

*Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 33*

**Sunday, November 15, 2009**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Three*



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## INTRODUCTION



*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

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## GATHERING

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The GATHERING MUSIC: "Nobody Knows the Troubles I've Seen"

### The CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism  
In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen**

Before God, our rock and our refuge,  
let us keep silence, and then confess our sin.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**you know our failings better than we do;  
our sins are revealed in the light of your face.  
Our days and years pass by;  
the things we trust fade like grass.  
Be gracious to us, O God.  
Guide us again to the water of life,  
and renew in us the grace of holy baptism;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

You are all children of the light and of the day;  
you are God's children now.  
In the mercy of God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin.  
With all the faithful in heaven and on earth,  
rejoice and be glad!  
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,  
and by his command and authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The GATHERING HYMN  
**"In Thee is gladness"**

**ELW 867**

### The GREETING

*The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The HYMN OF PRAISE

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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*The assembly is seated*

## WORD

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The FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

*The reading concludes*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

The PSALMODY

Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spir - it re-joic - es; my  
bo - dy shall rest in hope.

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take ref-<sup>1</sup>uge in you;

I have said to the LORD,

"You are my Lord, my good a-<sup>1</sup>bove all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are <sup>1</sup>in the land,  
upon those who are noble a-<sup>1</sup>mong the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after <sup>1</sup>other gods  
shall have their troubles <sup>1</sup>multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings <sup>1</sup>to such gods,**

**never take their names up-<sup>1</sup> on my lips. Refrain**  
<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion<sup>1</sup> and my cup;  
 it is you who up-<sup>1</sup> hold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a<sup>1</sup> pleasant land;**  
**indeed, I have a<sup>1</sup> rich inheritance.**  
<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who<sup>1</sup> gives me counsel;  
 my heart teaches me night<sup>1</sup> after night.  
<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al-<sup>1</sup> ways before me;**  
**because God is at my right hand, I shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken. Refrain**  
<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-<sup>1</sup> it rejoices;  
 my body also shall<sup>1</sup> rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me<sup>1</sup> to the grave,**  
**nor let your holy one<sup>1</sup> see the pit.**  
<sup>11</sup>You will show me the<sup>1</sup> path of life;  
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
 and in your right hand are pleasures for-<sup>1</sup> evermore. **Refrain**

The SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11–14[15–18] 19–25

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet."  
<sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.  
<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,  
<sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:  
 I will put my laws in their hearts,  
 and I will write them on their minds,"  
<sup>17</sup>he also adds,  
 "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."  
<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.  
<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.  
<sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*The reading concludes*

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands*

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1–8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

*Silence for reflection*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

The HYMN OF THE DAY

**"My Lord, what a morning"**

**ELW 438**

The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen**

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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**MEAL**

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The assembly stands

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (VIII)

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears...*The prayer continues*

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The prayer continues and concludes...*

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The LORD'S PRAYER (Right column)

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Feast with the Lord, who has swallowed up death forever.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated*

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the rail. Please kneel as you are able.** Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

**“Soon and very soon”**

**ELW 439**

**“Jesus, still lead on”**

**ELW 624**

*The assembly stands.*

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

Let us pray... At your table, O God, we have been made new.

Our mourning and crying and pain pass away,  
and we see the glory of your presence among us.

Unite us with this vision,  
and make us into your holy people,  
one in the body of Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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The BLESSING

The SENDING HYMN

**“When peace like a river”**

**ELW 785**

The SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

The SENDING MUSIC: “A Festive Trumpet Tune”

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

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*Carol Rouse*

Acolyte:

*Trevor Carl*

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*Rick Lautenschleger, Tom Lautenschleger, Josh Thomas*

Altar Guild:

*Pam Bixler, Robyn Burkett, Carol Rouse*

Organist:

*Tim Whitman*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**—Judy Himes, Vivian Barr, Dr. Gene Hawk, Jack Fuhrer, the Family of Eva Mast, and all nursing home residents.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by the family of Carol & Joe Schott in memory of Rachel Himes and Anna M. Schott.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Don & Linda Weber in honor of 49 years together.



On **Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Wallick Auction Center** a fundraiser will be held for Strasburg resident Doug Froman. The dinner which consists of Rigatoni, Soup, Salad, Dessert and Beverage, will be held from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 4-11, under 4 – free. Tickets may be purchased at El Duckos and Strasburg Pharmacy. There will be a live auction held at 7pm. Thrivent Financial Care in Communities will provide matching funds for the event.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 11/15—11/22)

Sunday	<b><u>Time after Pentecost—Lectionary 33</u></b> 9 AM—Beach City Holy Communion 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education  9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 11:30 AM—Catechism  3 PM—Bishop’s Gathering with the Laity (St. Paul, Bellville)
Monday	9 AM—Beach City Quilters 7 PM—Beach City Church Council
Tuesday	9 AM—Strasburg Quilters
Wednesday	10 AM— <i>The Book of Concord</i> (Beach City) 7 PM—Strasburg Senior Choir (Choir room)
Thursday	9 AM—Beach City Quilters 7 PM— <i>The Book of Concord</i> (Strasburg)
Friday	No Scheduled Activities
Saturday	Joint Catechism Retreat (Camp Buckeye, Beach City)
Sunday	<b><u>Christ the King—Last Sunday of the Church Year</u></b> 9 AM—Beach City Holy Communion 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education  9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 12 PM—Catechism Retreat Ends

*All ministry is open to disciples in both Strasburg and Beach City congregations. The names “Strasburg” or “Beach City” denotes location*



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November 7, 2009

### **Lutherans Listen, Console and Pray in Response to Fort Hood Tragedy**

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Nurturing the living, caring for the wounded and honoring the dead is the work of the many military chaplains responding to this week's deadly shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, said Col. Michael T. Lembke of III Corps. Lembke is an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) chaplain serving at Fort Hood, where he is senior chaplain.

Lembke, ELCA Chaplain Lt. Col. Richard E. Brunk Jr., and other chaplains at the U.S. Army installation are listening to the needs of the wounded and their families, and other Fort Hood personnel, he said in a Nov. 7 phone interview with the ELCA News Service. Lembke said he will be the lead planner for a memorial service, the date of which is to be determined.

The Nov. 5 shooting at Fort Hood resulted in the deaths of 13 people and left at least 30 people wounded. The alleged shooter, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a U.S. Army psychiatrist, was wounded by a civilian police officer, Sgt. Kimberly Munley, and remains under guard at a Texas hospital. Munley was wounded by Hasan.

Lembke spoke at a candlelight vigil Nov. 6. "We wanted to bring the community together and offer words of condolence," he said. Some 450 people attended.

"When tragedy strikes, we're military," Lembke said at the vigil. "We want to take action. But I hope you realize there are other things ... listening, quiet things ... that give us strength."

"We have grieving people once again at Fort Hood. It's no stranger to us. We know standing shoulder to shoulder as an Army family is the right thing to do. We know in the midst of tears there could be laughter and joy. There could be hope," he added.

Lembke's comments appeared in the Austin American-Statesman and Killeen Daily Herald newspapers. Also attending the ceremony were U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr., and John McHugh, Secretary of the Army.

Lembke told ELCA News that he has "no concerns" about any backlash against the Muslim community as a result of the shooting. He said the chaplains work with a diverse faith community at Fort Hood.

When meeting with people affected by the tragedy, "we respond with prayer and the Word of God," he said.

Lembke, who served in Desert Storm in the early 1990s, in Bosnia and Iraq, said he's seen many tragic events but nothing like the shooting. "Death, grief and injury are nothing new," he said, "but sadly, tragedy and this type of violence are not unique."

Lembke is on the clergy roster of the ELCA New Jersey Synod. He said he is grateful for support for military chaplains expressed by ELCA leaders and members.

At nearby Immanuel Lutheran Church, Killeen, Texas, the congregation will continue with its

*The US Army Chaplain Corps*



observance of Veterans Day at services on Nov. 8 and will include prayers for all affected by the shooting, said the Rev. Raymond A. Zischang. Veterans Day is Wednesday, Nov. 11.

"We will do what we always do. We will lift up this hurting community in prayer," he said in an interview.

"We have many members who work at the base, both civilian and military," he said. "The whole community is a military community."

No members were among those who were killed or wounded, Zischang said. He said some members, who work in area hospitals, are directly involved with the wounded and their families. Brunk and Lembke are members of Immanuel.

"This (shooting) cuts across denominations and religious lines. It affects the whole community," he said. Zischang said he's received messages of support and prayers from pastors and members from throughout the ELCA.

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Information about Immanuel Lutheran Church is at <http://www.killeenimmanuel.com/> on the Web.

Information about Fort Hood and its response to the shooting tragedy is at <http://pao.hood.army.mil/> on the Web.



The **First Lutheran soup, sandwich and dessert** luncheon following worship on November 22 will have a two-fold purpose: It will provide a fellowship opportunity for the congregation and also give those attending an opportunity to contribute funds to help Brenda Bitikofer work with Medical Missions International.

Brenda, a registered nurse, has signed on to spend the week of January 9-16 in the Dominican Republic, traveling with other Medical Missions volunteers to villages that have no medical facilities, diagnosing and treating villagers and dispensing medicines.

Volunteers must pay their own expenses, including airfare, and she has been told to expect the amount to approach \$1800. Those unable to attend the luncheon who would like to contribute may do so by contacting Brenda (330-878-7348).

Both vegetable and broccoli cheese soups will be available along with Sloppy Joe and creamed chicken sandwiches and desserts.



**SOCIAL MISSIONS** - The mission for November will be the Hat, Mitten & Scarf Tree for Share-A-Christmas. There will be a box in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

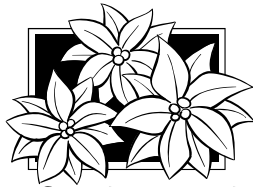


The **Community Thanksgiving** service will be held at St. John UCC on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion** will here at First Lutheran on Wed., November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



**Hanging of the Greens** will take place on Sat., November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to help get the Church ready for the upcoming season.



**POINSETTIAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Poinsettias can be ordered by filling out the form below and Returning it to the Church Office or placing it in the collection plate on Sunday. Cost per plant this year is \$10.00. **All orders must be placed by Sunday, November 15, 2009.**

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