



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE
WORDS OF MINE AND DOES THEM
WILL BE LIKE A WISE MAN WHO
BUILT HIS HOUSE ON BEDROCK.

MATTHEW 7:24

Christian Education Sunday

AUGUST 23, 2026

Welcome



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"Train up a child..." "Let the little children come to me..." "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..." Scripture is filled with instructions for God's people about passing down our faith to the next generation. It is clear that God loves children. Jesus is their Savior, too. Today, we honor the Lord's command by committing to his care another year of Christian education at our school. Today, we pray for our students, parents, teachers, aids, and volunteers that our God would bless that passing down of our faith to the next generation.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kenneth Frey | **Preaching Minister:** Pastor Derek Bartelt

Organist: Ben Warmuth | **Elder:** Jacob Pelas

Altar Guild: Connie Frey and Helen Hacht | **Projectionist:** Helen Hacht

Opening Hymn 705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands—'tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned
against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you
with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your
punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my
sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory to God in the Highest

Musical notation for the hymn "Glory to God in the Highest". It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly".

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

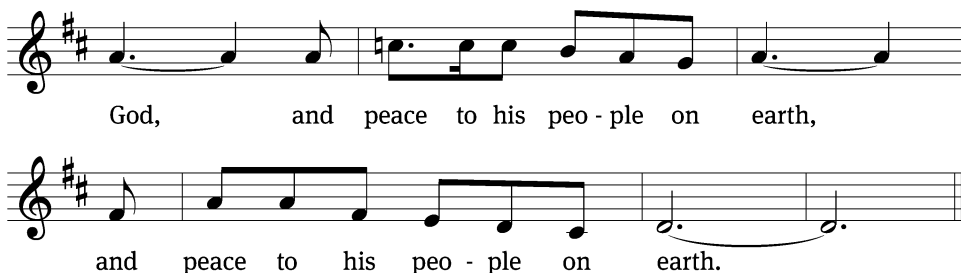
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful Lord, comforter and teacher of your faithful people, increase in your church the knowledge of your will. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in you, and show them the depth of your promises. Let our children follow the light of your Word, and follow you with eager footsteps; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 11:1–7,16–21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78



1 Peo - ple of the Lord, lis - ten to my voice.
2 Tell of God's great deeds. Teach his lov - ing law
3 Tell the news till each gen - er - a - tion knows.
4 May we trust in God, rest in his strong hand,



Hear the an - cient words. Once a - gain re - joice!
that faith's pre - cious seed in each heart may grow.
They, in turn, will teach those yet to be born.
live in his strong love, fol - low his com - mands.

Refrain



What we have heard, what we have known, let our tongues



tell our sons and daugh - ters the won - ders of our liv - ing God,



that they may join us in the cho - rus.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1–10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

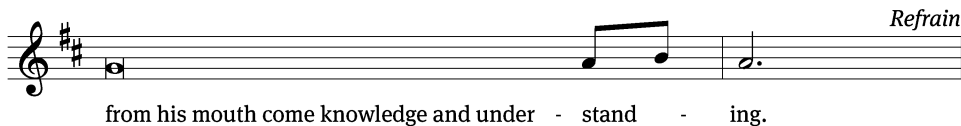
Proverbs 2:6



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 7:24–27

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

758 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per -
 2 Make un - to them his glo - ries known, his works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell and they will
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence the truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone their hope se -



formed of old, which in our young - er
 pow'r and grace, and we'll con - vey his
 then tell theirs, that gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, to place in him their
 cure - ly stands, that they may ne'er for -



years we saw, and which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, to fear and trust their Lord,
 get his works, but walk in his com - mands.

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.



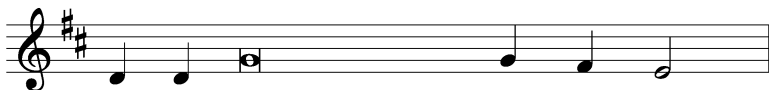
And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Distribution Hymn

808 Drawn to the Cross



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed with heal - ing
 2 How well you know my griefs and fears, your grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; let noth - ing
 4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, to find in you my
 busied, my mis - spent years; so now to you with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
 sweet a ser - vice be that an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Distribution Hymn

668 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
 2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

541 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

V. 1, 3, 4



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
trea - sury filled with bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

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1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Worship with Lord's Supper | 6:30pm

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OUR MISSION

As a family of believers, the mission of First Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by growing in the faith of our Savior Jesus Christ and by sharing the good news of His Word with others.

OUR INVITATION

It is a privilege for us to share with you the assurance Jesus offers about how imperfect people like us can enjoy a right relationship with our holy Creator.

Our church services are designed to be Christ-centered worship and include three main elements: God speaks to us in His Word, we respond with praises and prayers, and we encourage each other.

We are eager to have you learn more about the Triune God and about our church. If you are looking for a spiritual family in which you can be at home, please speak with our pastor.