

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

July 12, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study
 10:00 am Worship
 11: 15 (ish) Informational Gathering of Cong.
 11:45 Training of Healing Prayer Ministers

Monday

Tuesday 6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday

Thursday 6:00 pm Inbetweeners Group! (Young Adults 20-40 ish)

Friday

Saturday

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory in memory of Stella Ryan for her heavenly birthday by her Family.

Prayer List

Note: Names will be removed after four weeks unless the Church Office is otherwise notified.

Prayer Concerns: Clay Rogers, Joyce Ekelund, Danny Gillane, Peggy Blackman

Sustaining Prayers John Doreck, Joe & Helga Garcia, Cyndi Agrella, Carl & Peggy Davis, Lois Walker, David Carr, Debbie Marinelli, Brett Williford, Jack Gallo, Jenny Sheley, Vera Danner, Joan Macaluso, Pat Austin, Jimmy & Joyce Fundling, Dana Connor, Lynn Gallo, Marian Plain, Kay Hoh, Tom Lewis, Nikki Sonderegger, Carla Sanborn-Jones, Theresa Low, Kathleen Donahoo, Rosalina Agee, Jerre Massa, Milton Barnum III, Milton Barnum IV

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	James Tetley
Acolytes	Adalene Langford and Candice Langford
Lay Minister	Susan Stakes
Lector	Kay Henson, Noel Spencer
Vessel Bearer	Kyle and Ann Reiser
Greeter	Adam Palmer
Altar Guild	Doug Guthier, Mary Lee Guthier, Adam Palmer
Ushers	Dennis Broughton, James Gainer
Prayer Minister	Diane Denson
Live Stream	Krista Scheuerman

*Interested in serving?
You can be trained for any of the serving opportunities!
Contact the Church Office!*

Announcements

Mid-Year Update from Church Council FOLLOWING WORSHIP!

Healing Prayer Minister Training TODAY

following the Mid-Year Update from Church Council. Contact Pastor Rhoades if interested in being trained.

New Young Adults Group! Those between age 20 and 40 are invited to join Krista at the Church for an informational gathering on Thursday, July 16th at 6:00 pm! Come check it out! Bring a friend!

Interested in Playing African Drums? Talk with Jackson Glenn to learn more!

Piano Camp July 13-17 and 20-24 9am – 12pm, Tuition \$150 per week. Register with Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy!

Broadway Jr Production of The Lion King Watch for details on the performance date and time for this musical put on by Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy!

THANK YOU to Nancy Housewright for subbing in for Don Hermanson as he is away for vacation time.

Historic Lyceum – *A Wonderful Place for Your Events.* Contact Christina Ryan-Muehe, Lyceum Director, to arrange a tour to discuss having your upcoming events. From weddings to family reunions and business events to school reunions, the Lyceum is the best place on the island!

Upcoming Commemorations

Sunday, July 12

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Friday, July 17

Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native people.

Sermon Questions

1. What "cages" (fear, guilt, shame, anger, etc.) keep you from living in Christ's freedom?
2. Why is it hard to believe and live Paul's promise: "There is now no condemnation"?
3. How does remembering your baptism change the way you see yourself?
4. How is God calling you to live more fully in the freedom Christ has given you this week?
5. Who can experience Christ's freedom through your words or actions this week?

**As we go about our
Summer times of travel and rest
*Remember to Ketchup (Catch-up)***

Consider shifting your donations and tithes to autopay through your bank/credit union/etc.

Thank you for your generous support of First Lutheran through all the seasons of the year!

JULY 12, 2026 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's word brings new life and growth.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Parable of the sower

Monday Romans 8:1-11 Life in the Spirit

Tuesday Isaiah 55:10-13 God's word is powerful

Wednesday Psalm 119:105-112 Light from the Lord's law

Thursday Genesis 25:19-34 Esau and Jacob

Friday Leviticus 26:1-13 Rewards for obedience

Saturday Psalm 65:1-13 Thanksgiving for earth's bounty

Sunday Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Parable of the weeds

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. Psalm 65:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of abundant grace and mercy, help us to receive your word of life that we may be your good soil to grow in faith and share your word with others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant harvests, we thank you for your eternal care that blesses us with daily food through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God lead you out in joy and back in peace. (Isaiah 55:12)

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WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS 

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life. Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is needed for a garden to be productive?
- When and where do you receive God's word?

DEVOTIONS 

Read: Isaiah 55:10-13 and Romans 8:1-11.

Yes, we have an awesome God, as noted in Psalm 65:5. In Isaiah 55 that awesomeness is expressed through God's word that is powerful. It does what God intends. It is productive. Isaiah 55 announces the return from exile for God's people. God's word, God's will shall accomplish it. This text is often used at the ordination of a pastor or a deacon. However, could we not also use it at weddings, baptisms, and any other occasion that celebrates God's people living together in faith, hope, and love? God's word is given for all of us to speak aloud to one another for our encouragement and growth in life and faith. God's word at a meal creates thankful hearts for the abundance of God's love with daily food. God's word in the morning, evening, or at bedtime reminds us of the eternal care of God and that we are those in whom the Spirit of Christ dwells and for whom there is no condemnation (Romans 8:1 and 11). Let's cast God's word into all the corners of the earth, landing on all kinds of soil where it may sprout up and produce an abundant harvest. *Discuss:* When are times during the week that you use and speak God's word?

Pray: Creative God, may the Spirit of Christ create in me the good soil to receive your word and grow in grace. Amen.

SERVICE 

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to help plant the seeds of God's word with those around you?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 

"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit" (Matthew 13:23a). Take a sheet of paper and write "Good Soil" across the bottom. Draw a fruit tree with a trunk, leaves, and fruit. On each drawing of fruit, write different ways you show God's love to others. Read what you have written and think or talk about how your "fruits" help you and others grow in their faith. *Then pray:* Dear God, give us the faith to bear good fruit. Amen.

kids Celebrate

Lectionary 15



gather

Welcome to worship. Isn't it amazing what can come from one little seed? God made many kinds of plants. Each one has its own seed.

Draw a line matching the fruit to its seed. What is your favorite fruit? Does it have seeds inside?



Send

Bearing good fruit

Inside the fruit, draw how you can share God's love.



*God, please help me share
your love with others.*

Amen.

This week

Share a piece of fruit with someone. While you eat, thank God for loving you both.