

*10:45 AM Celebration
Worship Service*



October 18, 2026



Welcome to all, especially visitors! It is no accident that you are here! We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.



If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Narthex Hallway.



At our 10:45 AM service: words for the hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.



For the hearing impaired: hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary. ELC now has a wifi enabled Assist System. This will allow you to follow along with the service using your personal hearing aids. If your hearing aids are paired to your smartphone, please scan the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store QR code to download the waveCast app. Please see the tech team if you need any assistance.



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Restrooms: To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.



Holy Communion at ELC: We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available.



Nursery: We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 10:15 AM on Sunday morning for our 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease. There is also a private nursing room for those who wish to use it.



Photo Release Form: Our 10:45 am AM service is live-streamed to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. All children coming to the front for the Children's Message or Holy Communion will be visible on the live-feed. If you do not want your child's image online, please do not send them up to the front. If you are ok with it, please fill out a Photo Release Form located on the sign-up table in the Narthex and put it in the offering box.



Reserved Seating: Please keep the reserved seats open for people with disabilities and their family members. Thank you!



Background Checks: Mandatory background checks have been completed for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.

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The 21st Sunday After Pentecost

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Once the prelude starts, we ask you to take an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart, helping to create a reverent and welcoming atmosphere for worship.

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,
C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
C Amen.

GREETING

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 PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Rosalie

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Bob Zimmerman

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & PARENT'S & CONFIRMAND'S SHARING

Today we will be confirming 6 young people who has studied hard over the past 3 years. By reaffirming the promises their parents made at their baptism, they will become adult members of the church. We celebrate this milestone in their lives.

Malu Dirr, daughter of Eric & SoLange Dirr
Riley Walker daughter of Brian & Karen Walker
Graeme Murray son of Dane & Lauren Murray
Lillian Lego daughter of Stu & Emily Lego
Isa Mentzer child of Ryan and Heather Mentzer
Lily Pitts daughter of Alan & Amy Pitts

L These persons has been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his church.

In your baptism we remembered the saving power of God, saving Noah and his family, and leading the Israelites from bondage to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea.

We remembered Christ's own baptism in the Jordan River, when he was anointed with the Holy Spirit, making water a sign of the kingdom, of cleansing and rebirth.

We also remembered his death and resurrection, and his final command that we make disciples of all nations.

At your baptism you were given a candle, lit from the Christ candle, such as this one, with these words spoken to you, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good

We also gave thanks for you, and prayed that God would pour out his Spirit upon you, giving you the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in God's presence.

Finally, we prayed that God would look with kindness upon your parents, enabling them to

And so today the journey continues as we gather to affirm your baptism, confirm your faith, and pray again, that God will bless you with the Holy Spirit. We ask you now to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his empty promises?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the Virgin Mary.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

on the third day he rose again.

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father.

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so answer individually.

C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for them in their life with Christ?

C We do, and ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Amen

SHARING TIME

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in these young men and women the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Members of Our Congregation: Gary Biesecker, Joyce Van Breemen, Don Cool, Ellen Hess, Bill Kipe, Karla Oller, Paula Kline, Art Koenig, Sue Mason, and Pam Wagaman. We pray for Pastor Drahus while he is on Sabbatical.

Friends of the Congregation: Hilda Carey, Kevin Carey, Ron Cordell Sr., Barbara Dutton, Elijah Ford, Bonnie Grau, Donna Green, Marge Hackett, Terry L'Heureux, Brianna Hieber, Jordan Kefauver, Amanda Morningstar, Myles Kiser, Debra Lensbower, Jerry Lindsay, Donna Mason, Diana Miner, the Spahnolgtli family, Mary Starliper, Clayton Summers, Sherry Toomey, Jim & Marsha Uber,

Names will be posted for a month.

If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Diane Hannibal

Please stand

MEAL

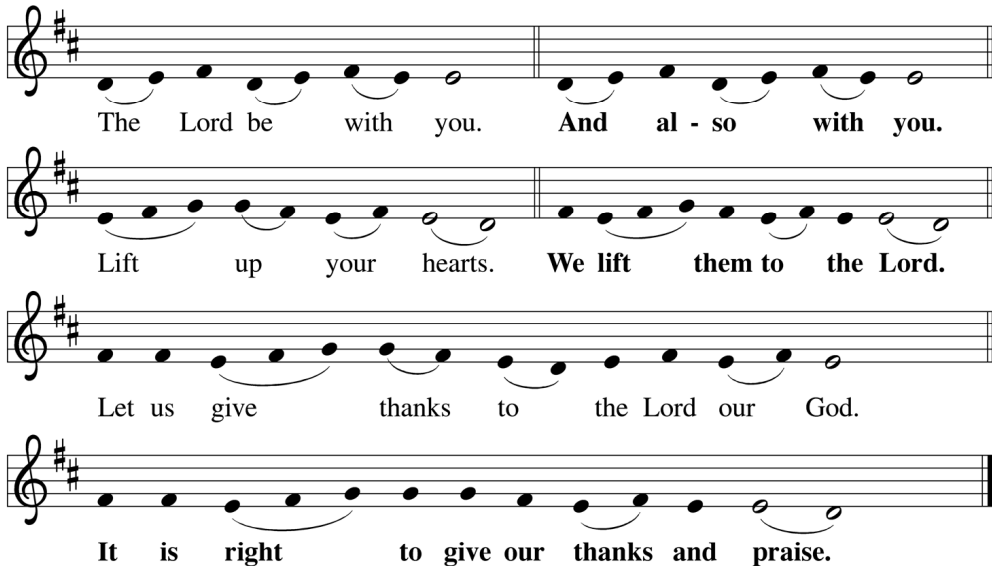
OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C Amen.

*Thank you for your continuous support of ELC ministries.
Your generosity is making a difference. Please place your
offering in one of the boxes at the entrance to the Sanctuary.
You are a blessing!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

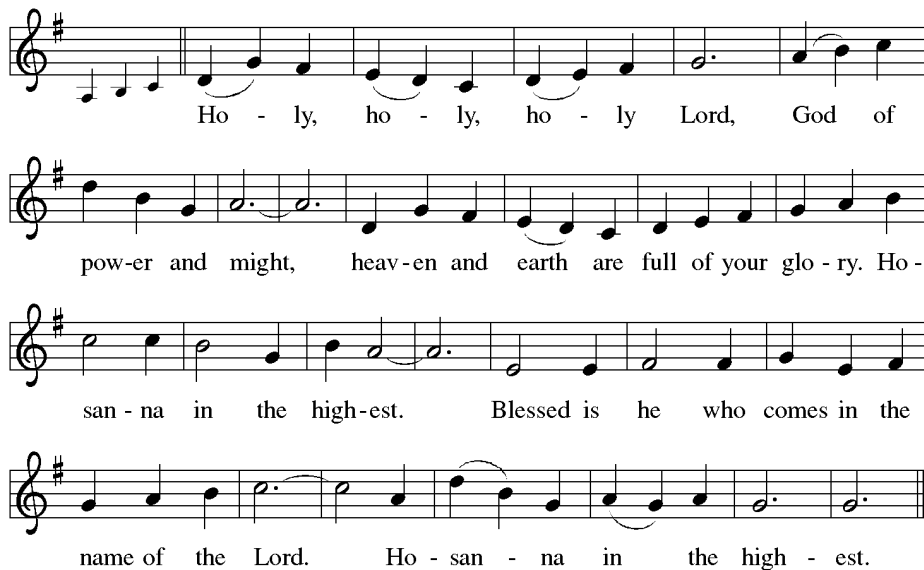
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with lyrics written below them. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed , our Lord Jesus took bread, aand 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated

COMMUNION SONG

HOLY COMMUNION

At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all the people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available. After receiving the bread and wine, you may kneel at the altar for a quiet prayer, or you may return to your seat. After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister will invite the assembly to stand for a table blessing.

Please stand

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Shout to the Lord

DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Lector	Drew Reed
Nursery Helper	Lily McDannell
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Mission Statement

Gathering in Community, Growing in God's Word, Going in Service for Christ.



*In memory of our parents,
by Don & Mary Heefner.*

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