

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026



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

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK – YAGM

Sami Pollack

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

Awesome God
CCLI #41099

Chorus
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

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*

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CANTICLE

Give to Our God Immortal Praise! **ELW #848**
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray
Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING— Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM— Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

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

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING—Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my

heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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The Holy Gospel according to the fourteenth chapter of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL— Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

SPECIAL MUSIC

Goodness of God

CCLI #7117726

BLESSING

I have been authorized to commission Samantha Pollack, who has accepted the call of Young Adults in Global Mission to serve the people of Mexico City.

A Reading from Acts

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Will you accept this commission and carry it out in accordance with the Holy Scriptures?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you endeavor in all things to conduct yourself as is fitting for an ambassador and servant of Jesus Christ?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be faithful, understanding, and loving to the people among whom you will live and work?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you serve under the assignment and jurisdiction of the church to which you are sent?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen.

And you, people of God, will you support this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live in peace and unity in Christ?

We will.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you sent your Son into our world to proclaim your kingdom and, by his death and resurrection, to reconcile all people according to your gracious plan.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

Blessed are you, O Lord Jesus Christ, for you preached good news to the poor, proclaimed liberty to the captives, healed the sick, and set free the oppressed.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

Blessed are you, O Lord, Holy Spirit, for you sent forth your apostles to proclaim the good news of salvation and filled them with your power.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

Bless this your servant, O Lord, in the work you have called her to do, so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, she may show your love to all people and glorify your name.

Amen.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

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

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471

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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

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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!

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Come to the Altar

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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.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Awesome God

CCLI #41099

Chorus

**Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God**

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

August Ministry Focus: Share the Harvest - August Produce Exchange

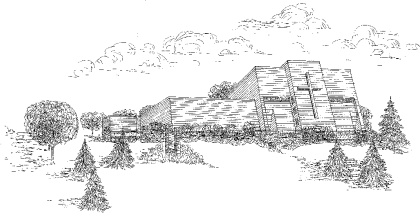
If your garden is overflowing with tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, beans, peppers, herbs, or other fresh produce, we invite you to share your abundance with our church family! Throughout the Sundays in August, we'll host a **Produce Exchange** where anyone is welcome to bring extra fruits, vegetables, or flowers to share.

Those who take home fresh produce are encouraged to make a **freewill cash donation**. All donations will go toward purchasing supplies for **Global Health Ministries Newborn Kits**, which we will assemble together during our **God's Work. Our Hands.** service event in September. All left over produce will be donated to the Le Sueur Food Shelf.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate God's gifts, reduce waste, and support families around the world. Whether you're sharing the bounty from your garden or making a donation, every gift helps extend Christ's love to our neighbors near and far.

Thank you to Jennifer and Whitney Weick for providing the special music today!

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
7-26-26	\$205	\$4,523
YTD	\$134,255	\$140,211



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 2	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
Wednesday, August 5	9:00a	Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 6	4:00p	Worship & Music Team Meeting
Sunday, August 9	9:00a	Worship

Worship Assistants

August 2, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Liam Haaland
Reader:	Rachel Wagner
Usher:	LeRoy May
Greeters:	Hudson Family
Communion Asst:	Megan Schwarz
	Mia Schwarz
Council Member:	Miles Heille
Fellowship:	
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Joanne Graff
	Bob Bartle
Altar Guild:	Bob & Rita Patrias

August 9, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Garret Handy
Reader:	Summer St. Pierre
Usher:	Vic Pengilly
Greeters:	St. Pierre Family
Council Member:	Lynnea Libra
Fellowship:	
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
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