



FIRST LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

He took the five loaves and the two fish.
After looking up to heaven, he blessed
them. He broke the loaves and gave them
to the disciples. The disciples gave the
food to the people. They all ate and were
filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of
what was left over from the broken pieces.
Those who ate were about five thousand
men, not even counting women and
children.

MATTHEW 14:19-21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

Welcome



Worship Series: What Makes Christians Different? August 2, 2026

The Bible says Christians are different. Christians are people who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But they often look the same as those who do not believe in Jesus. How are Christians different? The answer is often something internal, attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do, things that make Christians different.

Today's Focus: Christians Trust God to Provide

The hardest times to trust God are the times we need him most. It's easier to trust God when your job is going great, your health is fine, your relationships are fine, and your family is good. It's easier to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days?

When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God continues to care for us. At those times, Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. Instead, Christians focus on certain foundational facts. We are chosen and adopted as God's dear children. God provides us innumerable spiritual blessings and promises us an eternity of peace and joy. If we recognize those spiritual blessings, how can we doubt that God will give us everything we truly need at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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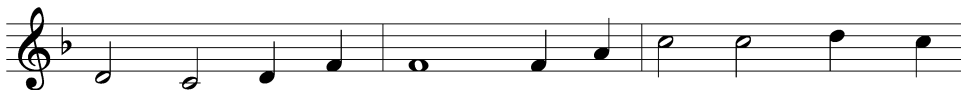
Opening Hymn 517 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



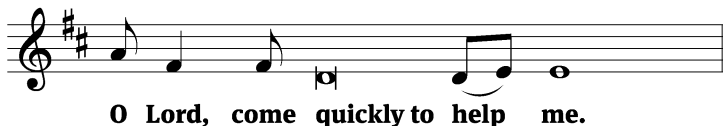
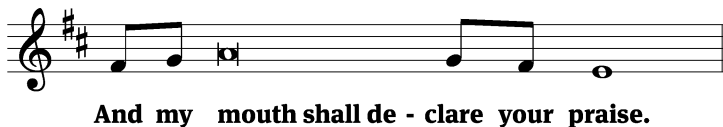
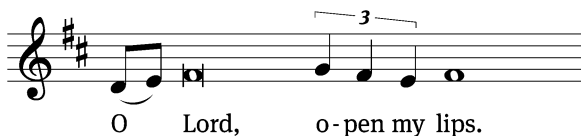
gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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Opening Sentences



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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Pastor will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrains.

Refrain

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into a Refrain and two Verses.

Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

1 You are a great and a won - drous God,
2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

Refrain
you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Psalm 63

Refrain



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse



1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for
you my soul is thirst - ing. My bod - y pines for you like a
dry, wea - ry land with-out wa - ter. So I gaze on you in the
sanc - tu - ar - y to see your strength and your glo - ry.

Verse



2 For your love is bet - ter than life, my lips will speak your

praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your
name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a
ban-quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

Verse

On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I
muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the
shadow of your wings I re-joice. My soul clings to
you; your right hand holds me fast.

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First Reading

1 Kings 17:1-6

In dark times with a wicked king, the Lord provided food for is faithful prophet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 136

Pastor will sing the first part of each phrase, the congregation responds with the italicized section of each phrase.



1 We thank you, LORD, for you are good; *your*
 2 You, Lord, a - lone did won - drous deeds; *your*
 3 You made the star - ry lights to rise; *your*
 4 You res - cue us from ev - 'ry foe; *your*



mer - cy lives for - ev - er. Your kind - ness from of
mer - cy lives for - ev - er. From you a - lone all
mer - cy lives for - ev - er. Your glo - ries shine in
mer - cy lives for - ev - er. You feed your crea - tures



old has stood; *your love will keep us ev - er.*
 good pro - ceeds; *your love will keep us ev - er.*
 ra - diant skies; *your love will keep us ev - er.*
 here be - low; *your love will keep us ev - er.*



O God of gods, O sov - 'reign Lord, we bless you
 Your wis - dom made the heav'ns to be; you formed the
 Your glow - ing moon en - hanc - es night; your sun brings
 We give you thanks, Cre - a - tor, Lord; we sing the



now with one ac - cord: *your love is ev - er - last - ing.*
 earth a - bove the sea: *your love is ev - er - last - ing.*
 forth each morn - ing's light: *your love is ev - er - last - ing.*
 glo - ries of your Word; *your love is ev - er - last - ing.*

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–10

God provided for our eternal needs by choosing us to be his beloved children.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

Jesus graciously provides for the needs of a great multitude.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

603 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy
 3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O
 4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
 he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning
 hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -
 gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their
 praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
 shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the
 deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my
 rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a
 claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
 king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and
 thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with
 moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen
 un - der foot be trod - The Lord is God! The Lord is



stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 me: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

Sermon

You Are God; We Praise You

Congregation will sing opening refrain, bolded words in each verse, and the refrain after each verse.

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To



to Verses

you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



praise, all cre - a-tion of-fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**

2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**

3 O — Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher-u - bim and ser-a-phim, **we praise you, we praise you!**

O — Je-sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**

You be-came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**

Hymn continues onto page 12.



With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O _____ Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



Refrain

With the mar - tyrs and your ho - ly Church, **we sing in end-less praise!**
To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, **we sing in end-less praise!**
And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end-less praise!**

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Offering

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Lord, Have Mercy



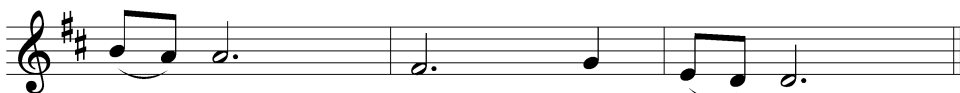
In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be



mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



A - men.



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.

Closing Hymn

566 Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us



1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us, chose us, named us
 2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you, and our guilt was
 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised from the Fa - ther
 4 Lord, your change-less Word has fed us, span - ning time, tran -
 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low, drawn by Word and



as your own, through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
 crim - son red. Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
 and the Son right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
 scend - ing space. Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
 prom - ise true: "To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;



to re - deem us in your Son. Praise the Fa - ther,
 crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head, died our death, now
 free for - give - ness, heav - en won. Praise the Spir - it!
 when the dark - ness hid your face. Keep us with you,
 I am ev - er - more with you." Keep us faith - ful!



God who loved us ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 live tri - um - phant: praise the first - born from the dead!
 He as - sures us our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 faith - ful Shep - herd, by your sav - ing means of grace!
 Then, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come; make all things new!

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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.