who had received one thousand coins came in and said, "Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not plant, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. **25** I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground. Look! Here is what belongs to you.' **26** "You bad and lazy servant!' his master said. "You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not plant, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed? **27** Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all back with interest when I returned. **28** Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has ten thousand coins. **29** For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than

enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. **30** As for this useless servant - throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and gnash his teeth.'

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #752 (WOV) – Here I Am, Lord

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

***Words of Institution**

Distribution (Hymns #713, #734, #737, #776, #783 – Use Blue Hymnal)



Announcements

Blessing

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.

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Organist:	Brian Wick
Reader:	Bill McIntire
Communion Asst:	Laura Lieffring
Altar Guild:	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Ushers:	Keith Anderson & Dave Somsen
Greeters:	Colin & Kellie Scholz and Jane Scholz
Counters:	Laura Lieffring & Richard Selvig
Potluck Servers:	Youth Group

Nov. 8th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM–39; 10:00 AM–107

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. Potluck served by youth will follow worship in the hall. Any donations will go to the High School servant trip this summer.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Judi Desmond and Barb Juleff. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Poinsettia Orders for the Christmas Season are now being taken. If you would like to place an order in honor or memory of someone, order forms can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Deadline for ordering is next Sunday, November 22nd. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church.

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church is once again sponsoring a "Christmas for Children" drive to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmas time. Anyone wishing to donate items can do so by leaving them in the container labeled "Christmas for Children" in the church entry.

Snow Shoveling Volunteers are needed. Volunteers are asked to sign-up on the sheet at the back of worship for a week time slot. If it snows that week please remove all from the walkways as shown on the shoveling map with the sign-up.

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-Potluck
	11:00 AM-Choir Practice
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	5:30 PM-Wednesday Supper
	6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun
	6:00 PM-Adult Bible Study led by Dale Wirth
	6:00 PM-High School Bible Study
	6:15 PM-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
	7:30 PM-9th Grade Confirmation
Thursday	**Pastor's Vacation (Nov. 19-24)**
Saturday	7:30 AM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-WOW Led Contemporary Worship
	9:30 AM-Fellowship
	9:45 AM-Christmas Program Practice
	10:00 AM-WOW Led Traditional Worship
	11:00 AM-Fellowship
	11:00 AM-Choir Practice