

First Lutheran Yellow Pages

July 19, 2026

Today 8:45 am Immerse Bible Study

10:00 am Worship

Monday 10:00 am Frolic Bible Time

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday 7:00 pm Lion King Jr. in Lyceum

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Saturday

Prayer List

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Charles Dickerson by Theresa and Chelbri Dickerson.

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, Mike Arnold, Pamela McClaren, Marilyn Howard

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

Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Clay Rogers upon his death on July 11 and to Alicia King and family upon the death of her brother, Joe Martinez, on July 13.

Serving at Worship Today

Crucifer	Jackson Glenn
Acolytes	Natalie Barlow, Katherine Gerald
Lay Minister	Doryn Glenn
Lector	Diane Denson
Vessel Bearer	Albert and Janet Choate
Greeter	Anna Gerald, Annette McLaughlin
Altar Guild	Doug Guthier, Mary Lee Guthier, Adam Palmer
Ushers	James Gainer, Paul Martin, J.P. Massa
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

FROLIC Bible Time: Join us for a new class: designed for infants and toddlers. The class will have a story, either from the Frolic Bible or one of the corresponding storybooks, an activity, and music. Join us for about 45 minutes of fun and learning. We will meet in the Wiggle Room (Nursery) located by the Parish Hall

Healing Prayer Minister Training TODAY

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

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

The Lion King via Broadway Jr: After much work, the Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy Summer Camps are ready to present The Lion King Jr. Come and see Bryson Peña, Adeline and Candice Langford in the cast! There is NO CHARGE! Come and enjoy!!

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!

Men's Club: Monday, July 27 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. For ALL men connected with FLC!

Upcoming Commemorations

Wednesday, July 22

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Thursday, July 23

Brigitta of Sweden, died 1373

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

James, Apostle

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Sermon Questions

1. What “weeds” do I most quickly identify in other people—and what might God be asking me to notice in myself?
2. What is currently feeding the “wheat” in me—and what may be strengthening the “weeds”?
3. Where have I allowed disagreement or division to turn another person into an enemy or a label?
4. How might remembering my baptism and receiving God’s grace change the way I respond to the difficult issues of our world?
5. Where is Jesus calling me to help the church be “different”—a people who refuse to give up on one another and keep learning to love like Jesus?

**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 19, 2026 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

Christians are people of hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS



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

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

**Monday Isaiah 44:6-8 The Lord's promise to
Israel**

**Tuesday Romans 8:12-25 Future glory for God's
people**

**Wednesday Genesis 28:10-22 Jacob's dream at
Bethel**

Thursday Psalm 139:1-24 The inescapable God

Friday 1 Peter 1:3-9 A living hope

Saturday Psalm 86:11-17 Save me, Lord

**Sunday Matthew 13:31-33, Parables of the
44-52 kingdom**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:24-25 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, may the hope you have given us take away our fear and strengthen us for each new day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, we thank you for your goodness and for the good seed that falls into the soil to give us bread. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious to you.

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:

- Where do you find hope when you read or hear something bad in the news?
- How does the power of the Holy Spirit in your life give you hope?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 8:12-25.

The Apostle Paul speaks about our death *“by the Spirit”* that we may live (v. 13). It is a baptismal theme he mentioned in Romans 6:4: *“. . . we have been buried with [Christ] by baptism into death . . . so we too might walk in newness of life.”*

Paul speaks of living *“according to the flesh”* (v. 13). It is the life lived without hope in God. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit and are adopted as children of God. That life-giving Spirit kills the *“deeds of the body”* (v. 13), our life in the flesh (life without God). Life in Christ is a death and life experience, one that leads to hope. As children who can say, *“Abba! Father!”* (v. 15), we are heirs of God’s future in Christ. Being an heir does not mean we avoid disappointments and hurts. In fact, Paul reminds us that we *“suffer with [Christ] so that we may also be glorified with him”* (v. 17). We are people of hope as we suffer—just as Christ suffered and died—that we may rise with Christ to a new life. In faith, we wait for Christ’s final victory with hope and patience. *Discuss:* How does being an heir of God’s future in Christ give you patience and hope? *Pray:* Lord Jesus Christ, you give us a living hope; through the ups and downs of life, help us to have faith in you and trust in your saving work now and always. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support and encourage someone going through a tough time?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships – often in our own homes. Think or talk about the Christian rituals and traditions you do in your home, like prayer and scripture reading. Who taught them to you? Have you taught some of these rituals and traditions to a family member or someone else? If not, think about who you can teach them to.

Pray: *“Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.”* Amen. (Psalm 86:11)

kids Celebrate

Lectionary 18



gather

Welcome to worship. A parable is a story. Jesus told parables about simple things people saw every day such as a coin, sheep, families, and food.

THEN



NOW



Draw a line from **THEN** to the things people saw in Jesus' time and from **NOW** to things people see today.

Send

What's your story?

Turn on your imagination. Look around you. What familiar thing do you see that you could use to make a story?

Draw or write your story here.



Show your personal parable to someone and talk about it.



Dear God, help me *grow like good seeds*. Amen.

This week

Collect ideas to tell stories about God's love.