

JUNE 21, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CHILDCARE Available for children 5 and under in the nursery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Meets at 10am. Contact Renee at rengen@flcj.org for more information. To register, print form from flcj.orgsreg.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for graciously welcoming us into their space and allowing us to worship together.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Worship Team

WELCOMING WORDS

stand

As the presiding minister begins, all may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.
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.

GATHERING HYMN

Let Us Go Now

Refrain



Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



Refrain

walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

SECOND READING

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

GOSPEL

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

sit

SERMON

Pr. Michael Mueller

stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

APOSTLES CREED

**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

*We pray by petition. At the end of each petition, the leader says,
“God of grace,” and the assembly responds, “**hear our prayer**”*

PEACE

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

*We turn to one another and with a wave or nod and offer a gesture
of Christ’s peace. We may say these words: “Peace be with you.”*

MEAL

OFFERING TIME

A story of our ministry...

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*You can give your offering by
scanning the QR code above
with your phone camera or
place it in the offering basket
by the entrance way. You
can also bring it to the church
office or send it by mail.*

SANCTUS

Refrain



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,
God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,
God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

LORD'S PRAYER

sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Communion is open to
all who wish to receive it.
Individual, sealed communion
kits available inside the
sanctuary doors, for those
who prefer them.*

*If you would like to receive
Communion at your seat,
please notify an usher.*

COMMUNION

El Shaddai

Worship Team

When all have communed:

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

Amen.

stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING WORD

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Guide My Feet



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SUNDAY | 8AM



Embracing Love's Adventure Together

NOW - AUG 30

DRIVE IN WORSHIP

Drive-In Worship Parking: Turn off your headlights! Please park in double rows. Larger vehicles, please park along the sides or in the back. Tune your radio to 90.1 FM.

Ask a Greeter for

- A large print bulletin
- Offering Envelopes
- Connect card - To record that you have communed, or to update your address, phone, email. Or, call the office at 608.752.7434, email Jeanie at office@flcj.org, or Nan at nbandt@flcj.org

Communion: Greeters will hand out individual communion cups each Sunday.

Weather looking iffy? 8am worship will be held at Good Shepherd. A notice will be posted on the 'Closings' page at www.WCLO.com.



PRAYING FOR YOU

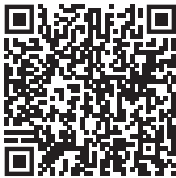
IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Prayers: Nathan & Heather Barlass, Damen Boehlke, Rick Cleasby, Renee Comstock, Karen Curry, Lynn Dhein, Violette Eichman, Connie Evans, Leon Freeburg, Linda Fronczak, Christine Genz, Jane Gesteland, JoAnn Haeberlin, Kathy Hendricks, Myra Jensen, Janet Klawitter, Marcia Kelleher, Kip, Robert Kjendlie, Gary Kleinhans, Audrey Kvistad, Jackie, K. Letheby, Marion Maddock, Eli Martin, Naomi Martin, Duane Meister, Janis Metzger, Kathy Mikkelsen, DeeDee Miller, Samantha Mulderick, Curt Nodolf, Shirley Pate, Susan Popp, Kevin Punzel, Alex Rockman, Elaine Schilling, Helen Strand, Linda Sturdevant, Kamron Schwartz, Jan Wathke

Nursing Home Care: Marlys Carlson, Ardith Eddy, Bill Foss, Kathy Foss, Nancy Guse, Rose Jensen, Judy Mowris, Bruce Pearson, Tilford "Paul" Paulsrud, Doris Roehl, Bill Sampson, Mary Sather

Homebound: Evelyn Dahl, George Dallman, Ray & Liz Decker, Bea Hanson, Harriet Hanson, Wayne Koste, Shirley Mooney, Lynn Reddel, Jan Sampson

Did your family experience flood damage? Margaret Drinkwater would like to provide a handmade quilt to individuals and families affected by the recent flooding. If your home was impacted and you would appreciate receiving a quilt, please contact the church office so we can connect you with Margaret.



SIGN UP TODAY!

4-H FAIR PARKING LOT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is the sign-up board we are using for the 4-H Fair Parking Lot Sign-up. It will be located in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepard. We are looking for volunteers to help with parking during 4-H Fair Week, July 28-Aug 2. This is a fun and easy way to meet fellow members of First Lutheran Church, spend time together, and help raise money for First Lutheran. Volunteer 3-hour shifts include:

- **Cashiers:** Collect parking fees and monitor various parking passes.
- **Parking Assistants:** Direct cars in and out of the lot, keep lanes clear, and guide guests to parking stalls.
- **Point Person:** Direct cars to Parking Assistants and direct cars to the exit

Online sign-ups: tinyurl.com/yd99nswx

Contact: Mike Drinkwater, 608.359.1626



TODAY / AFTER SECOND SERVICE

POTLUCK

Good Shepherd has graciously invited members of First Lutheran to join them for their monthly potluck meal, held after the second service on the third Sunday of each month. Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and a wonderful spread of Lutheran hot dishes!



AUG 3-5 / CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL

VBS & DAY CAMPS

Step through the portal and enter a world of adventure, where kids explore new kingdoms, make new friends, and discover what it means to live out their faith in everyday life. Each day will be filled with a lesson, dancing, games, crafts, snacks, and unforgettable moments with their friends!

Learn More & Register: flcj.org/vbs

Contact: Renee at rengen@flcj.org

WEEK OF JUNE 21

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HOURS MON-THURS 8:30am-4pm | FRI 8:30am-Noon
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SUN, JUNE 21 - 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Kentucky Service Trip

8:00am	Drive-In	Parking Lot
9:00am	Coffee Hour	Parsonage
10:00am	Worship	Good Shepherd
10:00am	Sunday School	Good Shepherd
11:00am	Potluck	Good Shepherd

MON, JUNE 22

Kentucky Service Trip

8:00pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom
9:00pm	Men's Softball	Dawson's Complex

TUES, JUNE 23

Kentucky Service Trip

8:00am	BG's	FLC
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Good Shepherd

WED, JUNE 24

Kentucky Service Trip

10:00am	Bible Study	Good Shepherd
5:00pm	Flood Recovery Team	Zoom
6:00pm	Worship Team	Good Shepherd
6:30pm	Youth Group: Hike Club	FLC Door 8

THURS, JUNE 25

Kentucky Service Trip

FRI, JUNE 26

Kentucky Service Trip

SAT, JUNE 27

Kentucky Service Trip

8:00am	Leadership Meeting	Good Shepherd
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NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

JUNE 28: 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- + Jeremiah 28:5-9
- + Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
- + Romans 6:12-23
- + Matthew 10:40-42



STEWARDSHIP

WEEK IN REVIEW

Last Week's Giving:

\$26,279.39 *Thank You!*

Avg Weekly Giving YTD: **\$16,283**

Weekly Need: \$18,198

The weekly need is calculated by taking the budgeted expenses and dividing by the number of weeks in the year. This budget year, the expected expenses are part of a growth strategy based on insights from members under the direction and oversight of the Church Council. With your support, we are looking forward to the future that is growing at FLC.



ATTENDANCE

8am: **102** 10am: **71** SS: **11**

Members of Good Shepherd and visitors, you are invited to take part in any of First Lutheran's activities. Check out the calendar above and join us!

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