

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, August 2nd ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Tuesday, August 4th

11:45 a.m. Men's Lunch @ FLC

Wednesday, August 5th

7:00 a.m. Worship on Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. Quilters

Thursday, August 6th

Office Closed

Sunday, August 9th ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Michael Goerger
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 9th:

1 Kings 19:9-18

Ps. 85:8-13

Rom. 10:5-15

Matt. 14:22-33

**Attendance last Sunday was 15
zoom log-ins and 23 in person**

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In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Welcome to All Our Guests and Visitors: The people of First Lutheran Church extend a very sincere welcome to you. For this morning's worship we will be using the Red Book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)). Ushers are available anytime for your assistance.

P: Pastor **A:** Assisting Minister **C:** Congregation * Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

***GATHERING SONG:** *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* ELW #712

Budget amounts:

June only: +\$14,204.33
January-June: +\$24,636.66

† GATHERING †

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***GREETING:**

A 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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- A** Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

FLC Announcements

Thank you to Judy Ragland for playing the organ today.

Pastor Dennis will be on vacation August 3-16. Many thanks to Michael Goerger for preaching on August 9th and 16th. The church office is open as usual, 925-2844. In an emergency please contact Dennis on his cell phone 929-2927.

Thursday, August 6th the office will be closed.

It is my greatest disappointment to cancel the women's annual rummage sale, usually held in early October. There are several reasons: closed rooms, people coming in from outside and that many who help me are in the high risk category (age and health issues) of which I am included.

Instead of forgetting the charities and our own church's emergency fund, I would like to set up a money box in the office. You can contribute directly or mail in a check to the office and the money will be deposited into the box.

Here is a list of charities we have given to in the past. If you would like to give to a specific one please put your donation in an envelope with the name.

First Lutheran Emergency Funds, Hospice Friends, Children's Advocacy, FISH, Spirit TRC, Trellis Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, Aspen, FLC Weekend Nutrition.

Please consider donating generously to these charities. It's been a difficult time for all of us and it breaks my heart not to be able to do this rummage sale this year.

Stay safe everyone and I look forward to being able to worship and plan for our rummage sale next year.

God Bless, *Linda Strand*

FISH Food Bank is in need of volunteers. Youth are welcome also; 12 and over need adult/parent, 16 and over can be on their own. This can be as little as 2 hours up to 30 hours a week, you let them know what you are available. Please contact JulieAnna at the food bank 925-5990 ext 802 or email volunteering@kvfish.org.

† WORD †

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Dennis Hickman, Ministry Associate - Carla Bergman
Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant
Choir Director - Tor Blaisdell, Office Administrator - Christine Rice

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister: Deb Wells
Reader: Warren Street ~ Ushers:
Sound Operator: Bruce Palmquist
Altar Guild: Edna Madsen

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

PSALM:

Read Responsively

Psalm 145

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
⁹**LORD, you are | good to all,
 and your compassion is over | all your works.**
¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
 and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
 and you give them their food | in due season.**
¹⁶You open | wide your hand



Alice Wanless at the death of her husband Don, Ted Mills (back surgery), Barb Peniston, The family of Ann Ringe at her passing, Suzanne Ponchene, Wanless' great granddaughter Rae Lynn Martinez (preemie), Estelle Johnson at the death of her husband Al Johnson, Geraldine Childress, Fred Watterson, Katie & Kalan Hope Klosterman (Debbie Butler niece & baby), Jan Riggs, Lani Maier, Ken Hunter, Erleen Beckley, Brooklyn Dawson, Samuel Herron, Yang-ae-Kim (Min's mother, dementia), Shane Williams, the people in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Jake Ferris, Micah Barnhart, Tim Hurson, Erik Hurson, leaders of all nations, Immigrant families, and for peace in our world and in our families.

We pray also for our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bread for the World, and FISH Food Bank. We pray for racial justice in our nation. We pray for all who suffer with COVID-19 and those who work for a cure.

*~Please update Pastor Dennis about people on the prayer list~
If you have a prayer request, fill out the blue prayer request sheet located in the pew
in-between the pencils and hand it to an usher.
(Please remember that our Service is broadcast live on KXLE radio.)*

and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
 and loving in | all your works.**
¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
 to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
 you hear their | cry and save them.**
²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
 but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
 let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
 Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ELW #834

***DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

✝ ~Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church~ ✝

*God's love inspires us to unite in worship, grow in Word and Sacrament,
 and serve the need of others as the Holy Spirit empowers us.
 To this end, as members of First Lutheran Church, we believe we are
 each called to proclaim, share, and daily live Christ's Gospel of Love.*

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

***COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:**

For in person worship: The bread and wine are in individual serving cups on tables up front. The wafer is on top and juice beneath, peel back the clear plastic and consume the wafer. Then peel back the foil and drink the juice.

For those who are taking part in the Lord's Supper at home; Please give the bread to one another or yourself with the words "The body of Christ given for you." Then give the wine or grape juice to one another or yourself with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." If you have children please lay your hands on their heads and bless them with words such as "The risen Jesus loves and saves you." (Or similar words)

After worship please consume any remaining bread and wine/grape juice or return it to the ground from which it came. (Don't throw it in the garbage.)

OTHER HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

ELW #487

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

A God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

***BLESSING:**

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen.

***HOLY GOSPEL:**

Matthew 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

ELW #515

APOSTLES' CREED:

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

** catholic means universal*

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.")

OFFERING

(Download Vanco Give Plus app to give via your phone.)

***OFFERTORY:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

ELW #686 vs 1, 4

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, O Lord, a trust from thee.

And we believe thy word, through dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C Amen.

† **PRAYERS** †

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

† **THE LORD'S SUPPER** †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: