

First Evangelical LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Sunday, September 27th, 2026 ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Church. We are truly glad you are here. **Assembly responses are in bold.** This page is for coloring! 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!

Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

OPENING LITANY

Pastor God, You created humanity, and humanity exists in an economy based on money.
We acknowledge that money profoundly affects our lives.

All **We acknowledge that dealing with money requires our attention and effort.**
We acknowledge that the love of money is a root of evil.
We acknowledge our temptation toward greed.
We acknowledge that money and hard work are linked.
We acknowledge that money and privilege are linked.
We acknowledge that poverty is an ongoing problem, and that your heart is for the poor.
We confess our love of money.
We confess our equating money with power and status.
We confess our squandering of resources.
We confess our hesitance to risk, to invest, and to have faith.
We confess our obsession with possessions.
We confess our worry when needs arise.
We confess our jealousy of the riches of others.

Silence is held for reflection

Pastor Holy God, Give us our daily bread.

All **Give us enough, but not too much.**
Give us treasure that moth and rust do not destroy.
Give us riches of life, relationships, and joy.
Give us wisdom to handle money in ways that reflect Your character.
Help us to steward well that which You choose to give us authority over.
Help us to have healthy attitudes towards money, to neither disregard nor idolize it.
Help us to use our money for Your kingdom work.
Help us to care for the needy, the orphan, and the lonely.
Help us to be generous, as You have been generous towards us.
Help us to be disciplined and work hard, and be rewarded accordingly.
Help us to save for times of need, and for pleasure.
Help us to trust in Your care and provision.

Pastor May we, your children, exist in a deeper economy;

All **not an economy based on money or power, but on grace.**
May we live, not from scarcity, but from the abundance of Your kingdom.

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!**

GATHERING SONG

May the Peoples Praise You

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

FIRST READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15

After the reading is finished...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come Just As You Are

GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:17-31

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading is finished...

Reader The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Build Your Kingdom Here

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader Merciful God,

All receive our prayer.

PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

OFFERING



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.

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.

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.**

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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Send Me

Bread of Life

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Let us pray,
All Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Send

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Your Grace is Enough

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace, God's abundance is yours to share.
All Thanks be to God!