

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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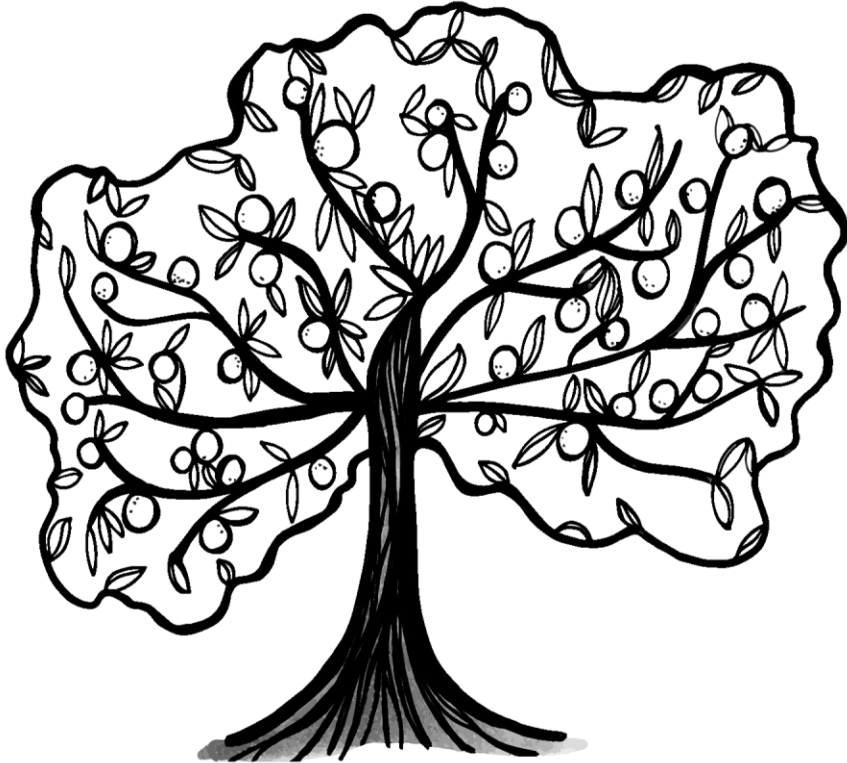
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June 29, 2025

ELW Setting 10

****Indicates the congregation is invited to stand as you are able.***

“Welcome to First Lutheran Church! All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God’s creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!”



Please let the lighting of the altar candles signal our time to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Al Gesler

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✙ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death

#452

*GREETING

Response: And also with you.

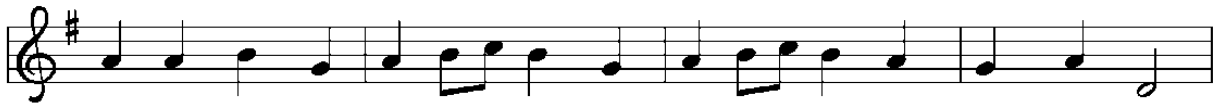
*HYMN OF PRAISE



- 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!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha

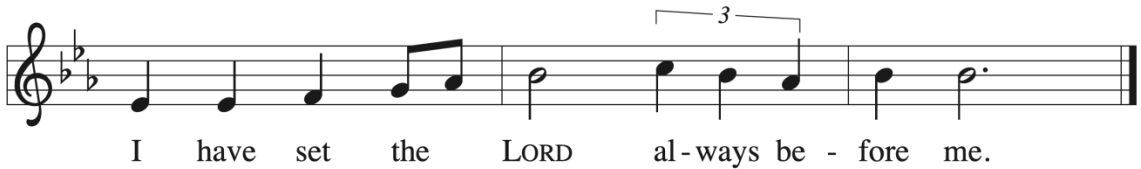
¹⁵ Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 16 *I have set the Lord always before me. (Ps. 16:8)*



Psalm 16:8

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¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹uge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good a-¹bove all other."

² **All my delight is in the godly that are¹ in the land,
upon those who are noble a-¹mong the people.**

³ But those who run after¹ other gods
shall have their troubles¹ multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings¹ to such gods,
never take their names up-¹on my lips. R**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion¹ and my cup;
it is you who up-¹hold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a¹ pleasant land;
indeed, I have a¹ rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who ¹ gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night ¹ after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord al-¹ ways before me;**
because God is at my right hand, I shall ¹ not be shaken. R

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹ it rejoices;
my body also shall ¹ rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me ¹ to the grave,**
nor let your holy one ¹ see the pit.

¹¹ You will show me the ¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-
¹ evermore. **R**

SECOND LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit..

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:51-62

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power. *

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

.P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Assistant: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Congregation:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of grace,

C: Hear our Prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

MEAL _____

OFFERING *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

#686

Verse 1 & 2

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

*2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Creator God,

**C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

***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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Congregation:*



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the elements of communion, bringing forgiveness and new life to all who receive it. The table is open to everyone, and the gift is always given, never taken. Simply make a cradle with your hand(s) as you receive the bread.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the ushers.

Bring them forward to be blessed by the pastor.

The response after receiving both the gift of bread and wine is ***"Amen."***

For those who would like to continue to celebrate in the pews, please let the usher know. For our friends who are not celebrating communion, simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.
Thanks be to God!

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	#793
	<i>Restore In Us, O God</i>	#328

BLESSING *May the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ and gifts of His body and blood
keep and unite us now and forever. Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	#482
	verse 5	
Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.		

* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Mothering God,

C: you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

#574

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please feel free to exit during the postlude

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Today's Altar Flowers

Given by Charmaine Check in memory of John Check.

Given by John Hyde In honor of my mother Sally Hyde.



WELCOME AL GESLER

Today we are happy to welcome Al Gesler as a member of First Lutheran Church. Be sure to say hello!

436½, Unit 6

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FRIDAY NIGHT OUT will be on July 11, 2025 at 6:00PM at The Arbor House.

We will order off the menu for dinner. We hope you can join us! Sign up in the narthex.



Serving Today
Assisting Minister

Cantor

Greeters

Acolyte

Children's Message

Digital Deacon

Counters

June 29

(8AM) Randy Britton
(10AM) Cathy Southwell
(8AM) Anne Benson
(10AM) Carolyn Worley
(8AM) Carol Johnson
(10AM) Melody Traub
(8AM) Jen Kersey
(10AM) Ryan Klenowski
Cynthia Klenowski
Denny Pearson
Addy Landrio
Steve Horsely

July 6

John Kersey
Denise Whipp
Carolyn Worley
Linda Ross
Barry & Irene Keller
Colleen Witmer
Jen Kersey
Max Enos
Adri Hunt
Jess Long
Steve Horesly
Addy Landrio

PRAYER LIST

Names will remain on the list for a period of three weeks.

Names may be returned to the prayer list by contacting the church office.

*Please receive permission before submitting names
to be included on the Prayer List.*

Prayer Requests: *servicemen & women, especially Andrew Shodi, Swede Backhus, Adam & Ben Frederick, Shane Simpson, Curtis Royek, Ty Elmquist, Julie & Joey Gilman, Hunter Feeny, Kohl Feeny, Jon Donaldson*

June 29: *Linn Hyde, Larry Rambish, Alyssa Dennewitz, Ron & Lois Hart, Jerry Stuart, Connie Buerkle, Rita Hawk, Terry Pearson, Val & Nancy Condio, Brent Casey, Kristin Frick, Joel Nowacki, Doug Granger, Sarah Downey, MaryBeth Nawrocki, Ariel Mickle, Dee Schultz, Family and Friends of Eunice Herrington*

June 22: *Christopher Smith, Mary Hofer, Sheila Auer, Brooke Benton, Annabelle Hartman, Jeff Granger, Family and Friends of Tom Swanson*

June 15: *Kim Tome, Rose Troyan, Holly Schubert, Bonnie Gray, Velma Zock, Peggy Nelson, Janet Wilson, Sarah Downey, Jeff Bastow, Elaine Powers, Donna Smith, Kia Lee, Betty Berdine, Vic Wolfe, Cara Smith, Joe Krall, Jerry Johnson, Mariah Nowacki, Barry Seastead, Maryann Long, Denise Cederquist*

***Please contact the Church Office if you, a family member or
someone from the parish is in the hospital.***

Help us help you when pastoral care is needed!



4TH OF JULY WATER GIVE AWAY

The winds of the world whirl around us as we see our neighbors thirsting for a place to wet their whistle! First Lutheran has a long, wonderful history of filling that thirst during our Annual 4th of July Water Giveaway. We reach out to those with common need and offer a sip of peace, hope, and love! Thank you for all past and present volunteers and we hope that you might add your name to the list. **The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.**

OUR HYDRATION STATION IS BACK!

With the high temperatures and high humidity, our daily hydration station is back by popular demand. This is a resource we have found provides many in our community, including children, the homeless, and those stuck outside this summer. We provide water, electrolyte packets, individual packets of suntan lotion, and aloe (when available). One of the things that goes the fastest are the packets of electrolytes. If you are able or willing to donate a box or two it would be greatly appreciated! They are available cheapest at most dollar stores.



ANNUAL ALL LUTHERAN PICNIC JULY 27TH @ 2:00 PM AT ST JOHN'S

St John's will provide a meat and beverage. Please bring a dish to share and your own table setting. We hope to see you there!

PRAYER VENTURES & CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The new Christ In Our Home and the July Prayer Ventures are available in the Narthex.



**Warren County
Children's
Advocacy
Center**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of 10 volunteers to help with the CAC (Children's Advocacy Center) inaugural 5k race at Chapman Dam on Saturday July 26 AT 7AM. See Denny or Jim Pearson to volunteer. Please help First Lutheran help vulnerable children.

SHARE THE BOUNTY TABLE

Don't forget to stop by the Share the Bounty Table in the narthex. As we enjoy warm weather, we may find we have excess veggies and other items. Baked goods are also welcome. Please leave them on the table, and recipients are welcome to take them. If you can, leave a donation in the Share the Bounty box. All donations will be given to Lutheran World Hunger relief efforts.



July 27th – July 31st!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ GRACE CHURCH!
501 Pennsylvania Ave E.

TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

SCAN QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION OR GO TO THE GRACE CHURCH WEBSITE!
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6:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Open to Preschool – 5th Grade!



We Need VBS Volunteers of All Kinds!! This year VBS needs more volunteers than before. We will need Crew Leaders and Crew Helpers, Snack Helpers, Craft Helpers, Music Helpers, Helpers with the Games, Helpers to sanitize the play equipment after each station, Helpers to make sure the groups are going in the right direction. Helpers can be from 6th grade to 100ish years old! If you're 18 years or older you **MUST** have your clearances. If you find a job you would like to help with, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Cheri @ 814-723-6450 or 814-688-0640.

Summer and freedom!

Vacations and holidays are times for celebration. We are free to live as God's children. God frees us for action.

Do some summer math to change FREEDOM into an action. To find the answer, use the alphabet on this page and count up or down from each letter. Print the new letter in the space below.

F	R	E	E	D	O	M
+ 13	- 13	+ 13	+ 17	+ 5	- 12	- 8
—	—	—	—	—	—	—



Find your favorite fruit at home for an after-church snack, then read Galatians 5:22-23 together.



Help us serve you, Lord. Amen



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Refrigerator Schedule

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS

Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday
at 6:30 PM

*HP/Hansen Parlor; NH/ Niewoehner Hall; OFH/Old Fellowship Hall,
YR/Youth Room, UC/Upstairs Classroom, SY/Sanctuary, CR/Choir Room
UCC/Upstairs Couch Classroom, N/Narthex, K/Kitchen*

Sunday, June 29	8:00 AM	Communion Service (SY)
	10:00 AM	Communion Service (SY)
	6:00 PM	Loser's Slime Day (OFH)
Monday, June 30	1:00 PM	Mahjongg (NH)
	3:30 PM	Family Fun Hour @ North Warren Park
	6:00 PM	ESOL (UC)
Tuesday, July 1	6:00PM	Shakespeare (OFH/Side Yard)
	4:30 PM	Movers (NH)
	6:00 PM	Ukrainian Bible Study (YR)
Wednesday, July 2	6:00PM	Shakespeare (OFH/Side Yard)
	12:00 PM	Bible Study (NH)
	5:00 PM	Grief Yoga (OFH)
Thursday, July 3	6:00 PM	ESOL (UC)
	6:00PM	Shakespeare (N/Side Yard)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl (HP)
Friday, July 4	6:00PM	Shakespeare (OFH/Side Yard)
	INDEPENDENCE DAY	
	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday, July 6	8:00 AM	Communion Service (S Y)
	10:00 AM	Communion Service (SY)



PASTOR JEFF ON VACATION UNTIL JULY 6

Pastor Jeff is on vacation. Pastoral guidance will still be available.
Simply call the office.