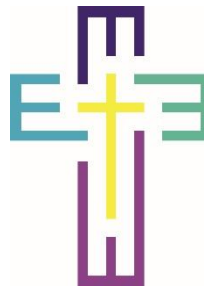


EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*“Endure”
August 3, 2025*



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

DIVINE SERVICE
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Opening Hymn *“Praise the Almighty”* *Hymn # 797*



+ SERVICE OF PREPARATION +

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit **Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1-2**

Hear this, all peoples!

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together!**

Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice.

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,

**for he will receive me.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Hear this, all peoples!
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day *p. 204*

(All) O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given

wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading *Colossians 3:1-11*

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

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Holy Gospel *Luke 12:13-21*

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night

your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed *p. 207*

Kid’s Word Youth

Hymn of the Day “*What Is the World to Me*” *Hymn # 730*

Sermon “*Endure*” *Hebrews 12:1-3* *Pastor Ziegler*

Youth Gathering Speakers

Prayers of the Church

Offering



+ Holy Communion +

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Agnus Dei *p. 210*

Distribution

Hymn “*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*” *Hymn # 618*

Hymn “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*” *Hymn # 761*

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

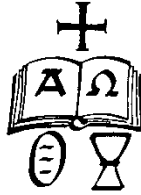
Nunc Dimittis *p. 211*

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Hymn “*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*” *Hymn # 707*

Go and Tell!



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Those serving the Lord and us:

Preacher and Liturgist: Reverend Karl P. Ziegler

Organist: Dave Ricke

Elders: Joe Griffith (8:00 a.m.)

Joel Ristvedt (10:30 a.m.)

Acolytes: Ryan Nemec & Rose Deluna (8:00 a.m.)

Morgan Hansen & Georgianna Getzfred (10:30 a.m.)

Readers: Youth (8:00 a.m.)

Youth (10:30 a.m.)

Altar Guild: Karen Griffith

Attendance: Saturday, July 26, 5:30 p.m. – 63

Sunday, July 27, 8:00 a.m. - 93, 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class - 27, 10:30 a.m. – 94

Received into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday is Kammy Lorraine Reynolds, daughter of Thomas & Katherine (Portera) Reynolds III. Kammy's sponsors are Jeff Wall & Cheryl Wall. May God keep Kammy in her baptismal grace.

This Week at First Lutheran

1

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

Next Week at First Lutheran

1

Monday, August 11th 7:00 – Men's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 – Young Adult Bible Study in the Youth Room

2

Wednesday, August 13th 6:00 – Youth Back-to-School Pizza Party

3

Thursday, August 14th 7:00 – Pastor Ziegler's Zoom Bible Study



Anniversaries

2 nd	Lori Doll & Jonathan Jones, Kevin & Amy Patten, Katherine & Thomas Reynolds III
3 rd	Gail & Barry Maher
5 th	Andy & Kellsey McMahon
6 th	Jim & Dawn Helmberger
8 th	Alexis & Kevin Holtmeyer, Austin & Caitlin Neesen
11 th	Theodore & Colleen Bode, Jeff & Kaylene Nienhueser
12 th	Debra & Ricardo Turner



Birthdays

2 nd	Eric Larson, Bennett Olsen, Stacie Prusha
4 th	Alexander Sobotka, Debra Turner
5 th	Raymond Anderson, Sonya Brehm, Regan Covrig, Joan Schram, Jackson Ward
6 th	Kaden Curtis, Dan Moore, Cliff Mosteller, Wendy Nissen, Dale Riches
8 th	Nancy Bachman, Lucas Smith
9 th	Niki Caughey, Mary Hester
10 th	Michael Callison, Erin Helmberger, Patrick Karl, Ryan Karl
12 th	Eli Baardson

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!

The Papillion Area Concert (PAC) Band will present "Choose Joy" free concert at the SumTur Amphitheater at 7:30pm, Sunday, August 10.

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

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), Greg Laughman (Joe Griffith's friend), 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!

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-16	Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)
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¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12:1-3





**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!!!!

150 Blessings

Celebrate 150 years of ministry through acts of service, gratitude, and love in our community.



100/150

August 2025: Blessing New Beginnings



Join us this August as we
bless those with new
beginnings this school year.

Get involved through
meaningful activities at
church and at home!

BLESS THE COMMUNITY...

CHURCH EVENTS:

1. **Rally Sunday:**
Kick-off the school year with
the restart of Sunday School

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY IDEAS:

1. Donate school supplies to a
local school
2. Decorate the sidewalk with
chalk
3. Pray for new students and teachers
4. Send a note with lunch during
the first week of school

Join us as we continue to intentionally bless our community,
just as we have been for the last 150 years!

Come One Come All to the
First Lutheran Church



October 11th, 2025

Serving 11am - 1pm & 5pm - 7pm

420 N Washington St. Papillion

Serving Homemade German Food

Adults \$12 Kids (12 & under) \$5



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