



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Welcome to Worship :: June 29th, 2025**

## **Today's Worship Ministers**

*Usher:* Dee Dee Yes  
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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 June, we are supporting Wendy Anderson's Run to Peoria St. Jude's Children's Hospital fundraiser.

**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, Cecil Lovdahl, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Wes Lovdahl, Kay Bailey, Barb Rees, Pam Best

## **Order of Service**

### **Gathering**

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 438, My Lord, What a Morning

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### **The Word**

Pastoral Greeting

Responsive Dialogue based lyrics of ELW 684

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Hymn of Praise: ELW 811, On My Heart Imprint Your Image

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you,  
and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the  
ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us,  
we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel Acclamation: spoken

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW 883 All People that on Earth Do Dwell

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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### **Holy Communion**

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 481, Come to the Table

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 733, Great Is Thy

Faithfulness

Post Communion Prayer

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### **Sending**

Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 886 Oh for a Thousand Tongues to

Sing, verse 1

Dismissal

**1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**    Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor

15 Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 19 So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20 He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” 21 He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**    Freedom leads to the fruit of the Spirit

5 1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Luke 9:51-62**    To follow Jesus is to deny ourselves

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, 53 but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village.

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60 And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62 And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”