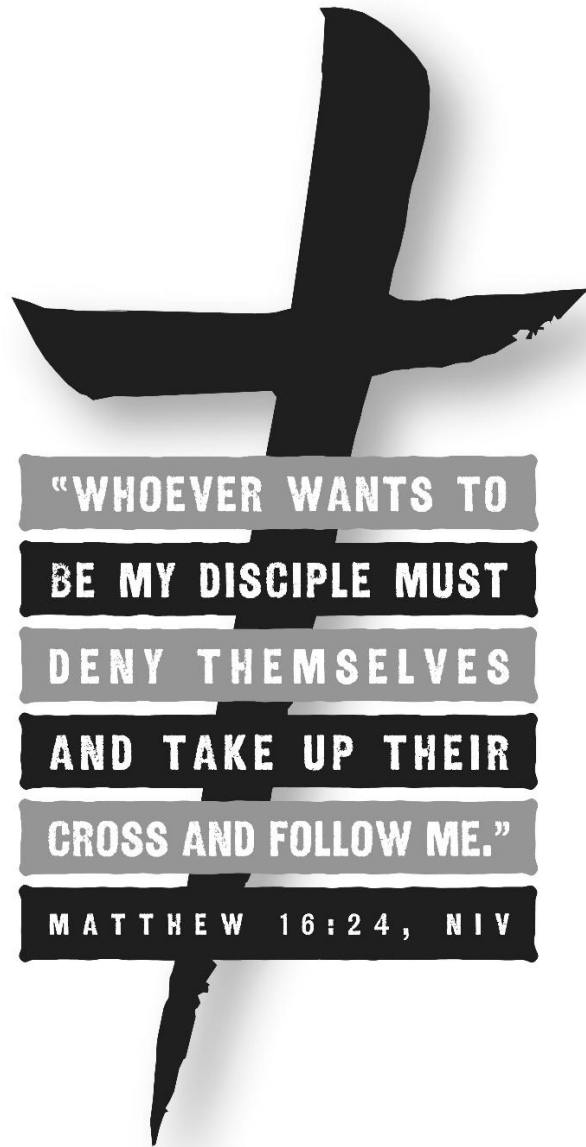


14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 30, 2026



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

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

## **GATHERING**

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

## **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 - *Congregational choice***

#### **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.**

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#### **CANTICLE**

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

Let us pray  
**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## WORD

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

### **FIRST READING— Jeremiah 15:15-21**

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

<sup>15</sup> O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup> Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.  
<sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM— Psalm 26:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.  
<sup>2</sup> **Test me, O LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**  
<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.  
<sup>4</sup> **I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**  
<sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
<sup>6</sup> **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**  
<sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup> **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

### **SECOND READING— Romans 12:9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

**ELW #172**

The Holy Gospel according to the sixteenth chapter of Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL— Matthew 16:21-28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to

save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup> “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Sam Mailleue**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* ELW #808

**(Vs. 1, 2 & 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

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 the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come.

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**

*This Little Light of Mine* ELW #677

**(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 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.**

## **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**

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** **ELW #656**  
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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.*

| Financial Update |                 |               |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Week of          | Amount Received | Amount Needed |
| 8-23-2026        | \$4,401         | \$4,523       |
| YTD              | \$148,194       | \$158,302     |



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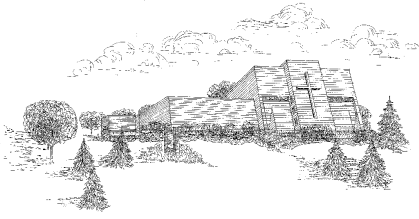
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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

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.



## Weekly Schedule

|                        |              |                                                                                             |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, August 30      | <b>9:00a</b> | <b>Worship</b>                                                                              |
| Wednesday, September 2 | 9:00a        | Staff Meeting                                                                               |
| Sunday, September 6    | <b>9:00a</b> | <b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b><br>Blessing of the Bedding<br>NY Trip Silent Auction begins |

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### Worship Assistants

#### August 30, 2026

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Organist/Pianist:     | Virginia Miller           |
| First Choir Director: | Jennifer Weick            |
| Acolytes:             | Ezra Carlen               |
| Reader:               | Rita Patrias              |
| Usher:                | John Miller               |
| Greeters:             | Stefanie Eischens         |
| Council Member:       | Joan May                  |
| Fellowship:           | Alinder Family            |
| Projection:           | Tech Team                 |
| Audio:                | Tech Team                 |
| Videographer:         | Becky Pollack             |
| Offering Counters:    | Bob Patrias<br>Bob Bartle |
| Altar Guild:          | Bob & Rita Patrias        |

#### September 6, 2026

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Organist/Pianist:     | Virginia Miller               |
| First Choir Director: | Jennifer Weick                |
| Acolytes:             | Everett Greisen               |
| Reader:               |                               |
| Usher:                | Chuck Frauendienst            |
| Greeters:             | Montag Family                 |
| Communion Asst:       | Edrie Barton<br>Rachel Wagner |
| Council Member:       | Andrew Montag                 |
| Fellowship:           | Miller Family                 |
| Projection:           | Tech Team                     |
| Audio:                | Tech Team                     |
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| Offering Counters:    | Joan May<br>Dave Johnson      |
| Altar Guild:          | Marie Walker                  |