

AUGUST 9TH 2026
11TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



First Evangelical
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Led by the Spirit, growing in faith to welcome & serve all.

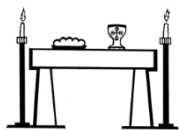
Welcome to Church. We are truly glad you are here. There are so many places in the world that we wonder if we are welcome. In this place you are welcome and celebrated! If worship is new to you, follow along in your bulletin and participate as you desire. Assembly responses are in **bold**.



In your bulletin, you'll find a "count me in" card. Please take a moment to fill it out. You can drop it in the offering basket when you go to receive communion. Even if you just put down your name and nothing else, it helps us to evaluate our worship. If you write a prayer request and nothing else, we would be honored to hold something in prayer for you. Don't worry, whatever you write down will be confidential & not shared with anyone unless you tell us to.



For families with children there are worship bags on a wooden stand by the doors to the sanctuary that have toys and activities to do during worship. There are also other activities in that same spot that you're welcome to take and keep. We welcome wiggles and chatter during worship but if you would be more comfortable in the playroom, you are welcome there too!



When it comes time for communion, please know that you are welcome. Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at First Lutheran. We invite you to share communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, or ability. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them. There is red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. She will be happy to give you a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please tell an usher.



This worship service is a gift to you. The members and friends of this church choose to share their money so that we can host a place where all are welcomed, all are served, and all can grow in faith through the work of the Holy Spirit. If you want to join us in this and share your wealth You can give online by scanning this QR code or you can use the brown envelopes in your pew to make an offering by cash or check.

Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW #822

GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9-18

Reader The first scripture reading this morning is from the first book of Kings.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 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. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

After the reading is finished...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-15

Reader The second scripture reading this morning is from the book of Romans.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

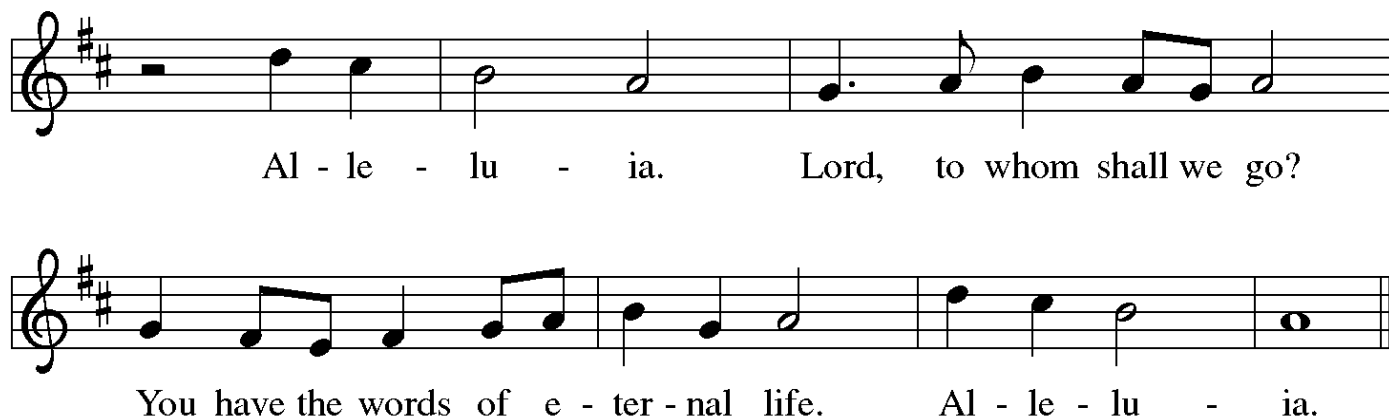
¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

After the reading is finished...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Reader This morning we read from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

After the reading is finished...

Reader The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEAT)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Savior, Pilot Me

ELW #755

BAPTISM

Pastor People of God, do you promise to support Miller and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All We do.

Leader Let us all profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce all the forces that defy God?

All I renounce them.

Leader Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All I renounce them.

Leader Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All I renounce them.

Leader Do you believe in God the Father?
**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**All I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Pastor Miller Allen Edstrom, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Blessed be God, the source of all life, the world of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Pastor Let us welcome the newly baptized Miller Allen Edstrom to the Body of Christ!
All We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: that led by the Spirit we are growing in faith to welcome and serve all. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and in bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.
All And also with you.

You are encouraged to share a greeting or sign of peace with the people around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

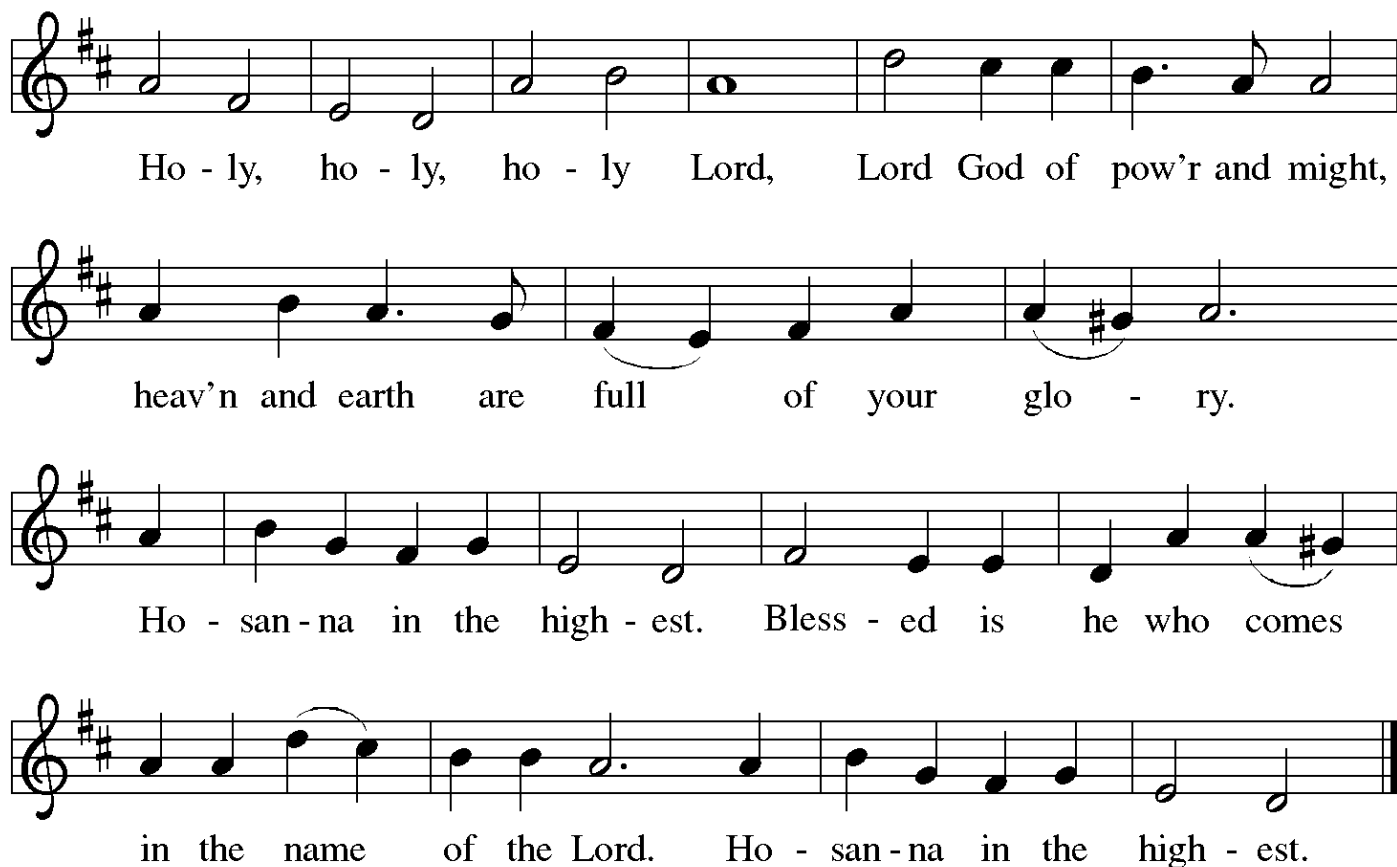
Leader Merciful God,
All receive our prayer.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #773

ELW #471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader

Let us pray,
Compassionate God,

All through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us so that we, through this holy meal, will have the courage to share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

Send

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW #632

DISMISSAL

Leader

Go in peace,

All

Thanks be to God!