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CHURCH AND SCHOOL

ON THIS MOUNTAIN THE LORD
ALMIGHTY WILL PREPARE A FEAST
OF RICH FOOD FOR ALL PEOPLES.

ISAIAH 25:6

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Welcome



Worship Series: The Beginning of the End

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The cartoon character holds a sign saying, “The End Is Near.” For Christians, this is not a message of fear. Instead, it is a message of watchful hope. Scripture teaches that the End Times began with Christ’s first coming, especially his death and resurrection. Christ will come again on judgment day. Now we live in that in-between time, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It’s the beginning of the end.

Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ’s finished work for us. Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God’s favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the Word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God’s ways of keeping us ready.

“The Beginning of the End” reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and toward Christ’s return. For believers, that end is truly a beginning.

Today’s Focus: It’s Time To: Invite the Unworthy

Don’t you hate it when someone has prepared an excellent meal, but travel delays mean that certain friends or relatives don’t get to enjoy it? Sometimes there are no leftovers, and an opportunity is lost.

God has prepared an extraordinary spiritual meal for all people. It is received by faith. But it is not offered forever. The day will come when body and soul are separated, and those who do not believe in Jesus as their Savior will not share in his blessings. It’s the beginning of the end. Now is the time to issue the invitation!

Opening Hymn

568 His Robes for Mine



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!
 2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
 3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.
 4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.
 God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.
 Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.
 Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.
 Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,
 Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
 He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
 saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.
 Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.
 I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!



Refrain

I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



A - men.

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Glory Be to God on High



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



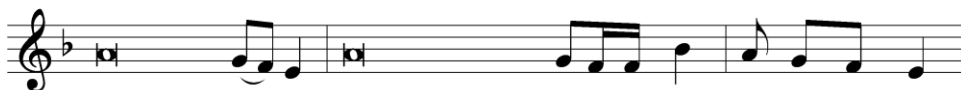
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



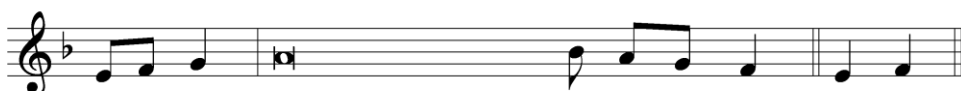
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

The prophet Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet which is entered through faith in God and his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 84

Refrain



Tone



How lovely is your / dwelling place,

LORD Al- / mighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts / of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the / living God.

Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;
they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts
than a thousand / elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God
than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.

LORD Al- / mighty,
blessed is the one who / trusts in you.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

We proclaim that we are saved through faith alone.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The king gives us the privilege of inviting people to his wedding banquet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 to claim my mansion in the skies,
 this then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 for me and all your hands have made,
 an everlasting ransom paid.

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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

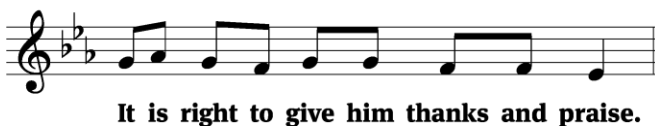
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

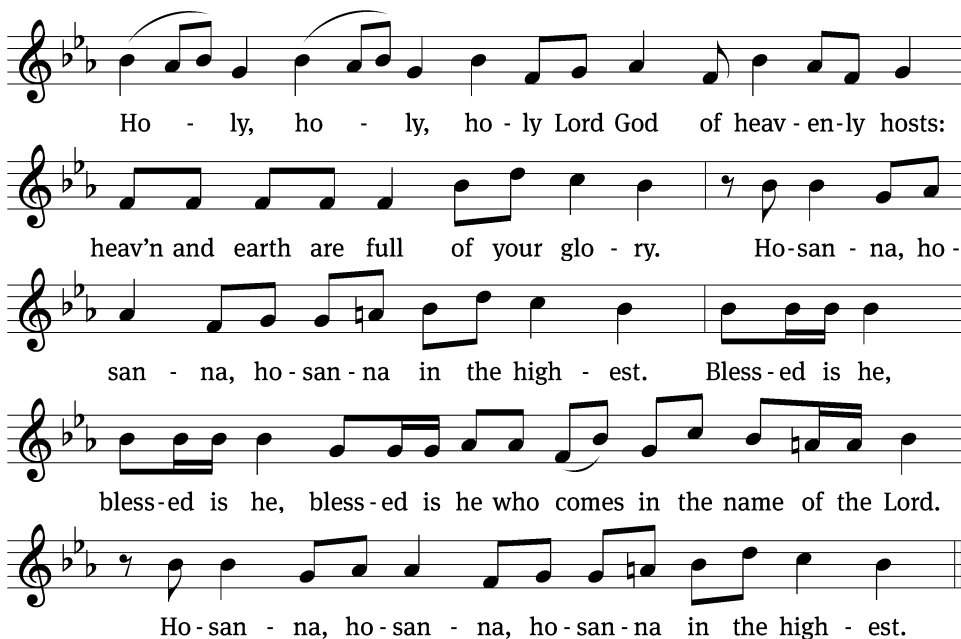


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

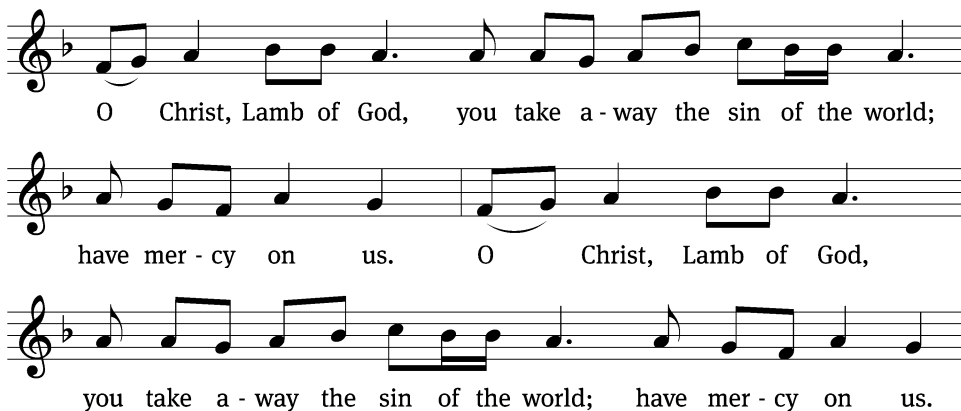
Words of Institution

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 $\dagger$ 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 $\dagger$ 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.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymn

560 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sin-ful soul;
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dread-ful load
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ran-som due;
5 Your right-eous-ness, O Christ, a-lone can cov-er me;
they tell me all is done, they bid my fear de-part.
your wounds, not mine, con-tain the balm that makes me whole.
of sins that none could bear but the in-car-nate God.
ten thou-sand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
no oth-er right-eous-ness can set a sin-ner free.

Refrain

To whom but you, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Distribution Hymn

526 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
 down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,
 free, I'll sing his love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Distribution Hymn

816 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.
for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.
trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;
you can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me
must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
and for all.

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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.

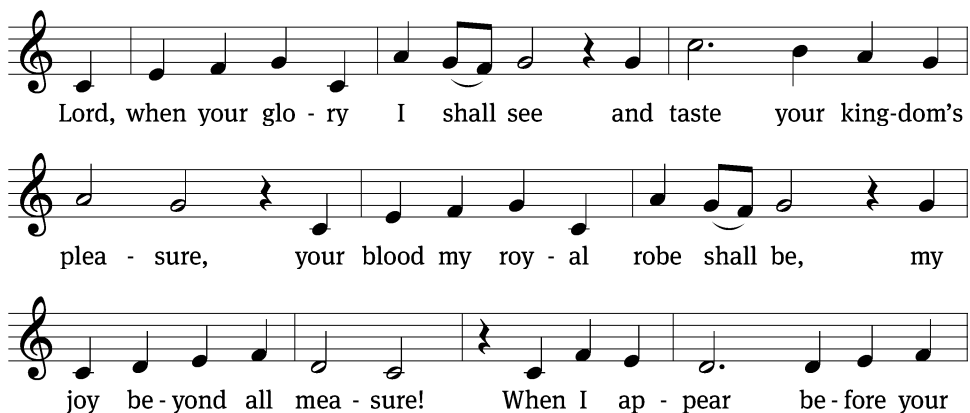
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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

884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See



Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your

throne, your right-eous - ness shall be my crown; with
 these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
 wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
 stand in joy be - side you.

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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.