

First Lutheran Church ELCA



The Season of Pentecost

Sunday ✙ October 5, 2025 ✙ 10:30 am

We gather for worship

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

PRELUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Paul Manz

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"God is Here"

ELW 526



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 - vants
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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST KIDS!!

*Children go to Sunday School
(and return for Holy Communion)*

We hear God's Word for us

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

First Reading: Psalm 39:1-9

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,
and see what God will do.
- ⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in

commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

SERMON



- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
 in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
 Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 whene'er we hear that glorious word.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
 your work for Christ is love revealed,
 spreading God's word from pole to pole,
 making love known and freedom real.
 Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
 we will be true to you till death.
- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
 who still must bear oppression's might,
 raising on high, in prisons dark,
 the cross of Christ still burning bright.
 Faith for today, O living faith,
 we will be true to you till death.
- 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
 bind us with all who follow you,
 sharing the struggle of your cross
 until the world is made anew.
 Faith born of God, O living faith,
 we will be true to you till death.

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.

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.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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| 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 seated, the pastor will come and serve you there.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Jesus Lead Thou On"

Paul Manz

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.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us

and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

We go into God's world

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Choir

"Jesus Loves Me"

Cindy Lippke, pianist

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 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" ELW 545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

SENDING

ASSISTING MINISTER:

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

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in C Minor"

J.S. Bach

Coffee and fellowship follow worship today!

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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. Worship bags for children are available.
- All children are welcome at Holy Communion. Children learn by doing!

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

SERVING TODAY

Pastor David Halaas *pastor*

Alison Hertenstein *assisting minister*

Jackson Munter *organist*

Cindy Lippke *pianist*

Jim Lippke *reader*

Dorothy Chauncey, Chris Taylor *sacristans*

Alison Hertenstein *communion minister*

Lee Knop *usher*

Cindy Lippke, Catherine Rommel *greeters*

Ben & Ellie Hertenstein *sound and media technicians*

Enola Peters, Ann Doellinger *coffee fellowship*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

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

Monday, October 6

9:00am Quilters

6:30pm Handbells

Wednesday, October 8

9:00-11:30 am Holy Family Food Pantry

volunteers: Sue Bowers & Dinah Crees

6:30 pm Choir

6:30 pm Confirmation at St. Mark Lutheran, 5200 Glenn Avenue

Saturday, October 11

God's Work, Our Hands: FLC Fall Clean Up Day!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 19 – Crop Walk – Grace United Methodist Church - 1pm Registration

Special Request:

As changes have taken place to our weekly radio broadcast time, we are asking members and guests to please call (712-239-3942) or email (flc3939officemanager@gmail.com) the church office to let us know who is listening to the radio broadcast and where you are located.

Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed to serve on Thursday, October 23rd.

All volunteers must be at least 16 years old and wear closed-toed shoes.

Contact Becki McGlaulin to sign up and serve those in need.

Sunday School

We are looking for a couple more people to teach Sunday School. Sunday School will take place during the worship. Please contact Jenny Denne (712-251-3069 or jenndenne@yahoo.com) if you are willing to assist with Sunday School.

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

Attendance at worship previous weeks: Sept. 7 – 72, Sept. 14 – 55, Sept. 21 - 60

Attendance at worship last week: 57

September Offerings: \$21,361

September Designated Offerings: \$8,045 (including \$4,035 from FLC WELCA for organ repair and \$2,400 from the annual picnic auction toward our HF Food Pantry.)

**There is now an online option to choose “HVAC - Capital Campaign” in Realm to designate your offering. You can also write HVAC on your check memo to designate your offering specifically. Thank you for your continued generosity

Call Committee Update –

On Sept. 17th the Call Committee submitted a Site Plan to the Western Iowa ELCA Synod requesting assistance in finding a solution to our ministerial needs. The plan submission had been approved by the Congregational Council at the Sept. 16th Council Meeting. On Sept. 22nd the First Lutheran Site Plan was approved by Bishop Scott Dalen. Our Ministry Site Profile is now available throughout the ELCA and listed on the ELCA website.

We will now await some possible responses. Please continue your never-ending support as we look forward with a clear vision.

Thank you!!!! to the generous congregation of First Lutheran Church for the donation of sound equipment to Radiant Life Community Church!
Our sound board channels were malfunctioning, and we are grateful to have your timely donation. God is good!
– *Pastor Micaiah Cvrk, Radiant Life Community Church*



Happy Birthday this week to:

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| Bill | Habermann | 10/5 |
| Tyler | Hagan | 10/6 |
| Ronald | Riediger | 10/7 |
| Isaiah | Olson | 10/7 |
| Jack | Helgeland | 10/7 |
| Bob | Rolfes | 10/8 |
| Seth | Reinhardt | 10/8 |
| Andrew | Muilenburg | 10/9 |
| Jordan | Muilenburg | 10/9 |