



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Welcome to Worship :: August 10th, 2025**

## Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Trace Gallagher  
*Reader:* Doug Cruce  
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*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

11 am to 1 PM and 4 pm to 6 pm

Volunteers needed; check with Connie Larimer

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Hymn: 564, God, who Made the Earth and Heaven

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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

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel Acclamation: spoken

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 806, O God, My Faithful God

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: God Will Take Care of You

Post Communion Prayer

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### Sending

Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 826, Thine the Amen, verse 2

Dismissal

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5 He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”