

First Lutheran
relationships that transform

*As you go,
proclaim the
good news*

MATTHEW 10:7

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church.

We worship God using the form of worship which has been used by Christians throughout church history, which is commonly called “liturgical worship.” Liturgy is defined as the “work of the people,” which means that this is a participatory form of worship for all people, whether leading from the front, or singing and responding as a part of the congregation.

In worship, we come out of the chaos of the world to prepare ourselves to meet God, who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Through confession/forgiveness, prayer, and proclamation of the Word of God, we are led to the center of our worship which is the celebration of Holy Communion (also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist). It is in that act of eating and drinking the true body and blood of Jesus in the forms of bread and wine, that we make a sacred connection with God. As our worship concludes, we are sent back into the world, as people who have been changed by an encounter with God, to be light in the midst of the chaos and confusion of the world.



Are you having trouble hearing the sermon?

An assistive listening system is available in our sanctuary.

You may select a receiver from the basket in the rear of the sanctuary, near the sound booth; please return it following worship.

There are **printed** copies of the sermon available in the narthex near the bulletins

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 14, 2026 **8:15 am & 10:45 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship, we are glad that God has brought us together today! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a card to receive more information about First Lutheran Church. The cards are in the narthex near the bulletins or from an usher or staff member.

NURSERY

Children 3 and under are invited to our staffed nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Meet the leader at the back of the sanctuary. The children meet in the chapel and will return to the service just before Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

A Shield About Me

The Chancel Choir

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us make personal confession of our sin.

Silence kept for reflection.

Let us confess our sin together.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

*The sharing of the peace is a time for us to be reconciled with one another
through the peace, love, and forgiveness of Christ.*

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vant's
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant:
 In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:
 Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:
 For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
 For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you
 cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda
 Help, save, and de - fend us, O
 cy.

* Ending for Kyrie

God.
 A - men.


CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD

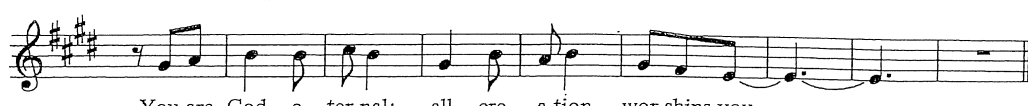
Cong. 

REFRAIN:
Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. _____

VERSE 1:

(Refrain begins)


You are God; _____ we praise you. You are Lord; _____ we ac-claim you.



You are God e - ter-nal; all cre - a-tion wor-ships you. _____

VERSE 2:


(Refrain begins)


All the an - gels in the heav-ens chant your praise in end - less song: _____

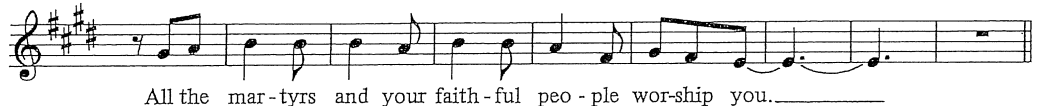


_____ Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, _____ God of pow-er and might. _____

VERSE 3:

(Refrain begins)


The a - pos - tles _____ all praise you. All the pro - phets _____ ac-claim you.



All the mar-tyrs and your faith-ful peo - ple wor-ship you. _____

VERSE 4:

(Refrain begins)


God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you. _____ Je-sus the Christ, we a - dore you. _____



_____ Spir - it of the Liv-ing God, _____ we wor-ship you. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

ELW 509

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless our lector who will read to us the scriptures. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 19:2 – 8a

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1 – 8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

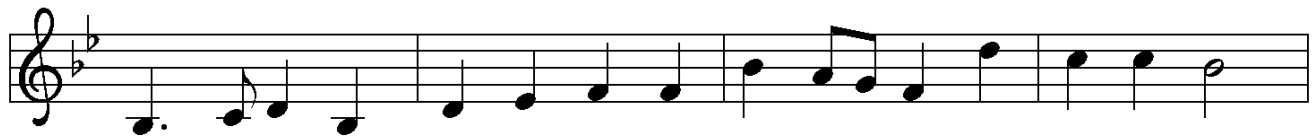
⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 10



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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

SILENT REFLECTION

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

TFF 187

Freely Freely

Words and Music by Carol Owens

VERSE

E B C#m7 F#m7 B7 F#m7 B7 B/A

♩ = 100

1. God for-gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a - gain in
 2. All pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In earth and heav'n in

E/G# B7 E A E/G# F#m7 B/D# E E F#m7 E/G# A Bsus B7

Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me
 Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you to share His pow'r as He told me

CHORUS

E A/B B7 E F#m7 B B7 E A/B

to: He said, "Free - ly free - ly, you have re - ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give;
 to:

E F#m7 B B7 E

Go in My name and, be-cause you be-lieve, Oth-ers will know that I live."

NICENE CREED

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 Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the 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.

HYMN

Let My Prayer Rise Up

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Leader or Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my
voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like

in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
of - fer - ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing
bright. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of
 life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy

Congregational response: Hear our prayer

Receive our prayers...in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING ANTHEM

It Is Well With My Soul

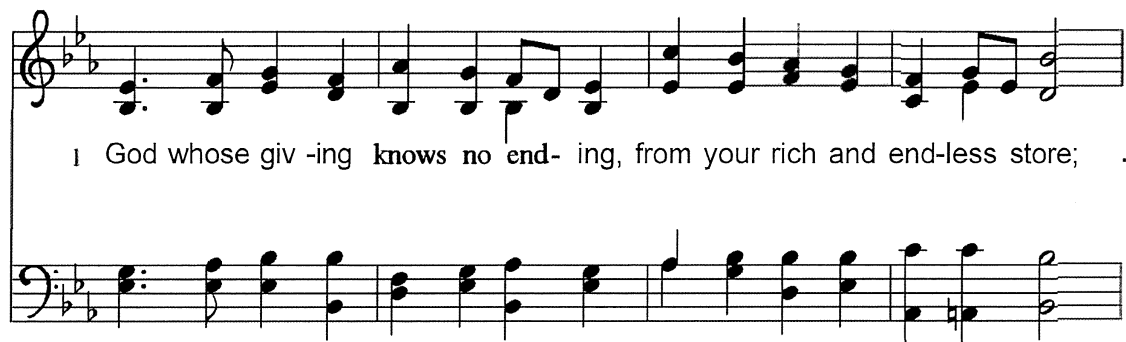
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Please stand.

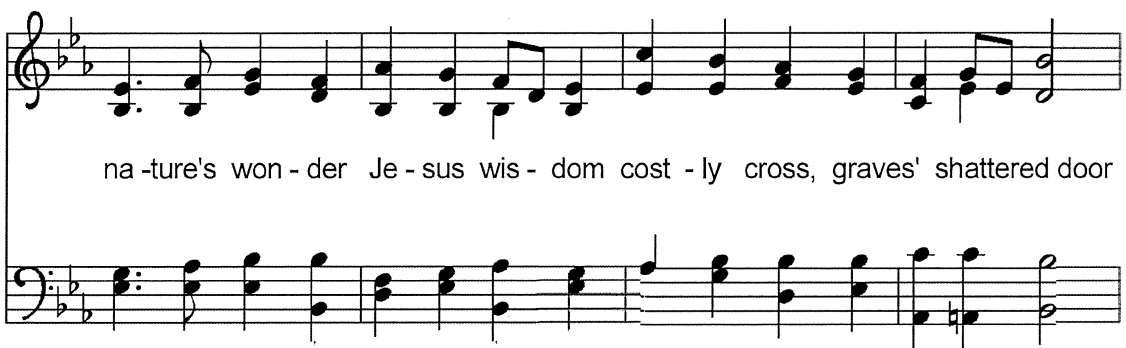
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

As the gifts are presented, the congregation sings.

God, Whose Giving, Knows No Ending



1 God whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end-less store;



na - ture's won - der Je - sus wis - dom cost - ly cross, graves' shattered door



gift - ed by you we turn to you of - f'ring up our selves in praise;



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er gra - cious do - nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

(In the absence of our pastor, the communion elements have been previously blessed for distribution this morning.)

We gather together today as a community to share in the meal that our Lord shared with his disciples on the night of his betrayal.

The bread and wine, the true body and blood of Christ is given for us to experience God's presence and gift of his forgiveness and grace in our lives.

All are invited. All are welcome. Come and share in Christ's presence

Let us join together in praying the Lord's Prayer as we prepare to receive this gift.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. . .

Please be seated.

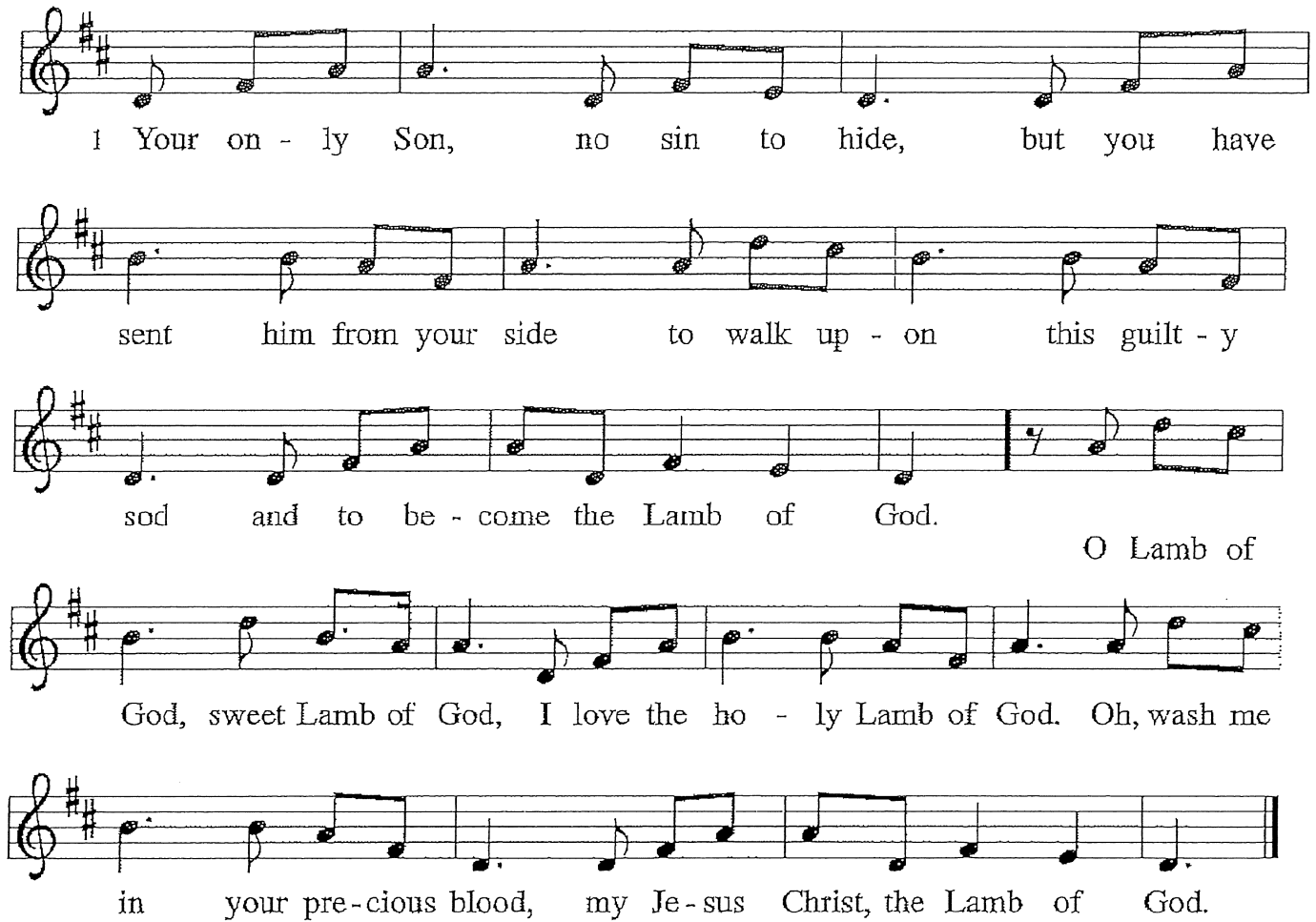
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. We teach that Holy Communion is a celebration of the real presence of Christ under forms of bread and wine. For those who prefer, cups in the center ring of the tray are filled with white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing, signal this by crossing your arms against your chest.

Lamb of God

Your Only Son

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I Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

In Remembrance

Words and Music by
Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

VERSE 1 & 2

$\text{♩} = 84$

$A\flat$ Cm $D\flat$ $E\flat 7sus$ $D\flat/E\flat$ $D\flat$

1. In re - mem - brance of Me, eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of
 (2. In re) - mem - brance of Me, heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of

6 $B\flat m$ $E\flat$ $E\flat 7$ $E\flat 7sus$ Fm $D\flat$ $G\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat sus$ $A\flat$

Me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of Me, pray for the time when God's own
 Me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of Me, o - pen the door and let your

1

2

BRIDGE

14 Cm $D\flat maj 7$ $B\flat m 7$ $E\flat$ $D\flat maj 7$ $A\flat/C$ $B\flat m 7$ $E\flat 7$ $A\flat$ $F\flat$

will is done. 2. In re in, let him in. Take, eat, and be
 broth-er

23 $A\flat$ $F\flat$ $A\flat$ $A\flat/C$ Fm $E\flat$ $D\flat$

com - fort - ed, drink and re - mem - ber, too, that this is My bod - y and pre - cious

VERSE 3

32 $A\flat$ $B\flat 7sus$ $A\flat/C$ $B\flat$ $A\flat/B\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat sus$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ Cm $D\flat$

blood shed for you, shed for you. 3. In re - mem - brance of Me, search for truth.

40 $E\flat 7sus$ $D\flat/E\flat$ $D\flat$ $B\flat m$ $E\flat$ $E\flat 7$ $E\flat 7sus$ Fm $D\flat$ $G\flat$

In re - mem - brance of Me, al - ways love. In re - mem - brance of Me don't look a -

48 E \flat A \flat sus A \flat Cm D \flat D \flat /E \flat A \flat D \flat

-bove, but in your heart, look in your heart for God. Do this in re -

56 D \flat /E \flat E \flat 7sus A \flat

- mem - brance of Me.

ELW 461

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Jesus, Name Above All Names

D F#m7

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Em7 A

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em-

D F#m7

man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re-

Em7

<i>Optional repeat</i>	<i>Last time</i>
D G/A A	D

deem - er, liv - ing Word. Word.

Please stand.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, may share your love freely,
as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

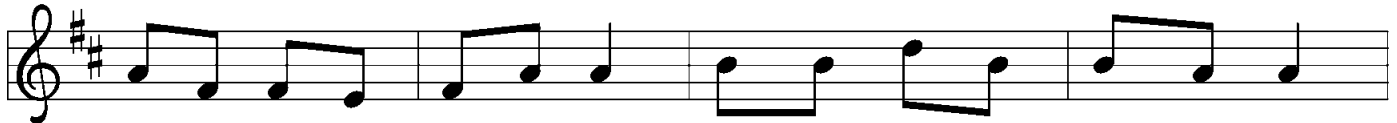
BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 595

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Go in peace. We are formed and loved by Christ to live!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK:

Monday, June 15	Tuesday, June 16	Wednesday, June 17
6:00 pm 3 B's for Men 6:00 pm Bunco	11:15 am Stew Pot 4:30 pm Fitness Class 6:00 pm Book Club 6:30 pm Family Improvement 6:30 pm Spiritual Journey	10:00 am Quilters
Thursday, June 18	Friday, June 19	Saturday, June 20
4:30 pm Fitness Class		
Sunday, June 21	Volunteer Schedule this week: June 14	Volunteer Schedule next week: June 21
8:15 am Worship with Holy Communion, and Children's Church. 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion, and Children's Church.	Lector: 8:15 am: Ranette Carter 10:45 am: Belinda Walenta Communion: Set up: Carolyn Ramirez Clean Up: Lucy Maxwell Offering Counters: Jenn Belcourt & Rachel Grundmann	Lector: 8:15 am: Beverly Bell 10:45 am: Vivian McElligott Communion: Set up: Carol & Ray Bird Clean Up: Teresa DeShazer & Randi McRae Offering Counters: Arlene Hicks & Leslie Jenkins
Readings for in preparation for Sunday, June 21 Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 1:1-16		

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bibles, Buddies & Beverages

Men's Fellowship

June 15th 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Come and join the
First Lutheran

BOOK CLUB

- Meetings monthly on 3rd Tuesday in the Cafe' @ 6:00 pm
- Discover New books
- Make friends

June 16 @ 6:00 pm
discussing the book
The Bridge of San Luis (1927)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

WELCOME HOME & Baby Shower

HONORING
Kyndal Rayne

SUNDAY
JUNE 21ST
AT 4:00 PM

FIRST
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CHURCH

PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 14TH TO
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All About Rayne

CLOTHING SIZE: 18-24 MONTHS	WIPES: PAMPERS SENSITIVE SKIN
SHOE SIZE: 6	ANY TOILETRIES: FOR SENSITIVE SKIN ONLY.
DIAPERS: PAMPERS SIZE 4	

Please RSVP to Ranette Carter 903-917-2436

BUNCO NIGHT

Monday, June 15
@ 6:00 pm
Church Café

First Lutheran Day Camp

WONDERS OF THE WATER

**Day Camp
July 13 - 17**

CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

Sunday, July 5th
Dinner & Celebration
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
RSVP on the sign-up sheet
In the narthex

I AM WORTHY

16th ANNUAL LADIES RETREAT

Join us for a joyful women's gathering filled with fellowship, food, learning, and fun. Come connect, grow in faith, and enjoy time together!

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex

25 JULY
FROM 10:00 TO 4:00

3901 BILL OWENS PKWY
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PASTOR VERONIKA CZUTOR
GUEST SPEAKER

For more information Belinda Walenta 903-918-1314

FINANCIAL REPORT

Church Cash Flow Year to Date as of:

06/08/2026

Regular Church Offering: 2026	
Contributions:	\$ 278,488
Expenditures:	\$ 334,059
Difference:	\$ (55,571)

Building Maintenance Fund Activity: 2026	
Contributions:	\$ 22,027
Expenditures:	\$ 5,099
Difference:	\$ 16,928

Summer Camp: 2026	
Donations	\$ 6,395
Expenditures:	\$ 17,710
Difference:	\$ (11,315)

Coach Bus rental for trip

*Respectfully,
Rachel Keiser*



NEW MINISTRY AT FIRST LUTHERAN

We are reaching out to our post-high school and young adults. We want to include them in our

Wednesday evening faith lessons and activities, beginning this Fall.

If you have a heart, an interest or a calling to be part of creating this important ministry,
please contact Pastor Jeff or John Parsons.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send all prayer requests and updates to the church office at: prayerchain@firstlutheran.us

FLC Members

Zoie Perry is having chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Paula Kaplan has been admitted to Hospice care.

Pray for the children and teens who attend our church and The Success Center.

Pray for church growth, numerically and spiritually.

Pray for wisdom and direction for our church leadership.

Pray for the homebound of our church and their caregivers.

Jane Bailey	Robert Kohnfelder
Durwin Sewell	Bruno Schueler
Mary Ann Gamel	Chuck & Paula Kaplan
Patty Lowe	Johnnie Owens
Joseph Carlson	Albert Holmen

Family and Friends of FLC Members

Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Those who are imprisoned.

The homeless

Members Serving in the Military

Eric Jenkins – Air Force, Ft. Meade, MD

Timothy Martin – Navy

Terrina Anderson – White House Military Office

Hannah Perry – Army, San Antonio, Tx

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 14, 2026

Compassion as Proclamation

When Jesus instructed his followers to “ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers” (Matthew 9:38), his disciples might not have expected that the sending would happen so quickly, or that *they* would be the ones sent. The job of harvest laborers might seem straightforward enough: Recognize the gifts, the fruit, and use them to advance the good news of God’s work. But what prompts Jesus to tell the disciples to ask God for laborers is that he sees people who are “harassed and helpless” (v. 36) and is moved to compassion. That movement prompts us to consider that compassion is not merely a feeling that is held, but an energy that reaches out through us to others.

Congregational mission statements and our Sunday liturgy commonly reinforce that the faithful are sent into the world proclaiming the good news of God in Christ. The scriptures stress the importance of connecting oral proclamation with meaningful action, lest proclamation become merely lip service. While proclaiming the gospel might seem broad and difficult to narrow down into our many daily interactions and tasks, the guiding principle of compassion provides a touchpoint.

The disciples’ message that God’s kingdom has come near is accompanied by actions meant to alleviate suffering. When we gather as a people of faith, we receive God’s compassion in Christ that extends through the Lord’s supper and unites us in fellowship. In our prayers we are attentive to personal, local, and broad requests, asking God to receive and keep them in God’s care. These acts of worship can prepare us to extend the compassion given to us into our personal conversations and interactions with others. When we ask how we can be led by compassion, we are asking how we can proclaim the good news of God in Christ.

Assisting In Worship Today

Celebrant: Jeffrey Borgwardt

Musicians: Donna Ashby, Pat Mueller
and The Chancel Choir

Live Stream: 8:15 am Deb Butts,
Eric Chandler, and Daniel Chandler

10:45 am: Diane Borgwardt

Lectors:

8:15 am: Beverly Bell

10:45 am: Vivian McElligott

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Jeffrey E. Borgwardt, Pastor

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John Parsons, Dir. of Family and Outreach Min.

Tina Sewell, Secretary

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FLC regularly supports the work of the following ministries of our denomination and community with financial, volunteer, and food offerings:

Longview Community Ministries

Newgate Mission

Living Water International

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response

For more information on how to get involved contact the church office (903)295-7423.