Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27th, 2025



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Welcome to the Lord's Table at First Lutheran

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as He says, gives His very body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive, and forgive as He forgives us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and so are unable to receive the Sacrament, are invited to come to the altar with their arms crossed to receive a blessing, or may remain in their seats to meditate on God's Word during the distribution and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

What must I do to be prepared for Communion?



- Recognize that you are a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
- Trust in the words of Jesus that His body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine.
- Share in the confession of faith with the members of this community, which is that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and its fellowship church bodies. If you are unsure if this is you or not, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

If you are in need of gluten free wafers or non-alcoholic wine please notify the Elder or Pastor and we will gladly provide these alternative options for you.

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 19:14.

Whether your child is calm or crazy, quiet or loud, we love children in the Divine Service, where worship revolves around the Word and the Word serves everyone! We invite you to grab a busy bag from the Narthex, a children's bulletin and sit as close to the front as you are comfortable. Please feel free to come and go from the Sanctuary as needed. A Cry Room is situated just outside in the Narthex for your convenience. We would like you to know that your children are a blessed part of our service.

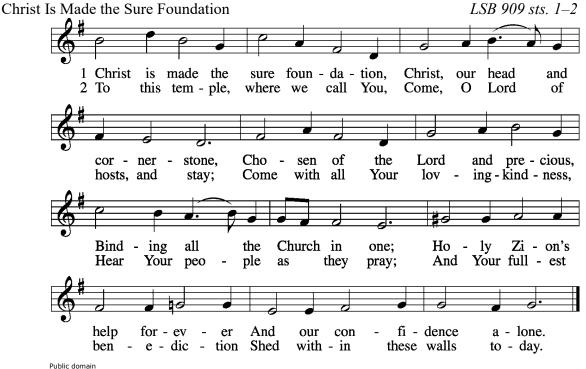
Please take a moment to sign in on our red attendance books at the end of each pew.

Alternatively, you may check in using this QR code.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Tripp Walker Freeman

Baptismal Hymn



Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Baptismal Address

Matthew 28:18b–19; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Naming of the Candidate

- **P** How are you named?
- R Tripp Walker Freeman.
- P Tripp Walker, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your

 → forehead and upon your

 → heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The Flood Prayer

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Tripp Walker according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy

of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Address to Sponsors

- From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
 - Is it your intention to serve Tripp Walker as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- **R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.

Holy Gospel for Baptism

Mark 10:13-16 NK.JV

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Processional Hymn



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Blessing

- P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.
- C Amen.

Renunciation and Profession of Faith

- **P** Tripp Walker, do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- **R** *Yes, I believe.*
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
- R Yes. I believe.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** Tripp Walker, do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

The Baptism

- P Tripp Walker, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Blessing of the Newly Baptized

- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- C Amen.

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The Welcome

- A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- **C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Collect for the newly baptized

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Tripp Walker the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Peace

- **P** Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

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

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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

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.



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.

Psalm 138

- **P** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
- **C** before the gods I sing your praise;
- P I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
- for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
- **P** On the day I called, you answered me;
- my strength of soul you increased.
- P All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
- **C** for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- **P** and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
- **C** for great is the glory of the LORD.
- **P** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly
- **C** but the haughty he knows from afar.
- P Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
- you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.
- **P** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
- **C** your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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.

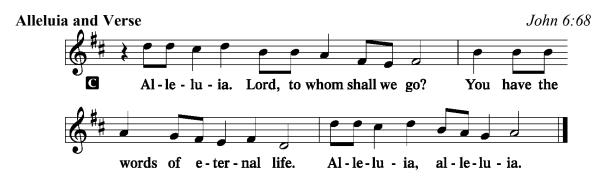
Epistle Colossians 2:6–19

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.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Luke 11:1–13

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



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."

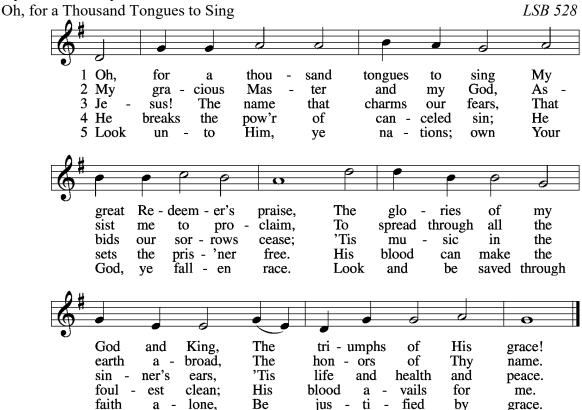
⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children 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.



Hymn of the Day

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See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man. 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Sermon



Gathering of Gifts and Offerings Prayer of the Church Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

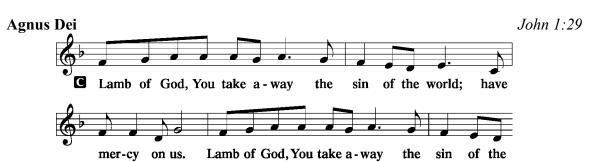
The Words of Our Lord

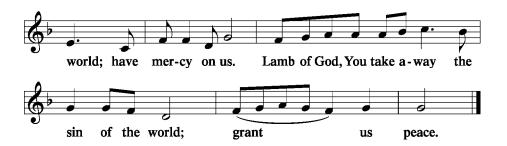
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pax Domini John 20:19

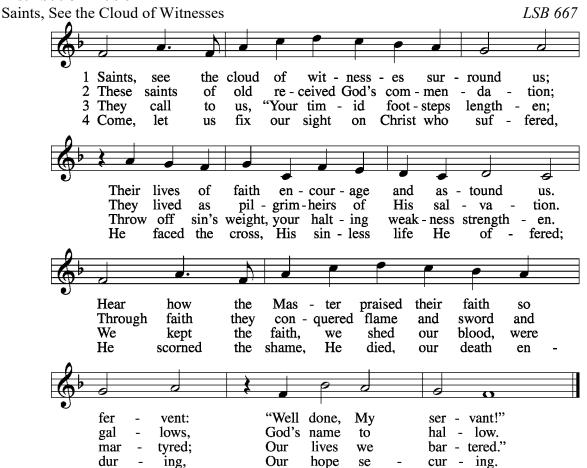
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.







Distribution Music



- Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending, On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending; Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—With grace precede us.
- You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory! Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story; Past, present, future—You, the same forever—You fail us never!

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

















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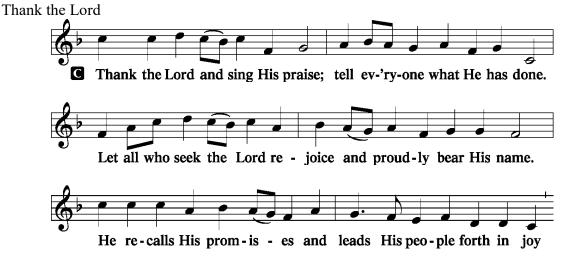
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Post-Communion Canticle





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

> We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

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Closing Hymn



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Postlude

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His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.