FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Watford City

212 2nd St NW, Watford City, ND 58854



November 22nd, 2026

Church Year Reflections

***Today's Scripture**: On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds. **Today's altar paraments** are white to symbolize purity, holiness, joy, and the glory of God, and are used during major feasts and seasons of celebration.*

FLC Mission Statement

Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ, we're sent to proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word of the kingdom to all the world.

Please keep in your prayers

† Elva Lou Johnston
† Barb & Ron Quale
† Darin Swensrud
† Donna Lou Sanford
† Eleanor Kostad
† Jenn Wisness
† Jessica Wisness Burns
† Keith Schmidt
† Laurie Stenehjem
† Melinda Haugeberg
† Darlene Stevens
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For prayer requests, contact the church office @ 701-444-3244 or office@flcwc.church

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able.*

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026

Gathering Hymn *Spirit Song*

Verse 1: O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love;
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you, and His spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
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Verse 2: O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy;
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness; give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg 94**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. ***Amen.***

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, ***we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.***

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. ***Amen***

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

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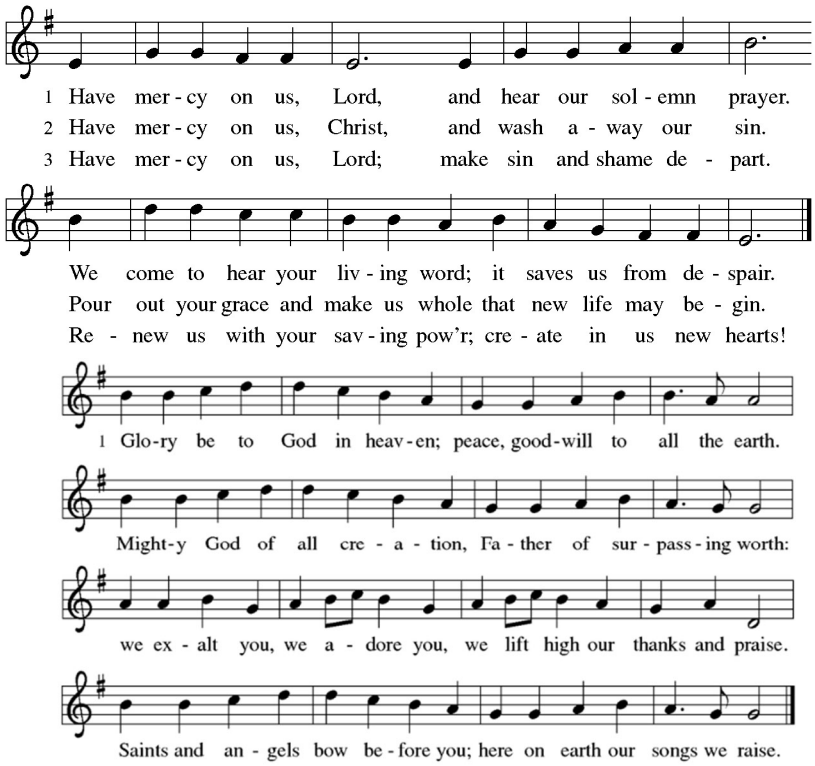


Share the Peace

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *(v.1,3,4)* **#855**

First Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

Responsive Reading *Psalm 95:1-7a*

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

R: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

L: For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

R: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

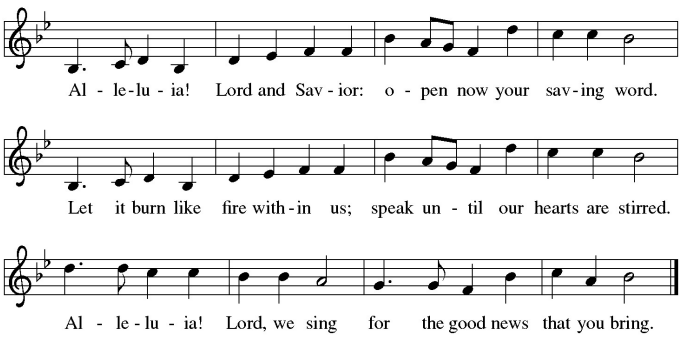
L: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

R: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

L: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Gospel Acclamation



*** Gospel** ***R: Glory to you, O Lord.***

Matthew 25:31-46

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

*** Hymn of the Day** *Jesus Shall Reign* *(v. 1,4,5)* **#434**

Apostles' Creed **pg 217**

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 **pg 218**

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. Please respond to God, in your mercy with ***Hear our prayer.***

Special Music

*** Offering Song** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* *(v1)* **#686**

Offering Prayer

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer **pg 221**

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. ***Amen.***

Sending Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **#693**

Dismissal *United in Christ, together we serve.* **Thanks be to God.**

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Upcoming Events

November 22nd, Sunday
- 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Fellowship
- 10:45am FLC Council Meeting
- 4pm Community Cantata Rehearsal

November 23rd, Monday
- 1pm Quilting

November 24th, Tuesday
- 10am Text Study

November 25th, Wednesday
- 6pm Youth Musical Rehearsal
- 6pm Adult Bible Study

November 29th, 1st Sunday of Advent
- 9:30am Worship / Communion
- 10:30am Fellowship

December 11th, Friday
- Deadline for submitting new & gently used items for the Toy Drive.

December 16th, Wednesday
- 6:30pm Children's Christmas Program

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Cash or check via **offering envelopes** during the service.



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Our *FLC Care Team* is here to support you through life's moments—both joyful and challenging. Whether you are celebrating an exciting life event, such as a new baby or home, or if you are walking through illness or loss, we want to be there for you.

We would love to visit & we have homemade meals prepared & ready to share. Let us care for you or someone you know.

First Lutheran Church Cares

You may visit the church office or reach out to Sue Jorgenson (701) 421-7049
Cindy Geiger (701) 770-1741

Sunday, November 29th, (First Sunday in Advent) Scripture readings will be:

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 **Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**