

JULY 5, 2026

# SIXTH 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

**T**he mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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# GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Blessing

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 556

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*sit*

# WORD

## FIRST READING

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

## SECOND READING

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

## GOSPEL

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

## FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

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 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*sit*

## SERMON

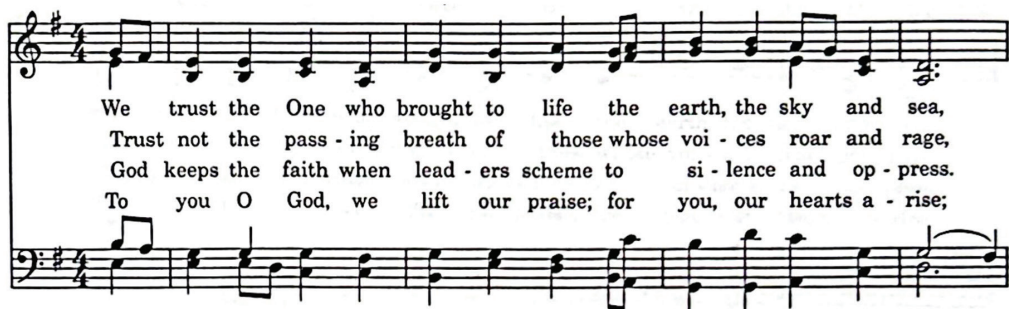
8am: Pr. Jim Johnson  
10am: Pr. David Andert

The Greatest Generation  
True Freedom

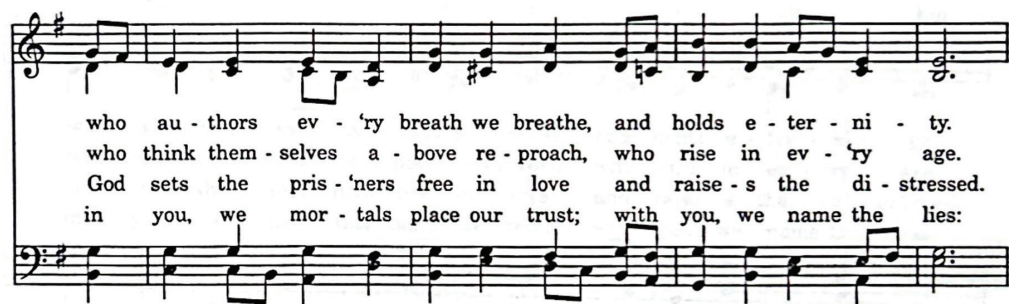
*stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## We Trust the One Who Brings to Light



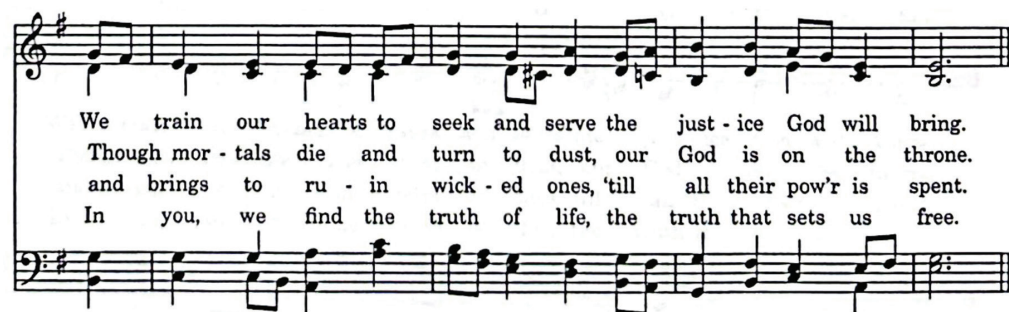
We trust the One who brought to life the earth, the sky and sea,  
Trust not the pass - ing breath of those whose voi - ces roar and rage,  
God keeps the faith when lead - ers scheme to si - lence and op - press.  
To you O God, we lift our praise; for you, our hearts a - rise;



who au - thors ev - 'ry breath we breathe, and holds e - ter - ni - ty.  
who think them - selves a - bove re - proach, who rise in ev - 'ry age.  
God sets the pris - 'ners free in love and raise - s the di - stressed.  
in you, we mor - tals place our trust; with you, we name the lies:



Though i - dols tempt at ev - 'ry turn, to God a - lone we sing.  
Bear fruits that praise our Li - ving Lord, whose reign en - dures a - lone.  
God watch - es o - ver strang - ers' ways, up - holds the bruised and bent,  
the lies of vio - lence, greed, and fear, the lie of scar - ci - ty.



We train our hearts to seek and serve the just - ice God will bring.  
Though mor - tals die and turn to dust, our God is on the throne.  
and brings to ru - in wick - ed ones, 'till all their pow'r is spent.  
In you, we find the truth of life, the truth that sets us free.

## 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

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.**



*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.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

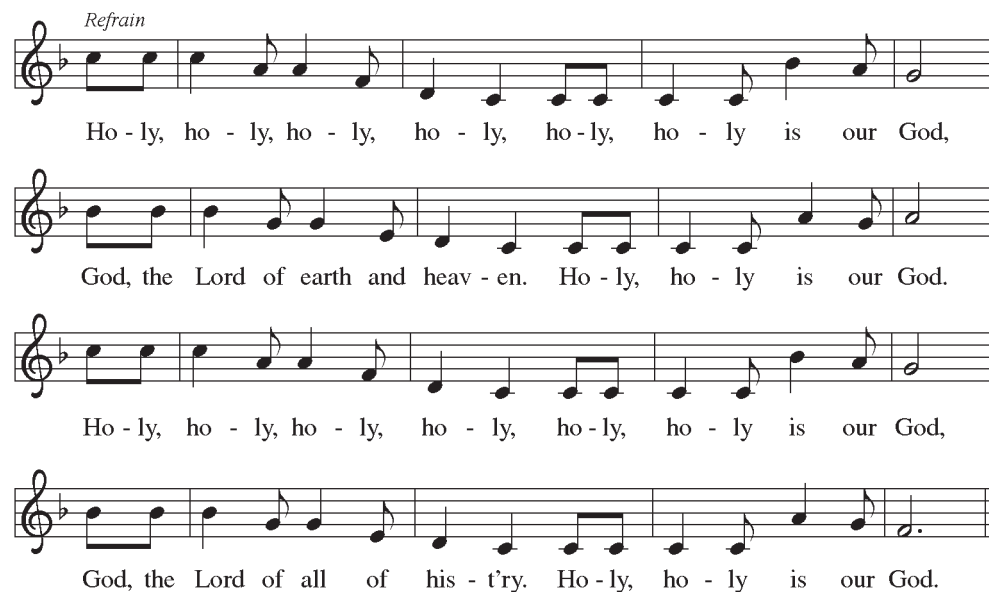
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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*

*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.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION

The Heart of Worship

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.**

## 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 887

## This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



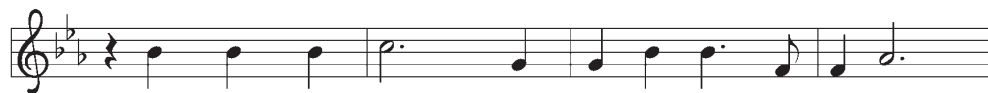
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



## WAY TO GO FIRST LUTHERAN!

## 2026 CROP WALK RESULTS

In 2026, a new record was set with \$73,128 being raised. This surpasses the previous high of \$71,951 set in 2025.

First Lutheran Church raised **\$7,047!**

# 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](http://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,

Eli Martin, Naomi Martin, Duane Meister, Janis Metzger, Kathy Mikkelsen, DeeDee Miller, Samantha Mulderick, Curt Nodolf, Shirley Pate, Susan Popp, Kevin Punzel, Debbie Rethlefsen, Elaine Schilling, Helen Strand, Linda Sturdevant, Kamron Schwartz, Jan Wathke

**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

**Military:** Zach Bumpus-Air Force, Tyler Carin-Army, Marisa Gohlke-Navy, Sean Gohlke-Navy, Kim Klusmeyer-Army, Erica Lindroth-Army, Cody Measner-Army, Marc Sunby-Navy, Jon Sunby-Air Force.

**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 5**

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## **SUN, JULY 5 - 6TH 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 6 - BUILDING CLOSED**

## **TUES, JULY 7**

8:00am	BG's	FLC
9:00am	Knitters	First Senior Housing
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Parsonage
5:30pm	Masterpiece	

## **WED, JULY 8**

1:00pm	Joanna Circle	Member's Home
5:00pm	Flood Recovery Team	Zoom
6:00pm	Worship Team	Good Shepherd
6:30pm	Youth Group: Hike Club	FLC Door 8

## **THURS, JULY 9**

10:00am	Worship Service	Rock Haven
11:15am	Worship Service	Oak Park Place

## **FRI, JULY 10 - PROGRESS ARTICLES DUE**

## **SAT, JULY 11**

9:00am	Stamping	Good Shepherd
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**THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MON, JULY 6 FOR THE JULY 4 HOLIDAY.**

**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!**



## NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

### **JULY 12: 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- + Isaiah 55:10-13
- + Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
- + Romans 8:1-11
- + Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



## STEWARDSHIP

### **WEEK IN REVIEW**

Last Week's Giving:

**\$7,945.86** *Thank You!*

Avg Weekly Giving YTD: **\$15,949**

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: 136      9:30am: 88      SS: 5

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## GREETERS

**8:00** Sue Johnson, Elaine Myers, Karen Kirkpatrick

## ALTAR GUILD

Lynn & Tom Kevern

## STAFF

The Rev. Michael Mueller SENIOR PASTOR	Aubrey McMeen MASTERPIECE COORDINATOR
The Rev. Jim Johnson VISITATION PASTOR	Michael Palmer AUDIO/VISUAL ASSISTANT
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