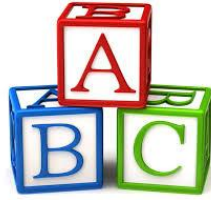


First Lutheran Church ELCA



Sunday ☩ July 13, 2025 ☩ 10:30 am

We gather for worship

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

Cindy Berry

OPENING HYMN

"Come to Me"

ELW 777



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness.

In your great mercy,

wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not remove us from your presence;

do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation,

and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's beloved children.

In the cross of ✙ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

In Christ you are a new creation.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We pray together:

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We hear God's Word for us

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

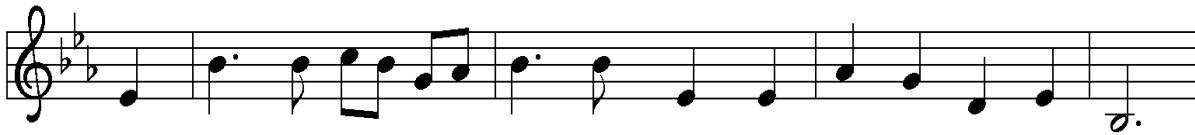
²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ The lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And Jesus said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied. . .

**4 WEEKS AND
52 REFLECTIONS
ON THE STORIES
OF THE BIBLE**



T	Tamar	Genesis 38
U	Ur	Genesis 13
V	Vashti	Esther 1
W	Whirlwind	Job 40
X	Ax	2 Kings 6
Y	Yak	Genesis 2
Z	Zelophehad	Numbers 27

T	Teacher	Luke 10
U	Utterance	Acts 2
V	Voice	John 10
W	Walking on Water	Matthew 14
X	Oxen	Luke 14
Y	Yeast	Luke 13
Z	Zacchaeus	Luke 19



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

APOSTLES' CREED

ASSISTING MINISTER:

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.

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

**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

Following each prayer, we respond...

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Welcome to God's Table

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" Mark Hayes

OFFERING / OFFERING SONG

Thank you for your offering! Offerings can be shared in the basket at the entry before or after worship. Your support of the ministry of First Lutheran is important and valued!

Thanks to those who give on a regular basis through "direct deposit" giving. (Contact the church office about this giving option.)

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ASSISTING MINISTER:

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Communion Prayers / Words of Institution

On the night before he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Over the years, different versions of the Lord's Prayer have become familiar (all quite different from the original prayer as recorded in the Gospels).

Please use the most meaningful version as you pray today:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.	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.
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Communion

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God!

All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by intinction. Dip the bread in either the wine or the grape juice.

Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. If you prefer to remain in your pew, the pastor will come and serve you there.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

ASSISTING MINISTER:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,

in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We go into God's world

God blesses us and sends us into daily vocations of service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Praise To You"

ELW 208



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda 1 2
thanks be to you for - ev - er! ev - er!
thanks be to you for -
thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us. *to stanza 3*

✚ Coda
ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

SENDING

ASSISTING MINISTER:

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Cindy Berry

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Welcome to worship! You are valued and we welcome you!

We are grateful for God's gift of a diverse community.

Find comfort in this holy space. Find friendship in this community.

Children always participate here!!

- Adults are encouraged to help children participate in the times we sing and pray together.
- Faith is learned by doing and belonging. At the entry to the sanctuary special worship bags for children are available.
- All children are welcome at Holy Communion. Children learn by doing! If families prefer, children can receive a pastoral blessing.

About Holy Communion today

- Everyone (yes everyone!) is invited to God's table of grace!
- We believe that Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine
- Holy Communion will be served today by intinction... dip the bread in either the wine (dark Color) or the grape juice (light color)
- If you prefer to remain seated, the pastor will come and serve you there.
- Gluten-free communion bread may be requested

Coffee and fellowship follows worship today!

SERVING TODAY

Pastor David Halaas	<i>presider</i>
Alison Hertenstein	<i>assisting minister</i>
Yvonne Hazlett	<i>organist</i>
Bruce Miller	<i>reader</i>
Dave Gross	<i>sacristan</i>
Alison Hertenstein	<i>communion minister</i>
Jay Schenzel	<i>usher</i>
Larry & Cheri Joslin	<i>greeters</i>
Ben & Ellie Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Dave & Janet Gross	<i>radio and livestream broadcast sponsor</i>
Dee Bertram, Nadine Holst	<i>coffee fellowship</i>

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm.

Monday, July 14

9:30am Quilters meet at St. Mark Lutheran Church

Tuesday, July 15

6:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

6:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 16

9:00-11:30 am Holy Family Food Pantry, Healthy Kids of Iowa Distribution
volunteers: Ann Doellinger, Dinah Crees

Happy Birthday this week to:

Brittney Geary 7/13, Scott Geary 7/13, Andrew Hagan 7/14, Zachary Hagan 7/14,
Doug Muilenburg 7/16, Tammy Mahaney 7/16, Jacob Simons 7/17,
Luke Samuelson 7/19

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Tell others First Lutheran worship ON FACEBOOK live on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and then available anytime . . .and the **First Lutheran radio broadcast** – every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on iHeart radio 620 am. ...

Holy Family Food Pantry is reaching the next generation!

We need you!! Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that supports our food pantry? We need a volunteer teen, adult, family unit, or small team to help pack dry goods grocery bags each week. If you are a high school student you may volunteer for honor society or silver cord hours during the school year. To start at the beginning of August.

Your presence is a gift – to you and to others!

Attendance: June 15 – 45 June 22 – 50 June 29 – 78 July 6 - 48

Long-time First Lutheran member Joanne Olson died recently, in Moorhead, Minnesota. Greetings can be sent to her family: Catherine McMullin, 1415 West Gateway Circle, Unit 22, Fargo, ND 58103. The family requests that memorials be designated to First Lutheran Church.

Mission and Ministry Partners

- **Western Iowa Synod ELCA (109 neighbor congregations)**
www.wisynod.org www.elca.org Bishop Lorna Halaas / Bishop-Elect Scott Dalen
- **Lutheran Lakeside...** outdoor ministry/camp and retreat center in
Spirit Lake, Iowa www.lutheranlakeside.com
- **St. Mark Lutheran Church** – 5200 Glenn Avenue, Sioux City
Pastor Halaas also serves as Pastor at St. Mark
- **ELCA Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries**
 - **Lutheran World Relief** quilt ministry
 - **ELCA ‘Young Adults in Global Mission’**

M	Memory	Deuteronomy 6
N	Naomi	Ruth 1
O	Olive Leaf	Genesis 8
P	Puah	Exodus 1
Q	Queen of Sheeba	1 Kings 1
R	Rahab	Joshua 2
S	Salt	Genesis 19

M	Mary Magdalene	John 20
N	Nicodemus	John 3
O	Onesiphorus	1 Timothy 1
P	Poet	Matthew 15
Q	Quirinius	Luke 2
R	Rhoda	Acts 12
S	Shipwreck	Acts 27

from “A Is For Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture”
Anna Carter Florence

The Bible is a book of faith. Through it we are connected with all the people of faith – today and in the past. The great story of God’s love and the promises of new life found in the Bible are meant to be heard and shared. This means individuals and communities of faith have a purpose – to share the good news of God’s love in words and actions.