

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*“Define Neighbor”*

*July 13, 2025*



**PRELUDE  
WORDS OF WELCOME  
THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**DIVINE SERVICE**

*Setting Three p. 184*

**Opening Hymn**      *“O Sing to the Lord” Hymn # 808*



**+ SERVICE OF PREPARATION +**

**Invocation**      *p. 184*

**Confession of Sins**      *p. 184*

**Absolution**      *p. 184*



**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**Introit**      **Psalm 136:23-26; antiphon: v. 1**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
and rescued us from our foes,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
he who gives food to all flesh,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
    **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Gloria Patri** *p. 186*

**Kyrie** *p. 186*

**Gloria in Excelsis** *p. 187*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *p. 189*

**(All) Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Leviticus 19:9-18*

<sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

**A:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Epistle Reading** *Colossians 1:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup>and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia and Verse**    *p. 190*

**Holy Gospel**    *Luke 10:25-37*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

<sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.

Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** *p. 191*

**Kid’s Word** Dave Ricke

**Hymn of the Day** “*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*” *Hymn # 848*

**Sermon** “*Define Neighbor*” *Luke 10:25-37* *Pastor Ziegler*

**Offertory** “*I Love to Tell the Story*” *Jared & Jayla Fasnacht (8:00 am)*  
*p. 192 (10:30 am)*

**Offering**

**Blessing of National Youth Gathering Group** *(10:30 am)*

**Prayers of the Church**



**+ Holy Communion +**

**Preface** *p. 194*

**Sanctus** *p. 195*

**Lord’s Prayer (*Spoken*)** *p. 196*

**The Words of Our Lord** *p. 197*

**Pax Domini** *p. 197*

**Agnus Dei** *p. 198*

**Distribution**

**Hymn** “*O Lord, We Praise Thee*” Hymn # 617  
**Hymn** “*Earth and All Stars*” Hymn # 817  
**Hymn** “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” Hymn # 809

**Nunc Dimittis** p. 199

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**Hymn** “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*” Hymn # 924

***Go and Tell!***



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### ***Those serving the Lord and us:***

Preacher and Liturgist: Reverend Karl P. Ziegler

Organist: Dave Ricke

Elders: Doug Krause (8:00 a.m.)

Aaron Caughey (10:30 a.m.)

Acolytes: Jackson & Sophia Ward (8:00 a.m.)

Rachel Wineinger & Andy Brink (10:30 a.m.)

Readers: Doug Krause (8:00 a.m.)

Michael Schweitzer (10:30 a.m.)

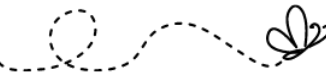
Altar Guild: Mindy Irvine

**Attendance: Saturday, July 5, 5:30 p.m. – 46**

**Sunday, July 6, 8:00 a.m. - 104, 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class - 19, 10:30 a.m. – 93**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in observance of Olivia Mueller’s 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.  
Our very best wishes to her.

## This Week at First Lutheran



1

**Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30** – Serve the meal at the Stephen Center  
**7:00** – Men's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
**7:00** – Young Adult Bible Study in the Youth Room

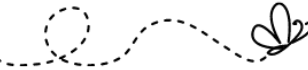
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**Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30** – Youth *Superman* movie at Marcus Twin Creek in Bellevue

3

**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Gathering Team Departs  
**7:00** – Pastor Ziegler's Zoom Bible Study begins their study of Daniel

## Next Week at First Lutheran



1

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30** – Silver Eagles Potluck Luncheon. This month the group is collecting for both NeighborGood and the Lutheran Thrift Shop. The NeighborGood donation is boxed dry mixes (cake, brownies, cornbread, etc.) and the Lutheran Thrift Shop donation is peanut butter, jelly, water, or Gatorade.

2

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Butterfly Deadline  
 Youth Gathering Team Returns  
**7:00** – Pastor Ziegler's Zoom Bible Study

3

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 9:15** – Children's Ministry Meeting in the Martin Luther Room  
**6:00** – Youth Summer Sunday Sundaes – Bible Study and ice cream at the Laib's



### Anniversaries

12 <sup>th</sup>	Zack & Mindy Irvine, Jeffrey & Laura Kupfer
13 <sup>th</sup>	Stefanie & Anthony Williamson
16 <sup>th</sup>	Brian & Shelley Harmon, Mattie & Josh Scheeter
17 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa & Jeremy Covrig, Mike & Linda Larkin, Tony & Kathy Prusha
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kristin & Steven Hazuka
20 <sup>th</sup>	Douglas & Deborah Kelley, Zackary & Sierra Manley
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jordan & Melissa Roth
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill & Jeanne Buskevicius, Blake & Callissa Donnelly
12 <sup>th</sup>	James Bolling, Lennon Donnelly, Paul Karl
13 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Koch, Olivia Mueller, Everett Patten
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Buskevicius, Zackary Manley, Amy Rau
15 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Krenzer, Kai Simonson, Radine Woltman
16 <sup>th</sup>	Harleigh Brittain, Rebecca Fasnacht, William Garcia, Donna Larson, Melissa Roth, Merna Salak, Mike Smith
17 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Woltman
18 <sup>th</sup>	Annika Bannwarth, Mary Murphy, Silas Patten, Shawn Thomson
19 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Schweitzer
20 <sup>th</sup>	Stanton Krause, Cora Palmer
21 <sup>st</sup>	Anton Glaug, Cabela Schleimer, Evie Shaw
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Joe Bannwarth, Rafferty Bannwarth, Logan Clark, Gerald Mann



### Birthdays

Don't see your name? Please call the church office at 402-339-3668 or email [thechurch@1st-lutheran.org](mailto:thechurch@1st-lutheran.org). We would love to include you!

## Join us in praying for members & friends of First Lutheran:

*God invites and welcomes our prayers. Know someone who needs prayer? Going to the hospital? Please call the church office (402-339-3668). Our pastor would love the opportunity to pray with you. We will not put your name in the prayer list unless you ask. Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless we hear from you that they need to stay on the prayer list longer.*

### Members

Trey Brehm  
Bennett Getzfred  
Arla Johnson  
Corrinna Johnson

Gerald Johnson  
Cliff Mosteller  
Rodney Nathan

Jeff Nissen  
Phyllis Palacios  
Deb Ricke

### Friends

Maddy Dimmitt (Julie Shoop's niece), Stefanie Erwin (Elaine Hansen's friend), Andy Glause (Jackie Roth's uncle), Paul Glause (Jackie Roth's uncle), Wanda Grace (Teri Lee's aunt), Mary Hartman (Cindi Hartman's mother), Karen Hasskamp (Jo Stricklett's sister), Pam Leibbrandt (Colleen Bode's sister), Lori McClenathan (Monica Harden's mother), Donna McCullough (Amy Rau's mother), Bette Peterson (Mary McMullen's mother), Juvy Rouse (Jackie Roth's cousin), Kathy Stolinski (Mary Kay Staicoff's friend), Ron Wolken (Joan Clark's uncle), Muriel Young (Jeff Getzfred's grandmother)

**Missionaries and those serving abroad:** Erin Mackenzie, and Pastor Roberto & Kathryn Weber.

**Deployed Military:** Douglas Cheek (Cheri & Dan Moore's grandson), Dustan Huber (Judy Morrell's son-in-law), Andre Salak (Michael & Merna Salak's grandson), Ty Troelstrup

**The table provides a summary of year-to-date receipts** in the General fund compared to the amounts expended and transferred for budgeted activities.

**Electronic Giving:** If you would prefer to give online, please look for the "Simply Giving" tab on First Lutheran's website. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Clark ([finance@1st-lutheran.org](mailto:finance@1st-lutheran.org)).

Through May 2025	
Receipts	\$289,928
Less: Expenses	<u>(302,307)</u>
Net	\$(12,379)
End of Month Balance	\$137,400
Kitchen Remodel Balance	\$93,207

### Prepare for worship next week by reading and meditating on these readings!

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14)	Colossians 1:21-29	Luke 10:38-42
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The Stephen Center is in need of bottled water. Please bring your donations to the church narthex (by the bread table) by July 14<sup>th</sup>, and they will be brought down to the Stephen Center on the 14<sup>th</sup> when we go to serve the meal.