

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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*Custodian:* Chris Algren

## Check out Our Welcome Center



Under the window to the Narthex .. We have offering plates and a bin for vision and purpose giving.

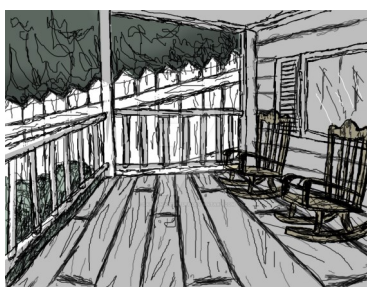
Weekly newsletters are available as well.

Coffee and other refreshments are available at the Narthex Coffee Stand.

## **Front Porch Sitting**

Join us for the next social gathering on Monday, June 24th, at 630 PM.

You are invited to Pastor Jamie's house to spend time just hanging with friends. Bring a beverage, there will be snacks, we will sit out on the front driveway and have a fire going. It is a good time to just visit and catch up on the summer.



# Welcome to Worship

**June 16th, 2024**

**Ordinary Time**

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 669 Rise Up, O Saints of God

### The Word

Pastoral Greeting  
Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 130

### Prayer of the Day

**O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Hymn of Praise: ELW 880 O God, Beyond All Praising  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
Mark 4:26-34  
Sermon

Hymn: ELW 556 Morning Has Broken  
Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of Intercession

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Gary Eyler, Cecil Lovdahl, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Carol Hanson, Suzanne Lovdahl, The Bud Family

### Holy Communion

Offering Prayer  
ELW #460, Now the Silence  
Communion Prayer  
Lord's Prayer  
ELW #462, Now We Join in Celebration, verse 1  
Distribution  
Post Communion Prayer

### Sending

Hymn: ELW 634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Benediction  
Benediction Refrain: ELW 721 Goodness is Stronger than Evil  
Dismissal

### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Mark 4:26-34**

26 He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.”

30 He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.