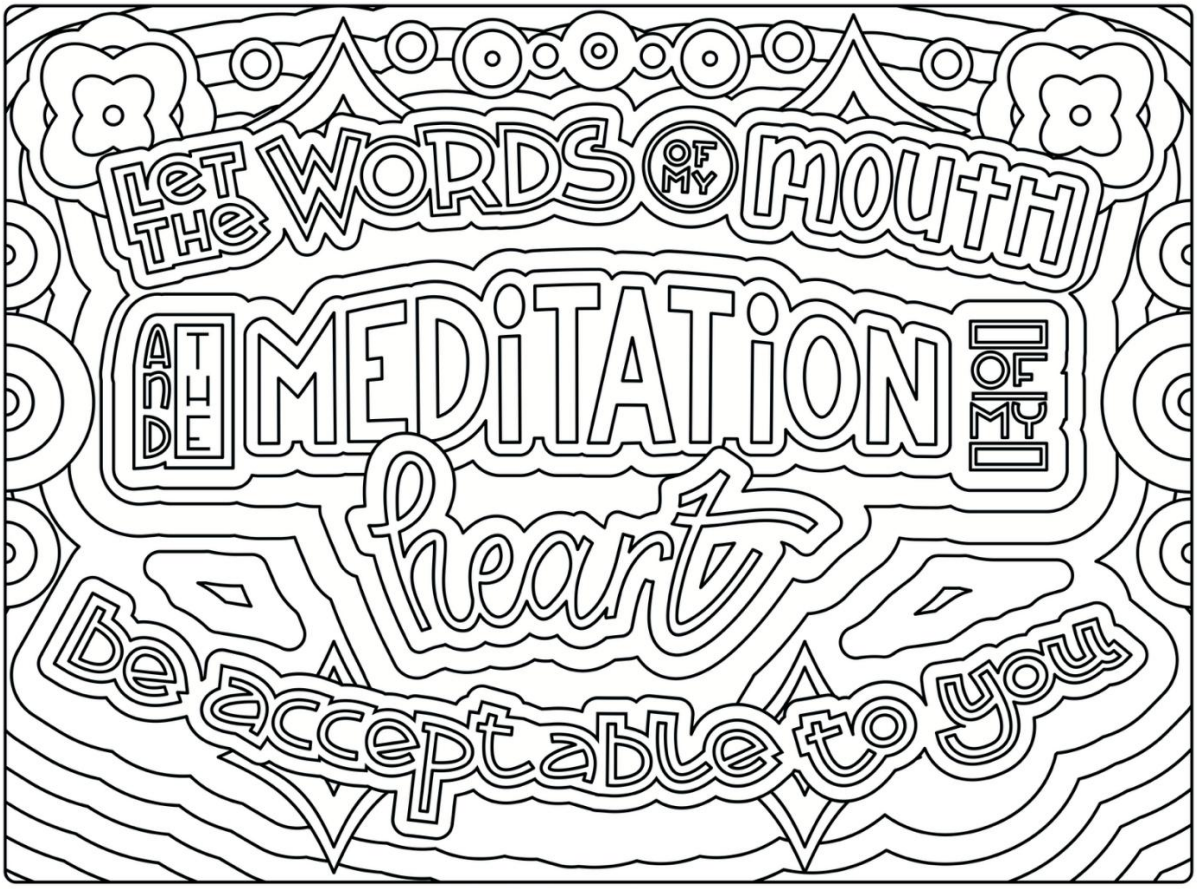
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Led by the Spirit, growing in faith to welcome & serve all.



24th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, November 8, 2026

Welcome to Church. We are truly glad you are here. **Assembly responses are in bold.** This page is for coloring!

For families with children there are worship bags on a wooden stand by the doors to the sanctuary that have toys and activities to do during worship. There are also other activities in that same spot that you're welcome to take and keep. We welcome wiggles and chatter during worship but if you would be more comfortable in the playroom, you are welcome there too!

Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME

In your bulletin, you'll find a "count me in" card. Please take a moment to fill it out. You can drop it in the offering basket when you go to receive communion. Even if you just put down your name and nothing else, it helps us to evaluate our worship. If you write a prayer request and nothing else, we would be honored to hold something in prayer for you. Don't worry, whatever you write down will be confidential & not shared with anyone unless you tell us to.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord *ELW #625*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

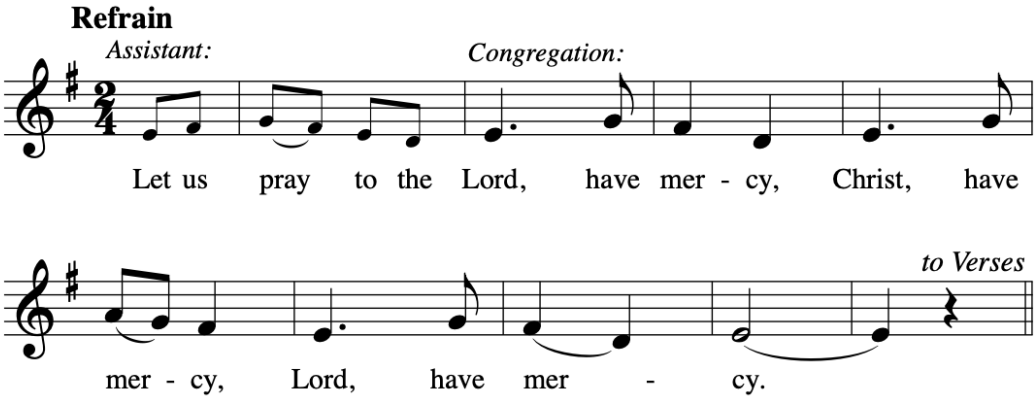
All **Amen.**

Pastor Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin alongside one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God,

All **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.**
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

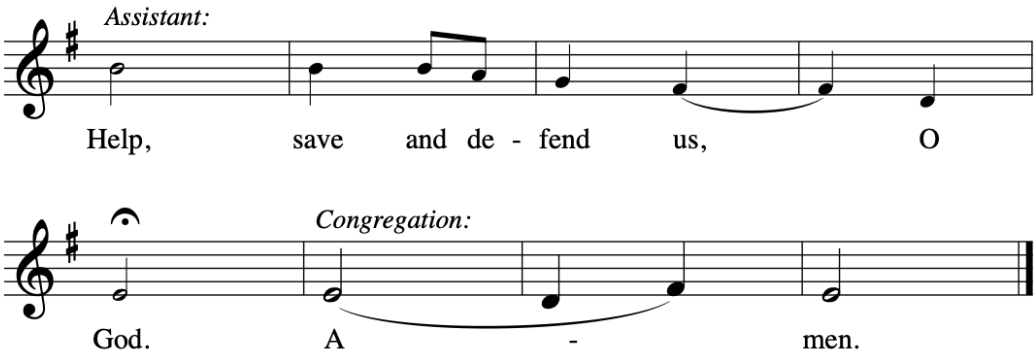
KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



NOW THE FEAST

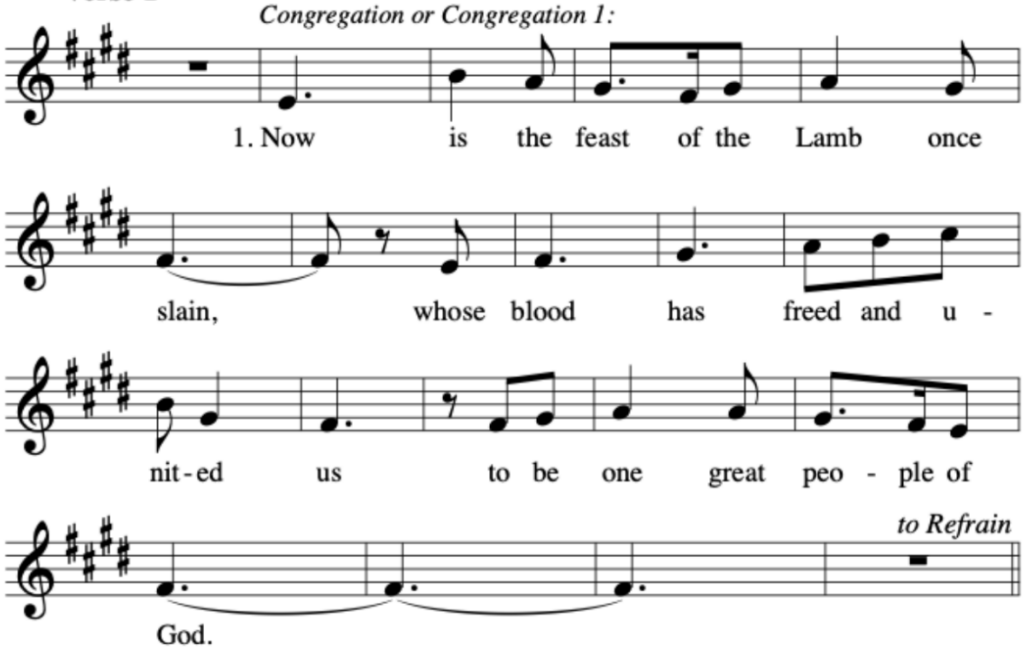
Refrain

Congregation:



Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:



to Refrain



GREETING

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

All **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

FIRST READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

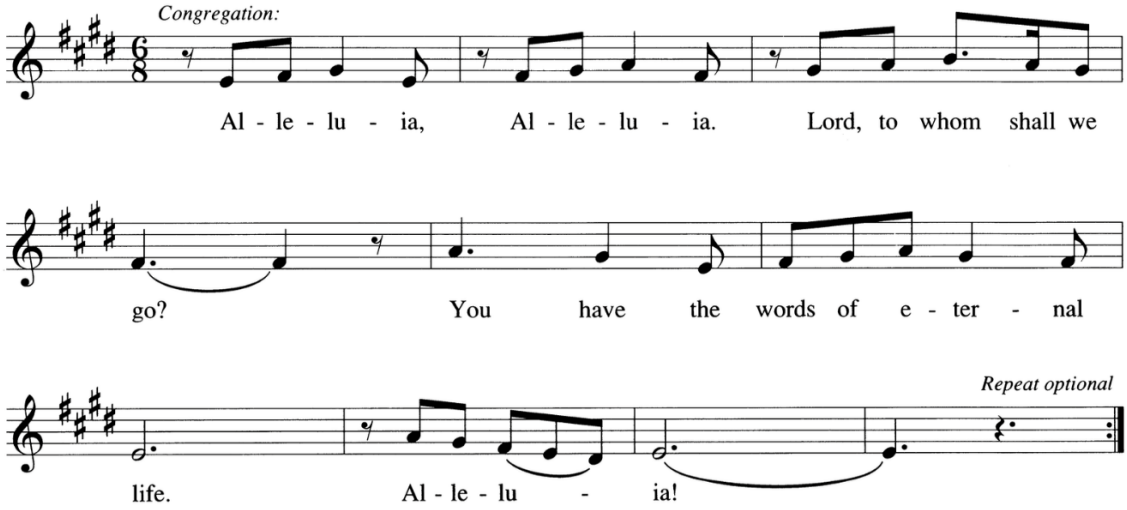
Reader The first scripture reading this morning is from the first letter to the church in Thessalonia.

After the reading is finished…

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Reader This morning we read from the holy gospel according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading is finished…

Reader The gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning *ACS #949*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader God, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.
All **And also with you.**

You are encouraged to share a greeting or sign of peace with the people around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

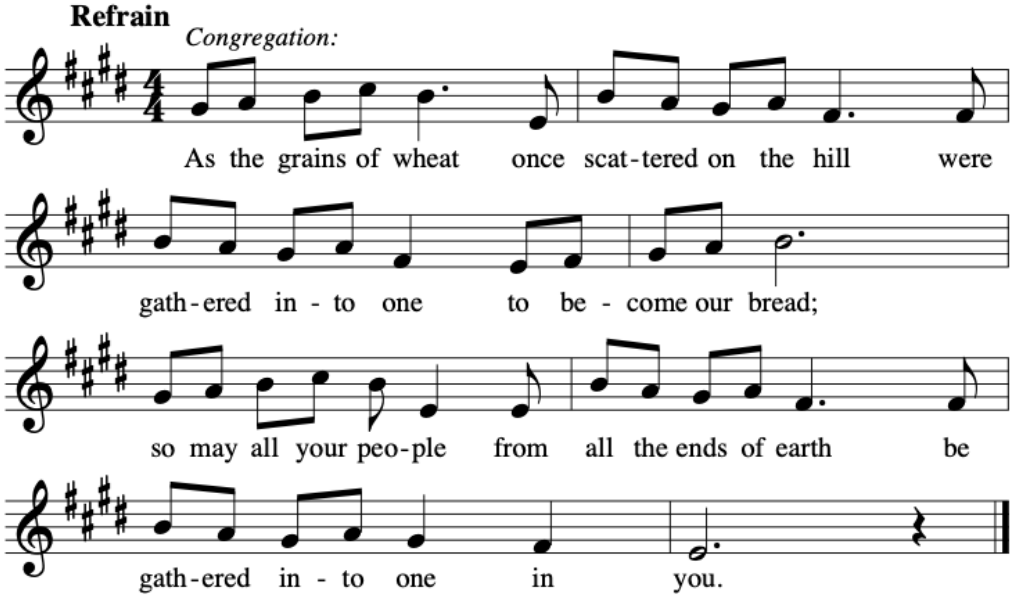
Meal

OFFERING

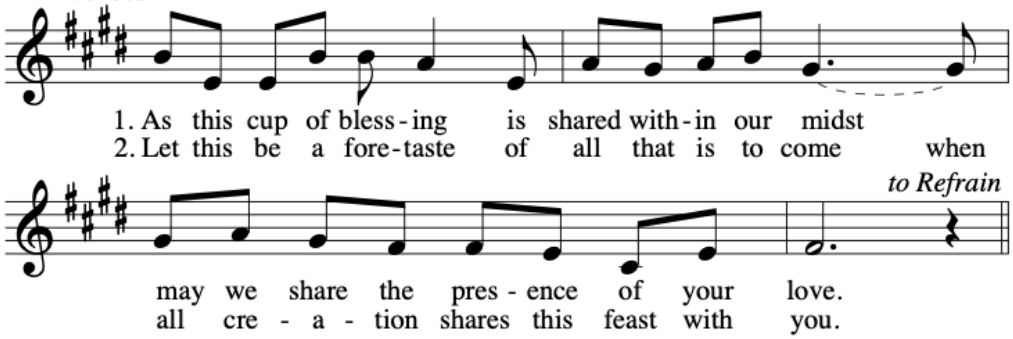
This worship service is a gift to you. The members and friends of this church choose to share their money so that we can host a place where all are welcomed, all are served, and all can grow in faith through the work of the Holy Spirit. If you want to join us in this and share your wealth You can give online by scanning this QR code or you can use the brown envelopes in your pew to make an offering by cash or check.

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

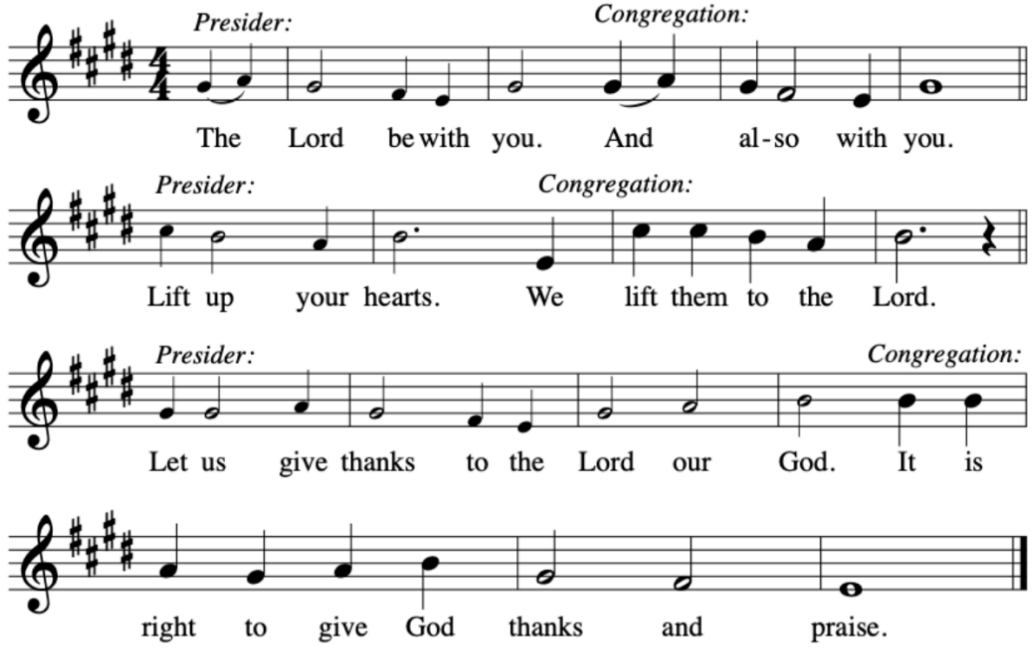
Refrain



Verses



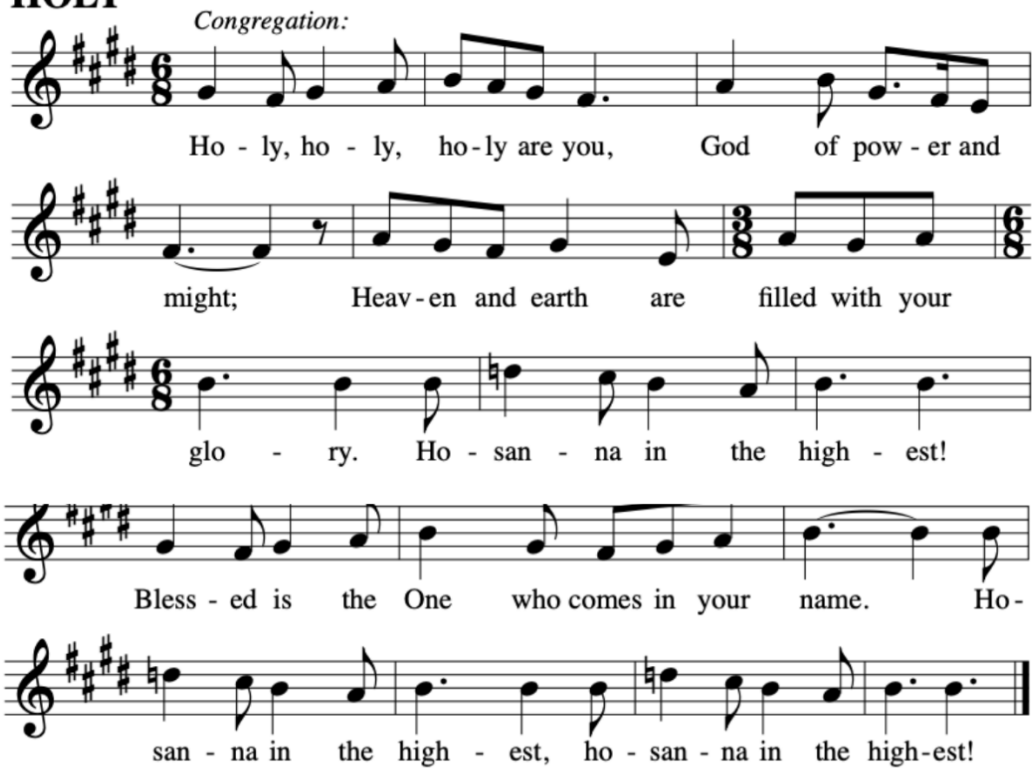
GREAT THANKSGIVING



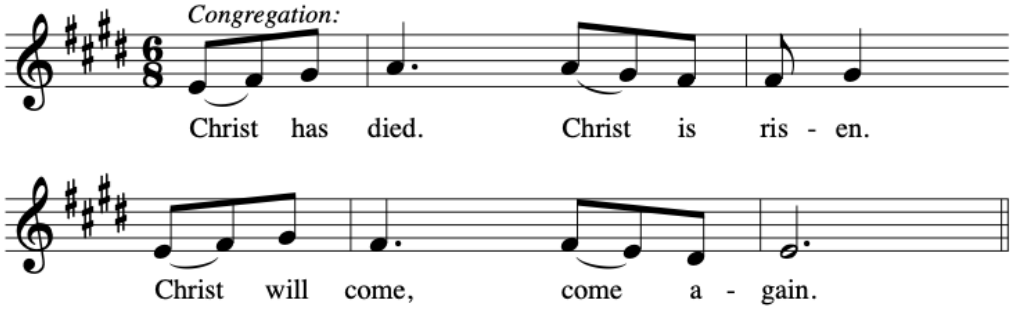
The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

Presider: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



Pastor For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the mystery of faith.



LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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.

When it comes time for communion, please know that you are welcome. Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at First Lutheran. We invite you to share communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, or ability. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them. There is red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. She will be happy to give you a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

COMMUNION SONGS

LAMB OF GOD



When Peace like a River *ELW #785*

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *ELW #488*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



Send

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon *ELW # 439*

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace, serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God!**