

JULY 12, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CHILDCARE Available for children 5 and under in the nursery.

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's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Open The Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Worship Team

WELCOMING WORDS

stand

*All make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister
begins.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy,

we have sinned against you,

our neighbors, and your creation.

We lament the evil that holds us captive.

**We repent of the evil we have done ourselves
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

All-merciful God

forgive you all your sins
through the grace of ✠ Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 677

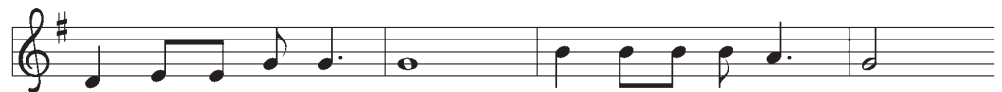
This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

sit

WORD

FIRST READING

*God's word to Israel's exiles
is as sure and effective as
never-failing precipitation.
Their return to the Holy Land
in a new exodus is cheered
on by singing mountains and
by trees that clap their hands.*

SECOND READING

*There is no condemnation
for those who live in Christ.
God sent Christ to accomplish
what the law was unable to
do: condemn sin and free us
from its death-dealing ways.
The Spirit now empowers
proper actions and values
in our lives and gives us the
promise of resurrected life.*

GOSPEL

*In Matthew's gospel, both
Jesus and his disciples "sow
the seed" of God's word by
proclaiming the good news
that "the kingdom of heaven
is near." Now, in a memorable
parable, Jesus explains why
this good news produces
different results in those who
hear.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

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 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

sit

SERMON

Coping with Frustration

Pr. Jim Johnson

stand

HYMN OF THE DAY 512

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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**"*



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.

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

Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest.
Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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:

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

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

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

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever.

Amen.

*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.*

SENDING

SENDING WORD

BLESSING

The Author of life, the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth, ✠ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

Amen.

SENDING SONG 821

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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

Hospice: Gary Kleinhans

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, Robert Kjendlie, Audrey Kvistad, K. Letheby, Marion Maddock,

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

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



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 cashier, parking assistants, point person.

Online sign-ups: tinyurl.com/yd99nswx

Contact: Mike Drinkwater, 608.359.1626



THURS, JULY 16 / 2PM / WILLOWICK HYMN SING

Join us for our monthly Hymn Sing on Thurs, July 16, at 2pm at Willowick, 2860 Liberty Ln, Janesville. Spend the afternoon singing beloved hymns, sharing fellowship, and enjoying time together in community. Whether you have attended before or are joining us for the first time, all are welcome. We hope you'll come lift your voice with us!



SAT, JULY 18 / 8AM / FLC PARKING LOT BIKE RIDING GROUP

Join us on the 3rd Sat of each month for a bike ride. For all rides, except the Pie Ride, meet at FLC at 8am.

- **July 18:** Take the bike trail north to Milton. Refreshments at the Milton Family Restaurant.
- **Aug 15:** Take the bike trail south through downtown to Riverside Park. Michael Palmer will update us on the work at the brewery, ride through the park and finish at the Farmer's Market.



SUN, JULY 19

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Celebrate Christmas in July with Good Shepherd Lutheran! Enjoy the potluck after worship, and pick a gift tag off the tree to benefit Project 16:49.

ALTAR GUILD BOOKLETS are available for pick-up in the office at the parsonage. M-TH 8am-4pm, Fri. 8am-noon. The side door facing the church is easiest to use.

WEEK OF JULY 12

WEB flcj.org | FACEBOOK @flcjvl | ON YOUTUBE
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SUN, JULY 12 - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

MON, JULY 13

5:30pm	Building & Grounds Team	Parsonage
7:00pm	Men's Softball	Dawson's Complex
7:00pm	Scout Meeting	Good Shepherd
8:00pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom

TUES, JULY 14

8:00am	BG's	FLC
9:00am	Mary Ruth Circle	Member's Home
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Parsonage
5:30pm	Worship Collective	Good Shepherd
6:30pm	Youth & Family Team	Good Shepherd
7:00pm	Discipleship Team	Good Shepherd

WED, JULY 15

8:30am	Mission Sew	First Senior Housing
5:00pm	Flood Recovery Team	Zoom
6:00pm	Worship Team	Good Shepherd
6:30pm	Youth Group: Hike Club	FLC Door 8

THURS, JULY 16

2:00pm	Hymn Sing	Willowick
3:30pm	Second Harvest	Portico

FRI, JULY 17

8:00am	Bike Ride	FLC
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NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

JULY 19: 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- + Isaiah 44:6-8
- + Psalm 86:11-17
- + Romans 8:12-25
- + Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



STEWARDSHIP

WEEK IN REVIEW

Last Week's Giving:

\$9,766.28 *Thank You!*

Avg Weekly Giving YTD: \$9,766

Weekly Need: \$18,573

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: 116 10am: 67

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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GREETERS

8:00 Sue Johnson, Elaine Myers, Jim & Kathy Meier

ALTAR GUILD

Diane Lux

TEMPORARY FLC OFFICES

Temporary offices are in the former parsonage at 740 N Randall Ave. Easiest access is through the rear porch door, and close parking is available there.
Hours: M-TH 8:30am-4pm, Fri. 8:30am-noon.

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