

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, July 19th ~ 7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Warren Street
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Tuesday, July 21st

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

Wednesday, July 22nd

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

Thursday, July 23rd

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 26th ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship w/Warren Street
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Scripture Readings for Sunday, July 26th:

- 1 Kings 3:5-12
- Ps. 119:129-136
- Rom. 8:26-39
- Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

**Attendance last Sunday was 21
zoom log-ins and 25 in person**

First Lutheran Church

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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 *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* ~ Held

***ENTRANCE HYMN:** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* ELW # 597

† 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.

FLC Announcements

Thank you to Warren Street for preaching today.

Pastor Dennis will be on vacation July 13-26. Many thanks to Warren Street for preaching on July 19 and 26th. The church office is open as usual, 925-2844. In an emergency please contact Dennis on his cell phone 929-2927.

June Special Offering to FISH Food Bank was \$285 and 56 pounds of food.

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.

Weekend Nutrition would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of this program we were able to supply kids with weekend meals until the official end of the school year. Lots of happy kids and grateful parents!

Budget amounts:

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister: Jeff Snedeker

Reader: Bea Fairburn ~ Ushers:

Sound Operator: James Stolte

Altar Guild: Carla Bergman

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Dennis Hickman, Ministry Associate - Carla Bergman

Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant

Choir Director - Tor Blaisdell, Office Administrator - Christine Rice



**Prayer
Requests**

Barb Penniston, Don & Alice Wanless, 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.

~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.)

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.

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.

A The word is near you,,

C on your lips and in your heart.

A If you confess with your lips Jesus is Lord,

C and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

A Faith comes from what is heard,

C and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:**



Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.

just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?



☩ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



☩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☩ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

A Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

† **WORD** †

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 44:6-8

God claims the right to sole rule, because God announces things that actually do happen, while supposed divine opponents remain silent. God is Israel's redeemer, that is, the best brother or sister they ever had.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

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 PRAYER:

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

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 for give 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **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.

SENDING HYMN:

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679

DISMISSAL:

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Garotte"

~ Boyce

Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C pray in the Holy Spirit.

A Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

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:** "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" ELW #691 vs 3

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

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.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

PSALM:

Sing

Psalm 86

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore.**

¹³For great is your | love toward me;

you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people | seeks my life;
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child | of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,

so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;

because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:12–25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

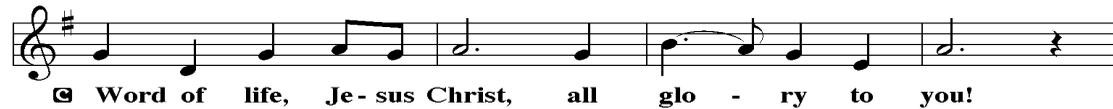
¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our

spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



*HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared

to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Warren Street

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW # 670

A In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

A Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the