

5th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 28, 2026



# SUMMER PICNIC

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UNITED by Christ, God calls us to LOVE one another  
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING REFLECTION**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God of all creation,

**We come to you broken and in need of your forgiveness,  
We have not loved this world as we should,  
We have not loved our neighbors and struggled to love ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive us and turn us to you so that we may live in you.**

God, who is rich in mercy forgives us our sins and calls us to life through Christ.  
In the name of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven and we are made holy through God's grace. Amen.

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OPENING HYMN**

*All Are Welcome* ELW #641  
**(Vs. 1-ALL, 2-WOMEN & 3-MEN, Refrain-ALL)**

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## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE - (*Spoken*)**

**ELW page 138**

## **CANTICLE**

***Lord, Be Glorified* ELW #744**

**(Vs. 1)**

CCLI #26368

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Diana DeClemente**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus***

**Jennifer Weick**

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Janice Kapp Perry

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## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

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## **FIRST READING—Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words

that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM—Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

- <sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- <sup>3</sup> “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- <sup>4</sup> **‘I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

### **SECOND READING—Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin’s final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin’s slavery to live obediently under God’s grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW #172

The Holy Gospel according to the tenth chapter of Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL—Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Adam St. Pierre

## THE PRAYERS

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace.

Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution.

Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

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## OFFERING

*Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

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### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* ELW #678

(Vs. 3)

CCLI #5356074

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
Amen.

#### THE 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.

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## SENDING

*The God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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### BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✝ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

today and always.

**Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

*Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* ACS #950

**(Vs. 1 & 4)**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### **Welcome to First Lutheran Church**

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship  
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you  
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*





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Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
6-21-2026	\$905	\$4,542
YTD	\$123,298	\$117,596

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### June Ministry Focus: Inclusivity Awareness

In the life and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are reminded that God's love is wide enough to embrace every person and every story. As followers of Christ, we are called to build communities rooted in grace, compassion, justice, and welcome. In a world that can often feel divided, the church is invited to be a place where all people are seen, valued, and loved as children of God. Together, we continue the work of listening deeply, serving faithfully, and walking alongside one another with humility and hope.

Our congregation is strongest when we reflect the love of Jesus in both word and action — opening our hearts to neighbors near and far, caring for creation, seeking peace, and honoring the dignity of every person. The Spirit continues to guide us into deeper understanding, greater kindness, and renewed purpose as we live out Christ's call to love one another. May we be a community where grace overcomes fear, where differences are met with curiosity and respect, and where all people can find belonging in God's abundant love.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH**

### **THE SECOND ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Worship, donuts and coffee, games, visiting, indoor picnic lunch

Back by popular demand the First Lutheran Baking Contest

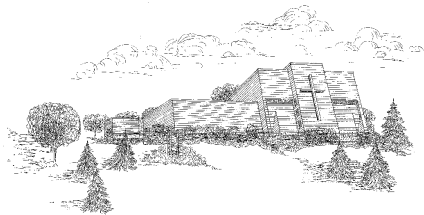
Four categories:

Cookies and bars

Cakes

Pies

Other desserts



## Weekly Schedule

Sunday, June 28

**9:00a**  
**10:00a**

**Worship**  
**Picnic**

Sunday, July 5

**9:00a**

**Worship w/Holy Communion**

### Worship Assistants

#### June 28, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Reece St. Pierre
Children's Message:	Diana DeClemente
Reader:	Rachel Wagner
Usher:	Vic Pengilly
Greeters:	Edrie Barton Rachel Wagner
Council Member:	Andrew Montag
Fellowship:	PICNIC
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Bob Bartle Joan May
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Keech

#### July 5, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	LeRoy Haaland
Reader:	Bob Reasoner
Communion Asst.:	Joan May Bonnie Keech
Usher:	Chuck Frauendienst
Greeters:	Reasoners
Council Member:	Miles Heille
Fellowship:	
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Altar Guild:	Marie Walker