

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Debt Forgiveness”

July 27, 2025



PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

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Opening Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Hymn # 770



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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Psalm 119:145-149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!

I will keep your statutes.

I call to you; save me,

that I may observe your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

O Lord, according to your justice give me life.

Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

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(All) O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 18:20-33*

²⁰Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading *Colossians 2:6-15*

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

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Holy Gospel *Luke 11:1-13*

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

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his

friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed *p. 191*

Kid's Word Linda Dammann

Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace" Hymn # 744

Sermon "Debt Forgiveness" Colossians 2:6-15 Pastor Ziegler

Offering "Praise to the Father" Linda Dammann

Prayers of the Church



+ Holy Communion +

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Distribution

Hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymn # 528

Hymn "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" Hymn # 619

Hymn "O Savior, Precious Savior" Hymn # 527

Nunc Dimittis *p. 199*

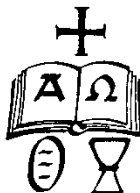
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Hymn “*All Christians Who Have Been Baptized*” *Hymn # 596 v. 1-4*

Go and Tell!



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Those serving the Lord and us:

Preacher and Liturgist: Reverend Karl P. Ziegler

Organist: Dave Ricke

Elders: Brian Harmon (8:00 a.m.)

Aaron Caughey (10:30 a.m.)

Acolytes: Izzy & Johnny Garcia (8:00 a.m.)

Lucius & June Ziegler (10:30 a.m.)

Readers: Ashley Nemec (8:00 a.m.)

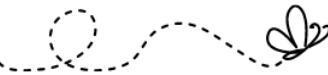
Wayne Stricklett (10:30 a.m.)

Altar Guild: Karen Baardson & Shelley Harmon

Attendance: Saturday, July 19, 5:30 p.m. – 58

Sunday, July 20, 8:00 a.m. - 81, 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class - 23, 10:30 a.m. – 116

This Week at First Lutheran



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Monday, July 28th 7:00 – Men's Bible Study
7:00 – Young Adult Bible Study in the Youth Room

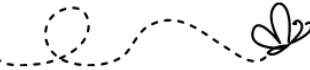
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Wednesday, July 30th 2:00 – Youth Serve at the Care Closet

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Saturday, August 2nd & Sunday August 3rd – Youth-led Services

Next Week at First Lutheran



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Wednesday, August 6th 6:00 – Youth Mini Golf

2

Thursday, August 7th 7:00 – Pastor Ziegler's Zoom Bible Study

3

Sunday, August 10th – Rally Sunday



Anniversaries

28th Derek & Lauren Ohlin
 29th Jeffrey & Jessica Getzfred
 30th Travis Helms & Tina Happel, Leon & Joanne Stilen
 31st Scott & Michelle Rentschler
 2nd Lori Doll & Jonathan Jones, Kevin & Amy Patten, Katherine & Thomas Reynolds III
 3rd Gail & Barry Maher
 5th Andy & Kellsey McMahon



Birthdays

26th Evan Friedrich, Joanie Fritz, Ellen Graham, Walter Lahs
 27th Mike Benson, Elizabeth Kothenbeutel
 28th Stephanie Hansen, Gavin Liggett, Lydia Rentschler, Alexandre Schweitzer
 29th Lexie Busch
 30th Dwayne Bolling, Sophia Glover, Caitlin Neesen, Kathryn Reestman, Valarie Wemhoff
 31st Levi Roth
 1st Brigitte Dewitt, Sophia Holtmeyer, Ruby Powell, Leon Stilen
 2nd Eric Larson, Bennett Olsen, Stacie Prusha
 4th Alexander Sobotka, Debra Turner
 5th Raymond Anderson, Sonya Brehm, Regan Covrig, Joan Schram, Jackson Ward

Don't see your name? Please call the church office at 402-339-3668 or email 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), Jim (Joyce Reed's brother), 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).

Through June 2025	
Receipts	\$344,891
Less: Expenses	<u>(364,205)</u>
Net	\$(19,314)
End of Month Balance	\$130,465
Kitchen Remodel	
Balance	\$93,369

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
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OKTOBERFEST IS BACK SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Oktoberfest 2025 will be held on October 11th. Details and volunteer opportunities will be coming soon. And dust off those pie plates - we will be selling pies again this year and would love your contribution!



**Simul Justus et Peccator
On Smeagol, Gollum, the Ring and Us.
(It's not what you think.....really, you should just
come and find out.)**

**Beginning on Sunday, August 10 in Adult
Bible Study!**

**Topics include: our assumptions about ourselves and
humankind. (anthropology)**

**Taking seriously our origins story along with that,
some definitions.**

The Simul (at the same time) and its implications.

What does this mean? The Lutheran Question.

Maybe more if I can think of some!!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
August 2025	Elders: 5:30 pm – Kyle Baardson (2, 16), Eric Grelson (9), Zack Irvine (23), Dave Platt (30) 8:00 am – Joe Griffith (3), Brian Harmon (10, 31), Doug Krause (17), Lucas Smith (24) 10:30 am – Joel Ristvedt (3, 31), Derek Ohlin (10), Matt McMullen (17), Aaron Caughey (24) Altar Guild: Karen Griffith (3, 24), Rae Woltman (10), Linda Dammann (17), Joan Clark (31) Mission of the Month: Member Mission				1	2 5:30 pm – Youth-led Worship 6:45 – Fellowship Hall Rental	
	3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Youth-led Communion Worship 9:15 –Adult Bible Class	4	5 5:30 – Preschool Parent Orientation (Fellowship Hall)	6 6 – Youth Mini Golf	7 7 – Zoom Bible Study	8	9 5:30 pm - Worship
	10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Rally Sunday	11 7 – Men’s Bible Study 7 – Young Adult Bible Study	12 7 – Board of Elders	13 6-8 – Youth Back-to-School Pizza Party	14 7 – Zoom Bible Study	15	16 5:30 pm - Worship
	17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	18 2 – Silver Eagles Ice Cream Social	19 6 – Oktoberfest Committee 7 – Board of Directors	20 6 – Guide Orientation	21 7 – Zoom Bible Study	22 BUTTERFLY Deadline	23 5:30 pm - Worship
	24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	25 7 – Men’s Bible Study 7 – Young Adult Bible Study	26	27 6-7 – Confirmation Orientation	28 7 – Zoom Bible Study	29	30 5:30 pm – Worship
31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class							