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**Celebrating Diversity
as God's Children**

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9:30 am

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

JUNE 14, 2026

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whether you're just starting your spiritual journey or looking for ways to grow deeper in your faith, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tulsa is pleased to walk with you.

The community of First Lutheran invites you into our joy, no matter who you've been, where you've been, what you've done or left undone. Each and every person is our neighbor, to be loved as we love ourselves.

- We especially welcome and support those who have felt excluded from the spiritual community.
- We commit ourselves to treat each person as an equally loved, forgiven, accepted, and blessed child of God.
- We profess the worth and dignity of every person and recognize each one as created in the image of God.
- We follow God's calling to be just by working to achieve racial equity.

This means: First Lutheran, Tulsa loves, invites, and welcomes people of all races, ages, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender expressions, gender identities, marital status, physical and mental abilities, family structures and economic statuses. The people of the church should look like the people of the place we call home.

Prelude

My Sweet Lord

*George Harrison
w/Joe Henderson*

Please stand when the () indicates standing. Know the communion of Saints, both living & departed, stand for you if you should choose to remain seated for any reason.*

***The Pastoral Greeting**

P: Created out of nothing,

A: We come here to be reminded of who we are.

P: Created for goodness,

A: We come with open hearts to be filled with everlasting love.

P: Created as a beloved child of God,

A: We come in celebration of the diversity of the body of Christ.

P: Created with a heart for celebrating the rich diversity of creation, we come trusting in the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us as we acknowledge and honor the Osage, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), Wichita and Caddo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.

A: As we live into the diversity that God has created, may we be bold to tell the whole story, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be. Amen.

***The Gathering Song** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.

Refrain

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

Refrain

***The Song of Praise**

This is the Feast of Victory

ELW Setting 3

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

R: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, God, our rock and our redeemer.

The First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

R: Word of God, word of Freedom.

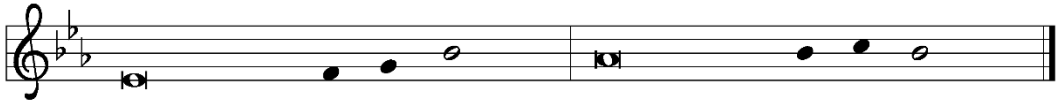
A: **Praise be to God.**

Psalm 100

(sung responsively)



We are God's peo - ple and the sheep of God's pas - ture.



¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

³ **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture. R**

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age. R**

The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

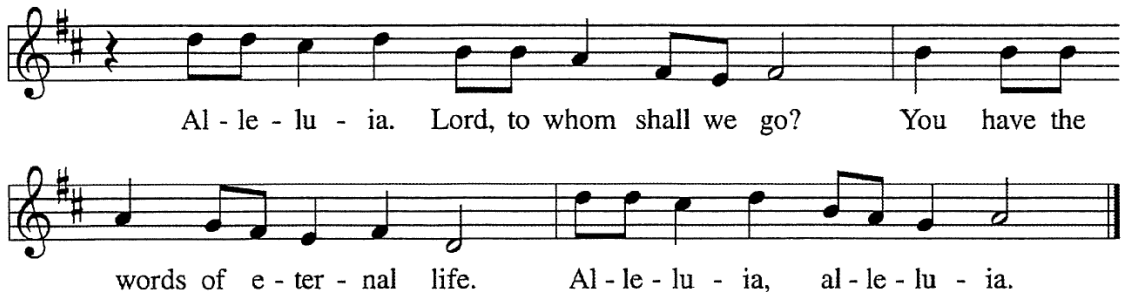
⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

R: Word of God, word of Freedom.

A: **Praise be to God.**

*The Announcement of the Gospel Reading

ELW Setting 3



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Word made flesh dwells among us.

A: **Full of grace and truth.**

*The Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

[⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

P: This is the Good New of Jesus Christ
A: Praise to you, Word of life!

The Sermon

We observe a brief silence for reflection

Hymn Of The Day

ELW 883

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

*Creed

L: Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

**A: We believe in you, O God,
who spoke all life into being,
author of heaven and earth,
architect of time, quilter of the cosmos.
You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground,
and by your breath we are given life.**

**We believe in you, O God,
who became incarnate in Christ Jesus,
the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human.
You lived among us to reveal your justice,
died among us to break the bonds of sin and death,
and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

**We believe in you, O God,
who transforms us by the Holy Spirit,
draws us into community, moves us to action,
and inspires us to hope against hope.
You breathe new life into a fallen world
and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.
All thanks and praise to you, O God,
our beginning and our end. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Water is life. Our bodies need water. This community needs water to be resilient and flourish. Plants and animals need water. Water is essential for all of life on this planet to thrive and flourish.

L: We need water for drinking, for washing, for cooking, for cleaning, for refreshing. Water sustains our lives, and water enhances our lives. Every day of our lives includes multiple uses of water.

L: Let us give thanks for the gift of water and for baptism.

A: We give you thanks, O God, for this water that comes to us as a gift from our Creator, the source of all that is good and life-giving. You are a generous and loving God who blesses us through water and who claims all people in the fullness of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, gender expression, immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.

L: Let us fill this font with water – water from our homes, water from nearby lakes and rivers, creeks and streams – water upon which all living creatures depend and that nourishes all of life on this planet. You are invited to bring forward your water to pour into this font. We, though many, are one in the unity of God’s love for us and for all the world. Water is life.

Please bring your water (from home or nearby creek) forward to the font.

Special Music *Wade in the Water* *Arr: Clayton J. Foor*
Pr. Tracy Megli, Jeni Lipe, & Nat Torkelson

L: O God, may we live as careful stewards, guardians of this precious gift, protectors of the health of this planet, builders of resilient communities, and cultivators of life giving relationships that promote peace and unity.

A: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Please be seated

The Prayers of the Community

L: Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Creator in prayer.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for our pastors, deacons, bishops, and church leaders, that they may guide us well as we become a loving, welcoming, and resilient community in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for ReconcilingWorks and all of our Reconciling in Christ ministry partners. We pray that the whole church may someday become a blessed community where all our LGBTQIA+ siblings are celebrated.

Spirit, intercede for us,

A: Send wholeness to our church.

L: We pray for the sustainability of our planet. Guide us to care for creation, be mindful of how much we throw away, reduce how much carbon dioxide our lifestyles add to the air we breathe, and remember how much our choices impact the lives of people in poor and marginalized communities. Spirit, intercede for us,

A: Send wholeness to our Earth.

L: We pray for our siblings all around the world. We pray that leaders everywhere recognize and respond to the suffering of the poor, marginalized, and persecuted. We pray that governments enact laws that protect and defend the poor, marginalized, and persecuted. We pray that your hand of justice intercede for us. Spirit, intercede for us,

A: Send wholeness to the nations.

L: We pray for people who have chaos swirling around and within them. We pray for those that have been told they are less than, wrong, or an outcast for who they are. We pray that all of us find true peace, joy, and wholeness in you. We pray for people who are victims of violence because of queerphobia [*or homophobia, transphobia, biphobia*], racism, sexism, and ableism. We pray for your mercy, love, and healing to care for them. Spirit, intercede for us,

A: Send wholeness to your children.

L: We pray that our congregation and its ministries uplift and care for all living things in our world. We pray that we work towards justice and peace in our own family and community. Spirit, intercede for us,

A: Send wholeness to us.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We pray for LGBTQIA+ saints, all our siblings who have gone before us in the fight for justice, freedom, and peace, even when church and society ignored them. Help us remember and honor the memory of the people who have boldly stood as themselves, showing the substance you created even when the world told them to hide. Spirit, intercede for us,

A: Send wholeness to the LGBTQIA+ people and allies.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom.

A: Amen.

***The Peace**

P: The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always!

A: And also with you!

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of this spirit-filled peace, respecting the boundaries and honoring the consent of our neighbors.

*As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome all because God welcomes all,
and we recognize that our differences are gifts to our communal life.*

***The Offering Prayer**

P: O God, from nothing you created not only us as your beloved children but everything we would need to have an abundant life. As we bring our varied gifts to you, strengthen us as we celebrate the diversity you have blessed us with. Fill us with what we need and help us to recognize that there is more than enough for all as we work to bring your love to the ends of the earth.

A: Amen.

*The offering plates will be available on the table in the Narthex.
Please place your offering there, as you leave.*

*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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.

Birthed into your beautiful creation, he taught us to live in harmony and wholeness. By the work of your son, you call us to pursue justice and abundant life for all people.

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

ELW Setting 3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God, Creator of this wild and wonderful world.
In the beginning, you called forth light from the shadows;
You filled land and sea with life; You filled us with your own
Spirit.

You so loved your own creation that you set your bow in the sky;
You promised life in a world that brings death; You
sent Jesus, your Son to gather us close to you.

Who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this, and remember me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to those gathered
at the table, saying: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for your and for
all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, and remember me.

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of
faith:

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of many names, pour out your Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread
and wine. Bless this meal of shared life for the sake of the world, and fill us with
your own thirst for beauty and hunger for justice, that we might continue in the
ways of your Son, Jesus Christ.

P: All things bright and beautiful are entrusted to us by you,
And with all creation we praise you, O God,
Blessed and holy Trinity,
Now and always. **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

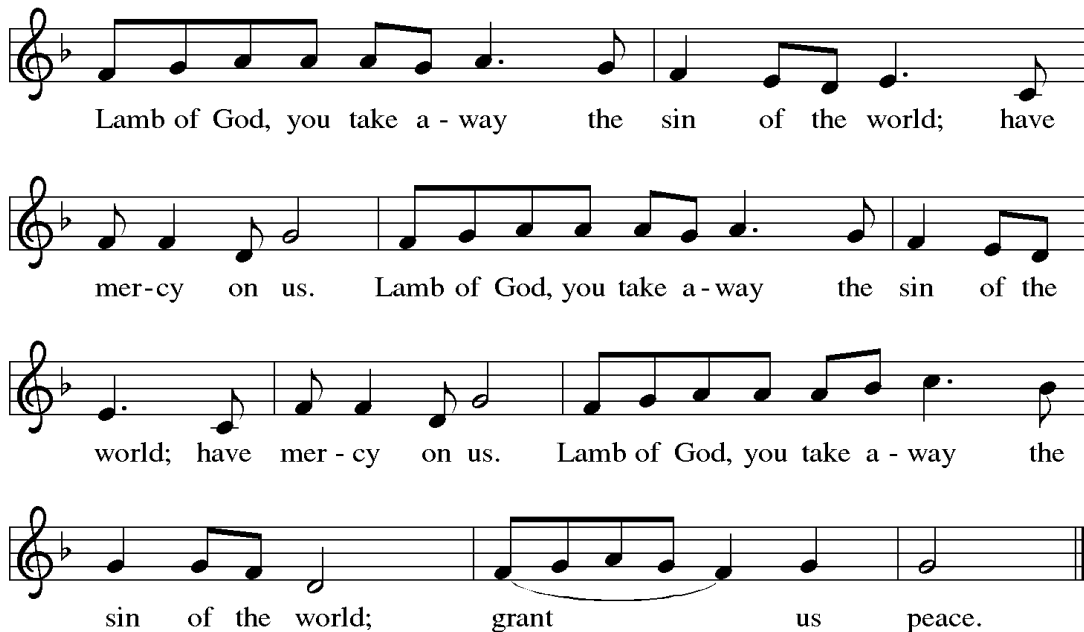
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**A: 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.**

The Celebration of Holy Communion

*Lamb of God

ELW Setting 3



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 peace.

The Invitation to Communion

P: This table belongs to Jesus and the meal is offered by Jesus, and so all of God's children are welcome to celebrate.

P: Jesus is made known to us in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine. Come and eat.

Please come to the communion rail and kneel (or stand). We will receive communion by intinction. Receive the bread, dip into the wine or white grape juice, then take and eat.

The Communion Music

ELW 496

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, sr. b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr

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*The Communion Blessing

P: God of grace and mercy, in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace, and we are full. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received—new life in Christ—for the world.

A: Amen

*** Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray: **J**esus our friend and savior, your life, death, and resurrection changed our world. May this meal of bread and wine bless us and sustain us in the building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people.

A: **Amen.**

Please be seated

Community Announcements

***The Blessing**

P: As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us, God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and grant us peace. May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is celebrated.

A: **Amen.**

***The Sending Song**

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



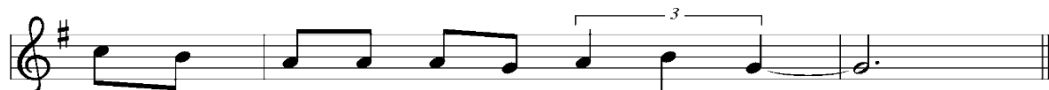
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace to seek justice for all people.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians

Fr. Peter Scholtes

Arr: Clayton J. Foor

Worship Assistants

Reader & Communion Assistant: *Michael Jobe*

Crucifer: *Bruce Torkelson*

Usher(s): *Bruce & Nat Torkelson*

Presiding Ministers: *Bishop Becca Middeke-Conlin*

Pastor Tracy Megli

Music Director: *Clayton Foor*

Special Musicians: *Nat Torkelson, Jeni Lipe, Pr. Tracy Megli, Robert Ohlde*

Cantor: *Mark Kalin*

First Lutheran church **strives to inspire hope**
for a wounded world;

Gathers in worship
that both **uplifts** and **challenges**;

And **builds life-affirming relationships**
inside and outside the walls of our building.

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