

WE ARE GATHERED

SONG- A THOUSAND HALLELUJAHS

Worship Song – **RAISE A HALLELUJAH**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (*pastor front center*)

- Healing Service Today: Prayer Card/ Anointing
- Dedication Friday, 3p – Blessings in Worship, Sunday Scavenger Hunt/Tour/”Indoor Picnic”
- See Bulletin for other opportunities to connect today, this week, and coming soon!

WL: Last Announcement: Let us stand, turn to our neighbor and say hello.

WL: Please join me in prayer ... <PAUSE>

WL:

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone, and we grow fearful. We cling to false comforts, and we turn away from our neighbors. We plead: come to us, bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: Friends, God’s spirit embraces us with forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Worship Song – GOD IS HERE

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Special Music – Junior Choir

Children's Message

Word –John 10:1-10 *NRSVue*

Introduction:

P: [Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – CRAIG

SERMON RESPONSE – VICTOR'S CROWN

WL: Please stand. We join in a time of prayer. Following each petition, please join me in saying: “...receive our prayer.” Let us pray.

After each petition, please respond with:

P: Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer

Offering

WL: You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Offering Song- MY GOD MY KING

Communion

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again,
after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

P: 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.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward.
There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set
and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Anointing & Distribution – **THANK YOU JESUS FOR THE BLOOD**

<<PRAYER PROMPT SLIDES IF THERE IS TIME >>

Post communion prayer:

P: We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending Service for Pr. Craig

Pr. Steve: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for Pastor Craig and ask for God's blessings as we send him for Sabbatical rest. We ask God to bless this intentional time of growth both for him and for our congregation, and we ask God to bring him back to our community refreshed and nourished with God's Spirit, as we seek to Glorify God with our gifts to serve all.

Pr Steve OR LECTOR : A reading from Exodus:

“Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.”

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke: “Now, more than ever, the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to out-of-the-way places and pray.”

Pr Steve: We wish Godspeed to Pastor Craig as he begins his sabbatical.

As you journey, God dwell with you while we are away from one another.

Pr. Craig: I thank God for the ministry we share and the gift of this time away.

Pr. Steve: We pray that you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey and that you return renewed and energized for ministry. We send you with our blessing.

Pr. Steve: People of First Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Craig from pastoral duties for the time of Sabbatical May into August?

If so answer: We release him.

All: We release him.

Pr. Steve: Let us pray. Spirit of God, bless Pastor Craig during his sabbatical. Renew him for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace him with your presence and keep him steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another. Amen.

Sending & Blessing

WL:

ALL: Amen.

Sending Song – FOREVER

Dismissal

WL: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!