



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Welcome to Worship :: August 3rd, 2025**

## Today's Worship Ministers

*Guest Minister/Preacher:* Pastor John Huxtable  
*Usher:* Diane Carlson  
*Reader:* Chip Algren  
*Communion Assistant:* Chip Algren  
*Narthex Host:* Linda McGuire  
*Altar Flowers:*

### Staff

*Pastor:* Jamie Gallagher  
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*Musicians:* Janice Algren and Carolyn Kellert

## 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 August, we are supporting the Kiwanis Club with 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 hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

## In Our Prayers

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Wes Lovdahl, Pam Best, Doug Moulden, Marlene Moulden, Katie Fry

## Prime Beef Drive Thru

Mark your Thursday, August 28th

Our annual Drive-Thru Dinner

Featuring ribeye sandwiches, sloppy joe sandwiches, chips, and pie

Drive thru times and volunteer needs to be announced soon

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Hymn: WOV 783, Seek Ye First

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### The Word

Pastoral Greeting

Responsive Dialogue based on Psalm 112

Hymn of Praise: ELW 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song,  
vv 1, 4

### Prayer of the Day

**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: spoken

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 765, Lord of All Hopefulness

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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### Holy Communion

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 482, I Come with Joy, vv 1-2

Great Thanksgiving: ELW Setting 10, p206

"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 10, p207

Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God": ELW Setting 10, p207

Hymn During Communion: ELW 759, My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Post Communion Prayer

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### Sending

Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 826, Thine the Amen, verse 1

Dismissal

1 The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, 19 and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."