

**First Lutheran Church**  
**August 24, 2025**  
**Pentecost 11**

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***Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.***

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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*MARTYRDOM*

*Gilbert M. Martin*

*We Come to You for Healing Lord*

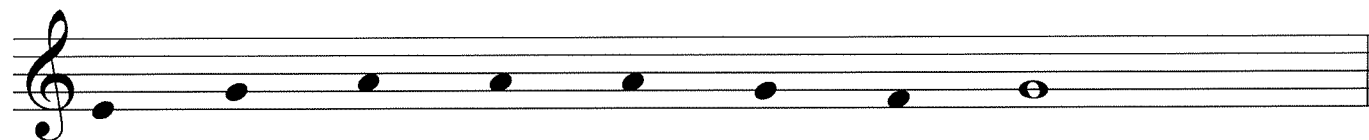
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## **MORNING PRAYER**

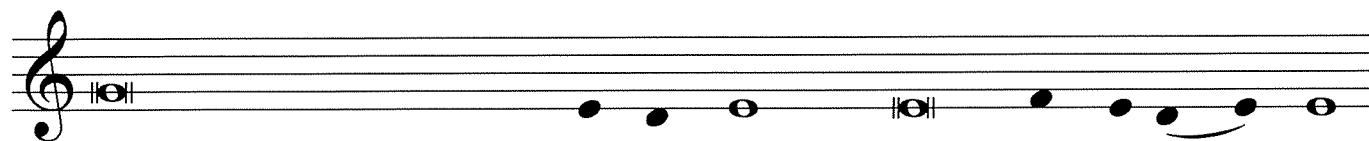
### **OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY**



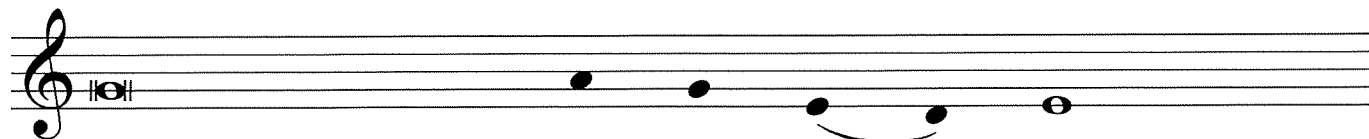
*Leader:* O Lord, o - pen my lips,



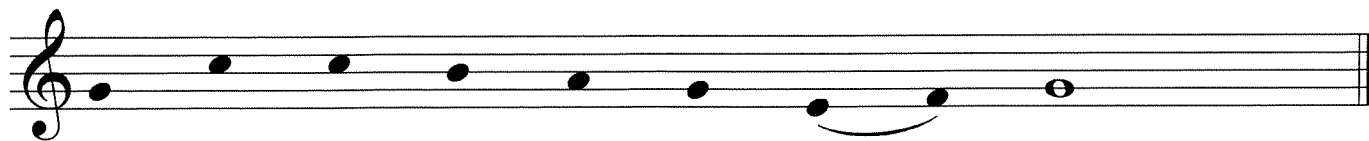
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## PSALMODY

### INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

### MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7

Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

### FINAL INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING**

**ISAIAH 58:9-14**

*L: A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-eighth chapter.*

<sup>9</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*L: The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*L: A reading from Hebrews, the twelfth chapter.*

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*L: The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

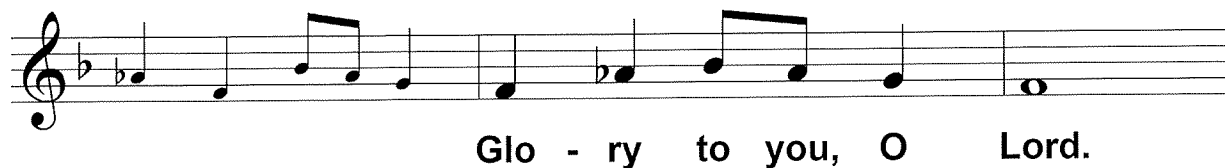
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Cantor: The crowd was rejoicing at the wonderful things that Jesus was doing.  
(Luke 13:17)*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

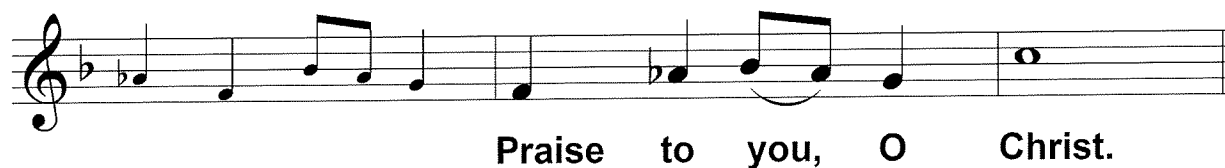


<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

<sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day."

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.



*(Remain standing for the Hymn of the Day)*



**ALL** 1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
**Women** 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
**Cantor** 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
**Men** 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
**ALL** 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007  
 Music: MARTYRDOM. Hugh Wilson. 1764–1824

*(Please be seated)*

**REFLECTION**

**LAY LEADER: RICK GREENE**

*(Please stand)*

## CANTICLE

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our  
God the dawn from on high shall  
break up - on us.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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.



(Please be seated)

**OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*DISTRESS*

Gilbert M. Martin

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

(Please stand)

**OFFERING SONG**

**ELW # 610**

**O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come**



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: *DISTRESS*, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

(Please kneel)

## ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION***

P: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

L: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands.

*Each petition concludes:*

P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## ***LORD'S PRAYER***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

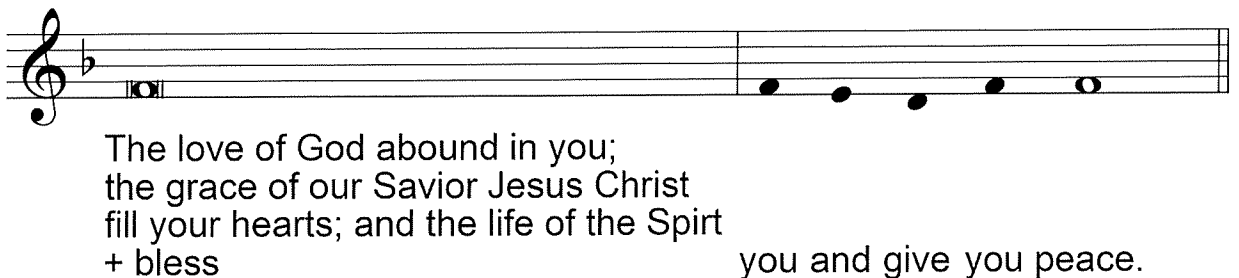
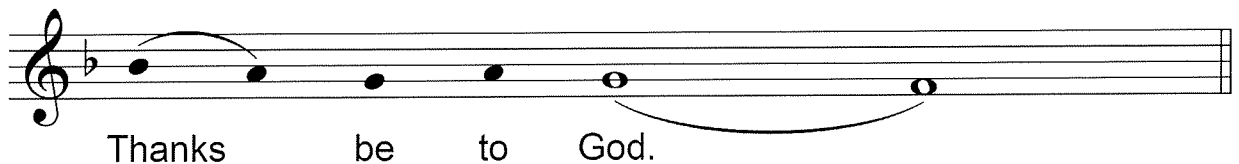
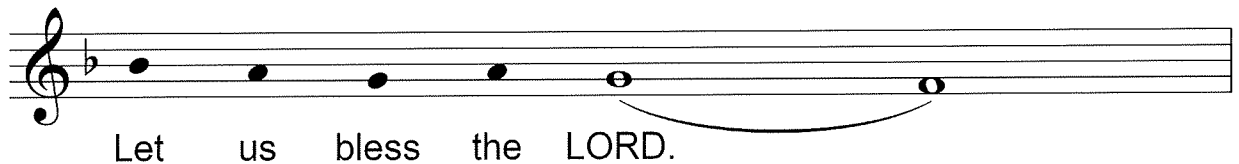
**C:     Our Father, who art in heaven,  
          hallowed be thy name,  
          thy kingdom come,  
          thy will be done,  
          on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
          and forgive us our trespasses,  
          as we forgive those  
          who 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.**

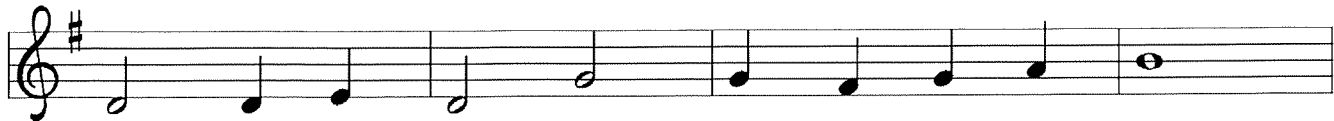
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### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

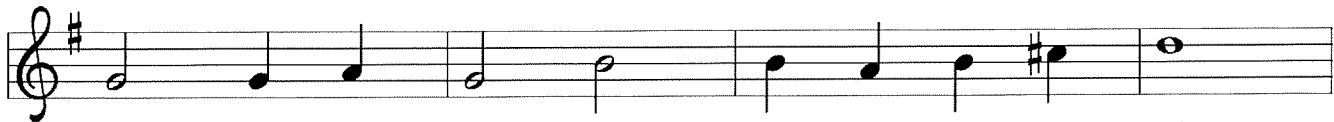
C: Oh God,  
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.  
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through  
the years,  
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.  
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,  
bless the changes that are before us,  
bless our pastoral leaders  
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.  
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us  
as we align with your will, and servant or servants  
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.  
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry  
and our future.  
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

### BLESSING

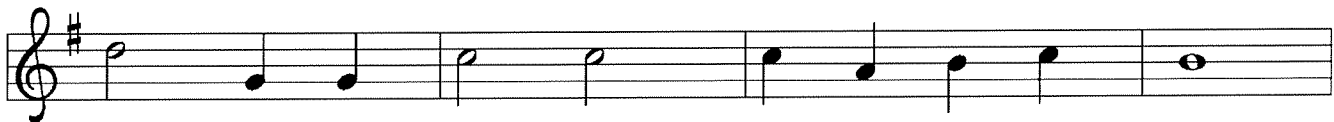




1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;  
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.  
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,  
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;  
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.  
 that in this house have called up - on your name.  
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.  
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Trumpet Tune in A

## Events in Review

### Sunday

**Aug. 24**

**9:15AM**

Rummage Sale Meeting

**10:00AM**

Church Service

### Monday

**Aug. 25**

**10:00AM**

Bible Study at Willows

### Thursday

**Aug. 28**

**1:00 PM**

WOFB

**7:00 PM**

Prayers at St. Francis

### Next Week

### Sunday

**Aug 31**

**10:00AM**

Church Service  
@ First Presbyterian

### Monday

**Sept 1**

**10:00AM**

No Bible Study @ Willows

### Wednesday

**Sept 3**

**6:00 PM**

Worship & Music Meeting



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



## School Supply Collection

The annual Lutheran Relief School Supply donation project is underway and will continue until August 30. A list of needed supplies is on the table in the hallway. You can drop off the supplies in the box by that table or in the office.

**\*\*last week to donate\*\***



## Rummage & Bake Sale



**September 11, 12 & 13**

**8—5 PM**

**\*\*Reminder\*\***

*August 31st*

*Service at First Presbyterian*

## Lawn Mower for the Week



**Pete Myers**



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## *Our Worship Leaders*

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Altar Guild:          | Luisse & Ken Zeop  |
| Cantor:               | Elijah Shiley      |
| Facebook Camera       | Shelley / Tim Ross |
| Host:                 | Nominee Family     |
| Reader:               | Shelley Ross       |
| Worship Assistant     | Shelley Ross       |
| Director of Music:    | Curtis L. King     |
| Presiding Lay Person: | Rick Greene        |

## *Emergency Pastors*

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## *Our Mission Statement*

**“God is among us!”**

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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## A colorful illustration for a church rummage sale. It features a church building with a steeple on the left. In the foreground, there are various items for sale: a table with a blue and red patterned cloth, a green lamp, a basket labeled 'Candles', a basket labeled 'Books', a beach ball, a red umbrella, a red cooler, a basket labeled 'Toys', a green pitcher, and a green teapot. The text 'Church Rummage Sale' is written in a large, stylized font, with 'Church' in red and 'Rummage Sale' in brown with a hatched texture. Three balloons (red, yellow, green) are floating on the right.



Friday, September 12th, 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

NEEDED: Volunteers before, during & after sale.

(price, organize items, cashier & kitchen)

## Donations of gently used items and baked goods

Items can be dropped off at the church

on

8/20 & 8/21 6:30 to 7:30 pm (South Side Entrance)

8/26 & 8/28 5:30 to 6:30 pm (South Side Entrance)

Saturday 8/30 9:00 to 10:00 AM

9/2 & 9/3 5:30 to 6:30 pm (South Side Entrance)

Or

Before & After Church Sunday 8/24 & 9/7

If those times are inconvenient you may also drop off items whenever the church is open. Just place them in the fellowship hall stage.