



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

Welcome to Worship :: September 6, 2026— Season After Pentecost

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In September, we are supporting the Strom Center. Strom Center provides a number of resources and programs for seniors and adults with disabilities. Every Lent, the Strom Center hosts a weekly ecumenical devotion. And at Christmas, the Strom Center provides extra services for its clients. Thank you for supporting our Vision and Purpose Giving.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a

In Our Prayers

Janet Lowe, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee Dee Yez, Richard Schlicher, Cecil Lovdahl, Donna Winbigler, John Van Kirk

Matthew Summer Reading Recap

Wednesday, September 16th

5:30 PM

Join us for dinner (pasta and salad)
And conversation about the Gospel of
Matthew.

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements,
Mission Statement/Prelude
Confession and Forgiveness
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 526, God Is Here

The Word/Prayer

Greeting

Kyrie: ELW Setting 8, page 184-185

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 8, page 188

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 617, We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 685, Take My Life, vs 1, 4, 6

Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 8, page 190

Preface

“Holy, Holy, Holy”: ELW Setting 8, page 190

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer

“Lamb of God”, ELW Setting 8, page 191

Distribution

Hymn After Distribution: ELW 836, Joyful, Joyful

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Benediction Refrain ELW 595, Jesus Loves Me, vs 1 and 3

Dismissal

7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

10 Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” 11 Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

15 “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”