

6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2026

“COME TO ME, ALL YOU  
WHO ARE WEARY AND  
BURDENED AND I WILL  
GIVE YOU REST”  
MATTHEW 11:28, NIV



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

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

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## **GATHERING**

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

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING REFLECTION**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.”  
In the name of God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God’s love.  
**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OPENING HYMN**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* ELW #888  
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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 OF PRAISE**

*Lord, Be Glorified* ELW #744  
**(Vs. 1)**  
CCLI #26368

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray  
**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

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## WORD

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

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### **FIRST READING—Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM—Psalm 145:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are good to all,**

**and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD,

and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom**

**and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

## **SECOND READING—Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

**ELW page 172**

The Holy Gospel according to the eleventh chapter of Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL—Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum,

will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

"For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Sam Mailleue**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ELW #608

**(Vs. 1 & 3)**

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest.

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

God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend.

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

God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations.

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

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

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

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation.

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

God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together.

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

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**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

*For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW #679

**(Vs. 1)**

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### 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**ELW page 144**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Holy, holy, holy* **ELW page 144**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

*Lamb of God* **ELW page 146**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may 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.**

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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**

*This Is My Song* ELW #887

**(Vs. 1 & 3)**

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## **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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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **July Ministry Focus: Mindfulness**

In the busyness of daily life, it can be easy to move from one task to the next without noticing what is happening within us. Mindfulness invites us to slow down, pay attention, and become aware of God's presence in the midst of ordinary moments. Rooted in faith, mindfulness is not about emptying our minds, but about creating space to notice our thoughts, emotions, bodies, and surroundings with curiosity and grace. The following weekly pauses offer simple practices to help you reconnect with yourself, your neighbors, and the God who walks with you through every season.

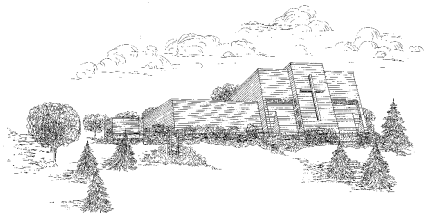
**Week 1—Pause of the Week: Move Your Body**

**Week 2—Pause of the Week: Follow the Monkey**

**Week 3—Pause of the Week: Be Grateful in the Midst of Chaos**

**Week 4—Pause of the Week: Learn Your Emotion**

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
6-28-26		\$4,523
YTD		



## Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 5	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>
Monday, July 6	12p-6p	Red Cross Bloodmobile
Wednesday, July 8	9:00a	Staff Meeting
Thursday, July 9	6p-8p	Beer & Carols, Christmas in July Paddlefish, St. Peter
Saturday, July 11		Softener Salt (Pick up or delivery)
Sunday, July 12	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:15a</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Yoga (July Ministry Focus)</b>

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### Worship Assistants

#### 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:	
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Bob Patrias John Miller
Altar Guild:	Marie Walker

#### July 12, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Reece St. Pierre
Reader:	Edrie Barton
Usher:	Steve Olson
Greeters:	Gene & Diana
Council Member:	Vic Pengilly
Fellowship:	
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Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Joanne Graff Dave Johnson
Altar Guild:	Marie Walker