

“For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



St. Mark 12:44

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn      *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*      (ELW) No. 774

\*The Confession and Forgiveness      (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting      (ELW) page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*)      (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*      (ELW) No. 773

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty, eternal God, show mercy to Your children who humbly pray, that we who have no confidence in our worth may not be judged but tenderly received. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD His God,

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Allelula, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Allelula. Allelula.**

\*The Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Grewe

(children leave for Sunday School)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

(ELW) No. 679

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body(+), and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(SBH) No. 27

\*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

(ELW) No. 779

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Sending Hymn

*Be the Love of Christ*

Postlude

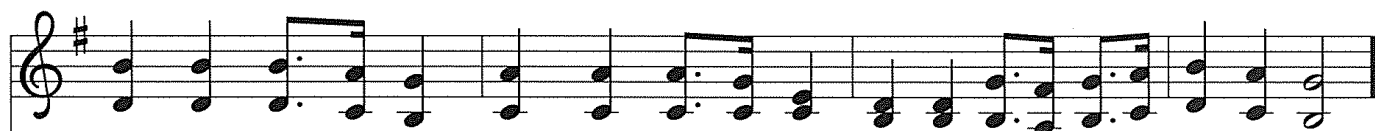
# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



### *Refrain*



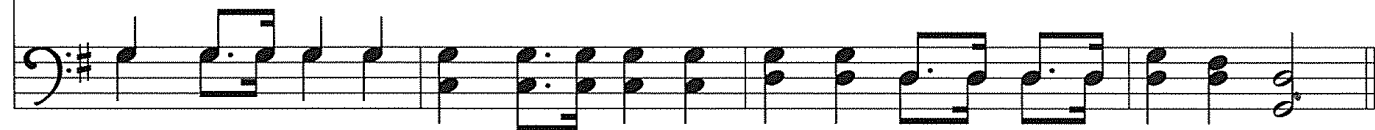
Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



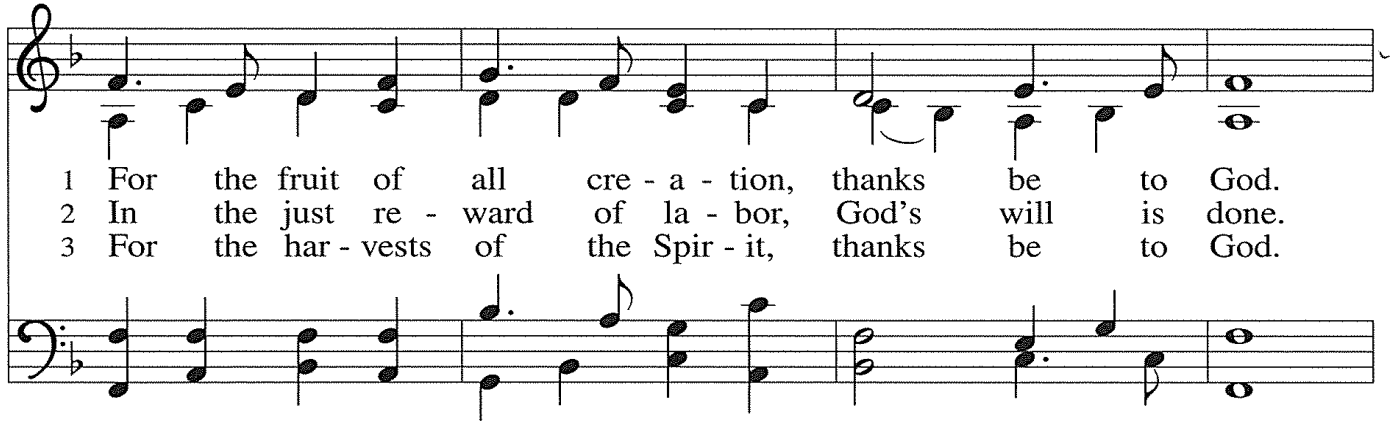
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



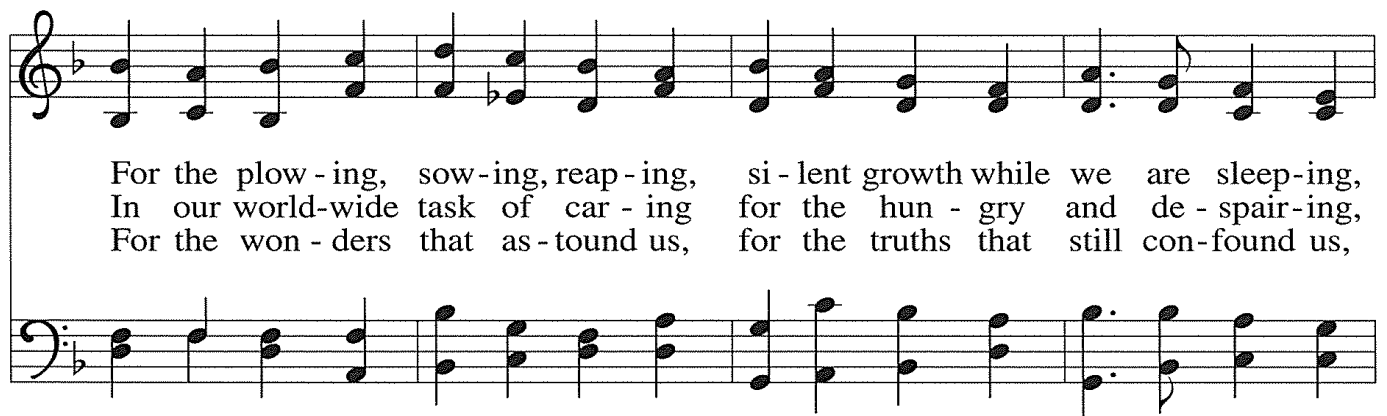
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.



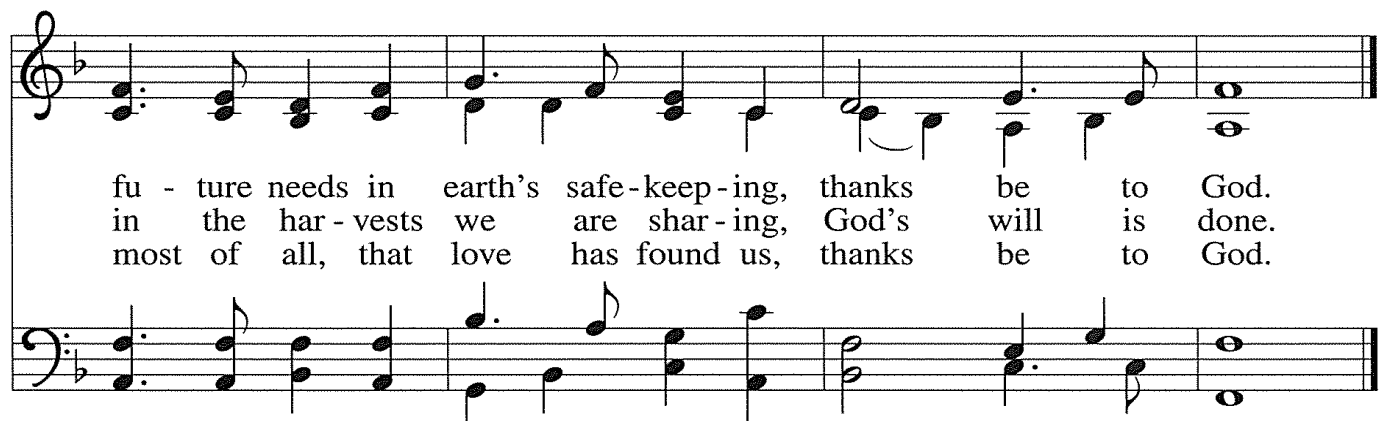
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

# The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -".

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -".

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly".

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of".

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it."

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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J. Judson Lacko, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist & Music Director

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God in thankfulness and honor of all Veterans who have served and are currently serving in the U.S. military. A donation was made to the Restoration Fund by Rich & Kim Luketich who's son, Jonathan is a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. in the U.S. Army. We are very proud and supportive of him. We pray for the safety of those currently serving and are thankful for their bravery.

**The Lay Reader** is Ron McGoogan.

**Acolytes** are Jacin and Trevor Flowers.

**Counters/Greeters** today are R. McGoogan and R. Williams.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**The Flower Chart for 2024** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2024.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2024.** Please sign up.

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Judy Coble, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Lori Mauer, Kenny & Josh Carl, John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Holly Davis, Pat Dupas, Gwen Roberts, Judy Dombrowsky, Firefighter Zach Correll, Judi, Lenny, Sandy, Lawrence Downing, Carol Cancelmi, Firefighter Adam Wright, Amy Verderber, Amanda Laib, Sandra Hebrank, Jennifer Sasek, Larry Zimmerman, Jean Shearer-Lucas, Elizabeth, Nancy & Jeff Falace, Lisa Wilds, Richard Hager, Terrie and Holly Hiser, Julie Jeffcoat, John, Chipper Ringer, Teresa Newton, and Terry Jurkovsky.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us downstairs following the service for Coffee Hour.

**Semi-annual Congregational Meeting** will be held following Worship Service today.

**Thank Offering Sunday** is next Sunday, November 17.

**Adult Catechism** class is on Tuesday at 11 and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

**Adult Sunday School** is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

**Bell Choir** rehearsal is Thursday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, [kkbrgs1@gmail.com](mailto:kkbrgs1@gmail.com). All are welcome. Practice will now be held each week on Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Our **Dart Ball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**WREATH ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY.**

**Nov. 12—DART BALL GAME at 7:30 PM** —Fairhill Manor at First Lutheran.

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## Christmas Cards

Don't forget about our **Jonathan Luketich** in Texas! We will be collecting cards for him. The **last day for cards for Jonathan will be November 24th.** I'm sure he will be surprised to receive Christmas wishes as much as Sean as they both spend Christmas away from family.

Also, please don't forget about **Sean Shearer** who is serving in the military.

Please put cards in the Christmas gift bags found in the Narthex for Jonathan and Sean.

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### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

#### FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 10, 2024**

“Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live... Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God... The Lord sets the prisoners free.”

-Psalm 146:2-3, 5, 7b

Psalm 146 is the first of the final five hallelujah or praise psalms. The closing chapters of the book of psalms conclude with promises of the LORD, but there are also words of warning to mankind who have a habit of putting our trust in the wrong places. The First Commandment and the words of warning expose our misplaced trust. This is then followed by lavish words of promise of what the LORD has done, does, and will continue doing to deal with sinners and our wayward hearts. Inevitably, following the general election cycle in our nation, people will begin to post on social media platforms, “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation” (Psalm 146:3). In a cursory observation, this is most commonly posted by those whose candidate lost. It reveals that one had put their hope in a human being to help improve their life and their nation. Should we not have put our trust in the LORD for all things before the election? Should this not be a word to those whose candidate won even more so than to those whose candidate lost? Indeed, this is a word to all of us who vote. We all have fallen short of the First Commandment and our particular political desires disclose that we had less trust in God regarding our earthly life and believed that some human being will at least make up the difference.

In an eschatological turn in verse 5, the LORD blesses us who demonstrate that we do not fear, love, and trust God above anything else. In mercy, he has come to us who need help and salvation. He who made the heaven and earth and sea, promises “keeps faith forever.” We do not keep faith; we give up faith in the LORD by putting our trust in anyone who we believe will open the door to financial and political freedom. We cannot by our own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ that he has, is, and shall keep us in true faith forever. This belief in Christ is the work worked in us by the Holy Spirit alone. Before his ascension, Jesus Christ told us that even the psalms are written about him (see Luke 24:44). This psalm declares the end of all earthly regimes and political winners and losers. Jesus Christ is exposing the reality that we are all imprisoned by the fact that we have put our trust in our politics. But our LORD Jesus Christ is king of a kingdom not of this world, for it is a kingdom ruled by the gospel apart from the law. He is the only one who has the power to keep us in true faith and to set the prisoners free. While the earthly rules perish one after another, he rules his kingdom forever. In Christ alone do we have our salvation

