



what are they for so many?

JOHN 6:9



First Lutheran

CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025 | 9:30 A.M.

FIRST TIME?

Welcome to First Lutheran Church and Preschool! Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. Feel free to follow along and participate as you feel comfortable.

Restrooms are in located in our education room. Follow the signs as you exit the sanctuary or ask one of our ushers or greeters (they will be wearing name tags).

ABOUT EPIPHANY

Epiphany is a season of gathering light. The Gospel readings focus on the early days of Jesus' ministry. Week by week through the Epiphany season, we will learn more and more about who Jesus is.

Epiphany reaches its summit at the Transfiguration, where we hear that Jesus is God's Beloved Son.

KIDS

The church is for all ages. Your kids are most welcome to stay in the worship service, even when they are making noise. If you feel they need a break, there is an unstaffed nursery available in our education room.

Sunday school (age 3 through high school) meets after worship until about 11:20. Parents are welcome to join Bible study during this time.

Bringing people together, in the midst of a hectic world, for fellowship and rest.

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship today, we behold Jesus' fourth miraculous sign as He feeds the 5000. Much like His first sign, when He turned water into wine, Jesus shows us His miraculous powers of transformation. God's blessings as you worship with us today.

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PRELUDE

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

OPENING HYMN

LSB #871 Greet the Rising Sun



1 Greet the ris - ing sun, Shin - ing with bright force,
2 Fa - ther, hear my prayer, Keep me safe to - day;
3 Lord, I will to - day On Your love re - ly;



Like an ath - lete strong, Set to run the course;
Sanc - ti - fy my thoughts, All I do and say:
Let no e - vil thought Cloud the clear blue sky.



Birds soar high a - bove, Wild-flow'rs bloom be - low;
As I teach the young And es - teem the old,
Joy - ful and con - tent With life's sim - pler things,



With the day's new light, Glad to work I go.
May Your boun - teous grace By my life be told.
Know - ing all I need From Your kind - ness springs.

Gather: What's the most beautiful worship space you've ever been in?

This hymn was originally a Chinese folk hymn. The tune remains the same while the text has been translated into English.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are forgiven and nourished by Jesus.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 105:39-45

P: He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

C: They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

P: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

C: For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

P: So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

C: And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,

P: that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

KYRIE

C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus, in Your miraculous signs and wonders You revealed Yourself to be a God of joy and restoration. Strengthen us to bask in Your joy and work toward the restoration and healing of all creation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S CHAT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 4:38-44

And Elisha came again to Gilgal when there was a famine in the land. And as the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, he said to his servant, "Set on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets." One of them went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine and gathered from it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, not knowing what they were. And they poured out some for the men to eat. But while they were eating of the stew, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it. He said, "Then bring flour." And he threw it into the pot and said, "Pour some out for the men, that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Connect: What does this reading say about God's love?

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

A denarius was a day's wage for a laborer. 200 denarii would have been 200 days' wages, So eight or nine months' salary.

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

"Sign 4: Jesus Feeds the 5000"

Pastor Andy

(Sermon Text: John 6:1-15)

SERMON HYMN

LSB #846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

Stand

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition:

P: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Pray with us this week. For today's prayers and more, please see the First Notes newsletter.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

Rest: Which line in the Lord's Prayer gives you the most peace?

LITURGY OF GENEROSITY

P: We have a generous God! We give thanks to the Lord for all He has given us.

C: We give back to the Lord with joy and thanksgiving.

P: We wisely steward all of His good gifts.

C: The gifts of our time and energy.

P: The gifts of our talents and skills.

C: The gifts of our relationships and finances.

P: Lord, may each of these gifts you have entrusted to us be used for the good of Your people and to Your glory.

C: We have a generous God. Amen.

Scan the QR code on the right with your phone's camera to access First Lutheran's Giving page:



PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

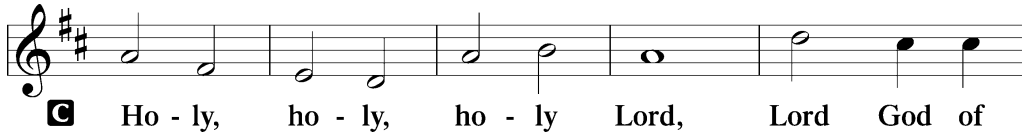
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

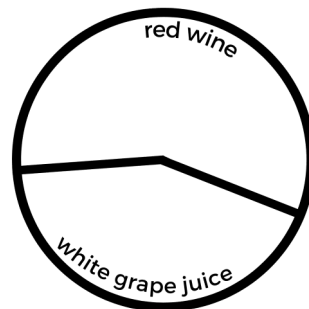
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Sit

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol, we offer both white grape juice and red wine. The graphic shows how the wine and grape juice are divided in our communion trays. The ushers will invite you forward for the Lord's Supper. The pastor and communion assistant will offer you the bread, then the wine/grape juice. Once you have received both, place your used individual cup in one of the containers on the communion rail and return to your seat. If you have not taken communion with us before, please read our communion statement in the back of the bulletin before joining us in this sacrament. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor.

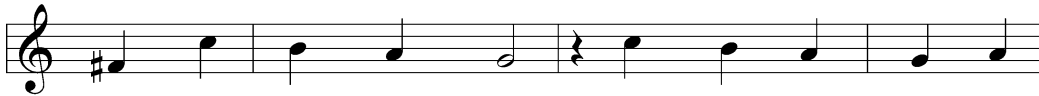


COMMUNION HYMN

LSB #618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lon - e art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Stand

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Reflect: What does it mean for God's face to shine on you?

CLOSING HYMN

LSB #922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Schneiders, Eric Carr

Ushers: Kent Campbell, Ralph Vallis

Acolyte: Tyler Fuchs

Children's Chat: Pastor Andy

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Livestream: Jeff McKenzie

Counters: Ida Thomason and Paula Frost

Altar Guild: Linda Mahloch, Deb McKenzie, Sharon Schneider

Accompanist: Natasha Kung

Cake: Owens

Sunday School: Deb McKenzie and Heather Theiss

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ABOUT COMMUNION

First Lutheran Church and Preschool celebrates the Lord's Supper every Sunday in the joyful confidence that Christ our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The Lord's Supper is intended for Christians who have been baptized, instructed in the faith, and who believe in these words of Christ: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Anyone who is not baptized or does not believe these words should refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper as our participation is a confession of our common faith.

Anyone who has not been instructed in the faith or holds a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desires to receive the Lord's Supper, is asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (pages 958-959 in the English pew Bibles). Those not receiving the Lord's Supper (both adults and children) are invited to come forward for a blessing.