

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, August 23rd ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Wednesday, August 26th

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

Thursday, August 27th

9:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 30th ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 30th:

Jer. 15:15-21
Ps. 26:1-8
Rom. 12:9-21
Matt. 16:21-28

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In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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: *"O Living Bread from Heaven"* ~ Busarow

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"We All Are One in Mission"* **ELW # 576**

Budget amounts:

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

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*

Thank you for your donation of \$555.72 to Lazy F Camp to support our ministry during COVID 19. I am moved by the out pouring of generosity shown by the many friends of the camp. Your financial contribution and those of many others will help us make it through these difficult times.

Your gift, along with many others has helped us stay current with our essential expenses. We are extremely grateful that we are able to rely on our friends in our time of need. The other outstanding news is that we have received a grant for \$81,000 to pay our monthly mortgage bills for the next year. This will allow us to stay current on this expense as we get our feet under us and prepare for the time we can reopen. Good news in a time when it is helpful to hear an inspirational note.

Dave Burfeind, Director

✠ 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:** “*Now the Feast and Celebration*” **ELW # 167**
Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forever more!

Vs. 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

Refrain

Vs. 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.

Refrain

Vs. 3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

A O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

†WORD†

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 51:1–6**
Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;



Prayer Requests
Charlene Watterson (broken shoulder), Alice Wanless at the death of her husband Don, Barb Penniston, 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, 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.

*~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.)*

FLC Announcements

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.

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.

† ~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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister: Deb Wells

Reader: Eric Merten ~ Ushers:

Sound Operator: James Stolte

Altar Guild: Edna Madsen

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Dennis Hickman, Ministry Associate - Carla Bergman

Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant

Choir Director - Tor Blaisdell, Office Administrator - Christine Rice

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

PSALM:

Read Responsively

Psalm 138

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**

³When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works | of your hands.**

SECOND READING:**Romans 12:1–8**

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by this age, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:*ELW # 174**

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL:*Matthew 16:13–20**

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

† 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS***SENDING SONG:***"Let All Things Now Living"***ELW #881*****DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:*"Count Your Blessings"**~ Miller*

***THE 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

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, simply peel back the foil to consume.

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 #812](#)

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:**

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

***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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Built on a Rock"

[ELW # 652 vs 1-4](#)

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:

"Gebet It"

Betty Kramlich & Jeff Snedeker

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

***OFFERTORY:**

"Now the Silence"

ELW # 460

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted Now the kneeling Now the plea
Now the Father's arms in welcome Now the hearing Now the pow'r Now the vessel brimmed
for pouring Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration Now the wedding Now
the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing Now Now Now

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us
with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and
generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 - en 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.

P The Words of Institution

C Amen