

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, FL

Enriching the lives of people we meet by sharing the grace of God.

Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 2022
Pastor Ron Biel



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THE PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style – Gordon Young

(Please stand.)

THE WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

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| 1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days. | 3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r. |
| 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend. | 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore. |

THE INVOCATION

LSB 184

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Please continue standing or kneel.)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Please stand.)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’ ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:13-20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in

him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 192

C: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Patti Bolser

THE SERMON

**“The Bottom Line: Only One King!”
2 Timothy 4:16-18**

Pastor Ron Biel

(Please stand.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God’s own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer Requests may be texted to **352-448-7240 during the service.**

Please include your name in the request.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 209

(Please be seated.)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION FOR FOLKS AT HOME

LSB 212

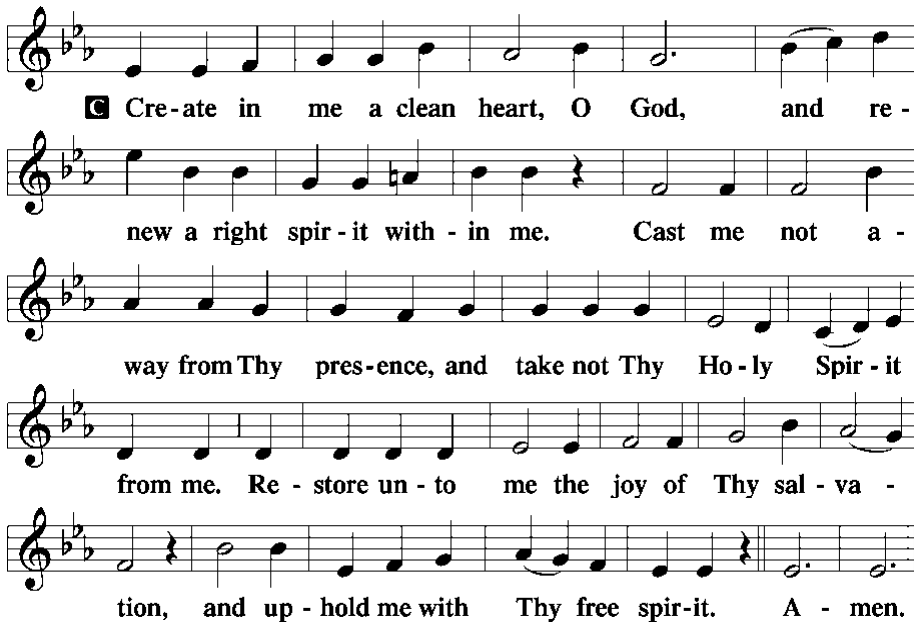
THE OFFERING

THE VOLUNTARY

**Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
Blessed Jesus, We Are Here
J.S. Bach**

THE OFFERTORY

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly 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. A - men.

(Please stand.)

THE PREFACE

LSB 194

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

LSB 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 547 The Lamb

LSB 537 Beautiful Savior

(Please stand.)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 198

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 201

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE POSTLUDE Prelude in C Major BWV 553 - Attributed to J.S. Bach

Flowers provided today by The Mounts in celebration of their 91st and 93rd birthdays and The Stewarts/Mae Zavocki in remembrance of father, grandfather, husband John Zavocki's birthday

Hanging of the Greens - November 25th at 9:00am

Let's Decorate the FLC Narthex Christmas Tree



Bring in an ornament that you would like to share with your Church Family and add it to the tree.

Share your culture or history.

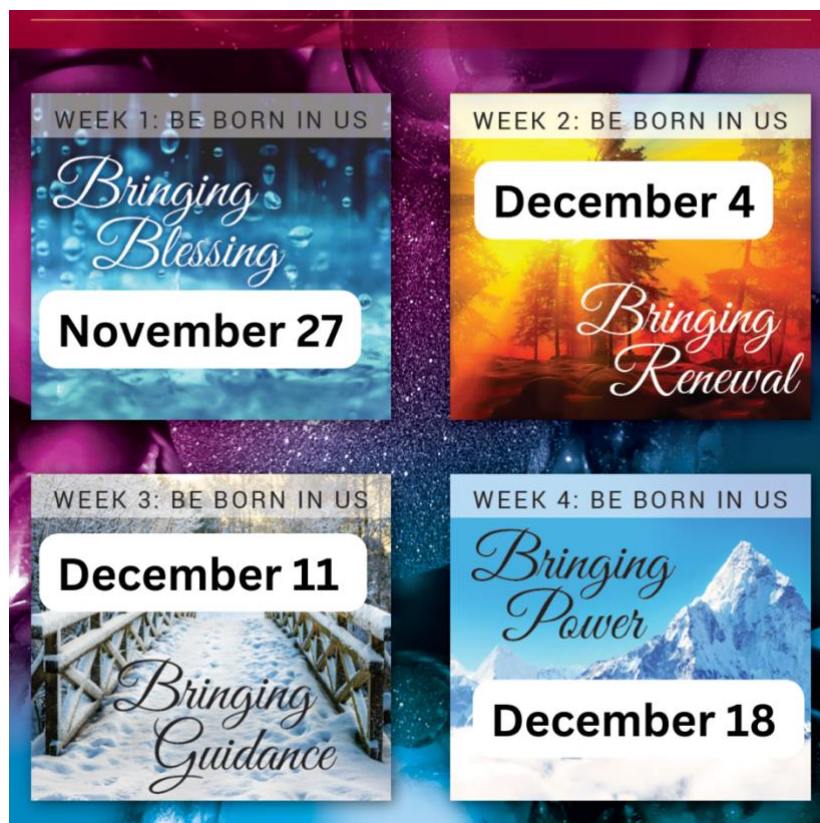
Maybe your ornament has a story.

If you cannot come November 25th, please bring your ornament in on Sunday.

Please put your name on the ornament so it may be returned.



Advent Sunday Worship Series



Sermons Series “Be Born in Us Today”

We will be reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us. We are changed by his presence within us as we become more and more like him in the living of our lives.

Angle Tree

Sponsor a child for the Guardian ad Litem program

These children are in our foster care system as a result of neglect, abandonment, or abuse. All gifts will be distributed to children in Alachua County.

1. Select a "Star" from our Angel Tree helpers.
2. Purchase a gift for the child. No candy, food items, weapons, or weapon replicas.
3. Place the unwrapped gift in a Christmas bag and attach the "Star".
4. Return to the Narthex or Church Office by December 4th.



What Christmas Carol/Hymn would you like to sing Christmas Day?

This Christmas Sunday Morning we are going to celebrate the birth of our Lord with the singing of a collection of your favorite Christmas carols and hymns.

There will be a poster board in the Narthex for you to write your carol or hymn on or give your selection to Leeann.

WOMEN OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

DECEMBER 11TH @ 5:00-7:00pm FLC Fellowship Hall

Table Host and Guests please RSVP by December 7th

Hord'oeuvres will be provided by First Lutheran Church
Table Hosts will provide desserts and festive table decorations

Please see
Julie Kahlfeldt or Barbara Hughes

Email office@flcgainesville.org or call 352-376-



Poinsettia order form on the last page of the bulletin.



We need cooks for College Lunch. Please take a spot.
This is a FLC Tradition. Let's keep it going!

Youth Events – Sunday at Abiding Savior –Dec 4 & 11, and Jan 8 –
Progressive Dinner Dec 8th
Rock the Universe Jan 27 (sign-up will be announced soon)

Abiding Savior Events – Christmas Dinner & Music Dec 17th at 6:00pm (\$5 ticket-tickets available mid Nov)
For King and County Live Stream Concert Dec 18th Free Event with desserts.

Miriam Circle meets at 10:00am second Tuesday of the month in the FLC library. Bible

studies from Lutheran Women's Missionary League Quarterly.

FLC Food Train is available for members of our church who need just a little love and help during a challenging time of death or illness or surgery. Contact the office.

FLC Card Ministry meets the first Monday of every month at 1:00pm. When requesting a prayer, please give address of the person or your phone number so we can make contact. Donations of cards are welcome as are new members.

Seeking Hearts Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings 9:15-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marge Polkowski.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Sheila Ebert
Laura Hoyer
Debbie Jones

College Lunch

The Spillanes

Lector

Marge Polkowski

Production Team

Austin DiVito
Christopher Stewart

Card Ministry

Dottie Mounts

Communion Assist

Jack Halabrin

Music

Hye Jin Park, Pianist

Ushers

Bruce Helling Jared Partridge
Roberta Partridge Jorge Rojas

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor John Glover

Senior Pastor

Hye Jin Park

Director of Music

Angie Burr

Director of Open Arms
Child Development Center

Leeann Lee

Church Administrator

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sunday 11/20/2022

College Lunch at 11:15am
Youth Group at Abiding Savior 4-6pm

November 29 – Choir Rehearsal at 5:30pm

November 30 – Bell Choir Rehearsal at 5:30pm

November 30 – Advent Service 7:00pm

Tuesday 11/22/2022

LSF Bible Study not meeting this week

Birthdays this month

Dave Groggel 11/1
Barbara Luna-Victoria 11/4
Aaron Gums. 11/9
Marina Rojas 11/9
Bob Mounts 11/10
Lee Dockery 11/13
Ken Dudeck 11/14
Tom Kucharek 11/16

Kina Rutman 11/18
Karen Natzke 11/21
Dottie Mounts 11/22
Angie Burr 11/23
Ben Janelle 11/29

Wednesday 11/23/2022

Church office closing at 3:00pm
Seeking Hearts at 9:00am Fellowship Hall

Thursday 10/24/2022

Church office closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday 10/25/2022

Hanging of the Greens at 9:00am
Church office closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

Anniversaries this month

The Luna-Victorias 11/27

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our worship every Sunday.

We welcome to our communion table all baptized Christians who:

- come confessing their sins to God,
- believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin,
- desire to live a new life in Christ, and
- recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.

Young people who have not yet taken part in our Communion preparation classes are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

- We have gluten free wafers on the platens for those allergic to wheat.
- Grape Juice is also available in the center portion of the communion trays for those wishing not to partake in wine.

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS– Please complete the Fellowship Log when it is passed
Please stop and speak with Pastor John.

*The bold portions are the parts the congregation say together.

*Prayers of the Church are prayers for others throughout the world, family, and friends.

*Confession and Absolution we confess our sins to God and Pastor grants us forgiveness

*Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday

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Young people may come forward with their parents for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.

Available in the Narthex

Cry Room

Children's Bags

Bathrooms

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**Poinsettias are being ordered from UF Horticulture this year
and will be at the Church December 8th.**



**The price this year is \$15. Fill out the form below if you wish to
purchase one of the 20 poinsettias available to take home Christmas Morning.
Drop the form and your payment in the Offering Plate or give it to Leeann.**

Name: _____

Number of poinsettias being ordered: _____

Amount of payment: _____

Tear off at the above dotted line.