

Service of Healing

August 31, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P In you our ancestors put their trust,

C **They trusted and you delivered them. †**

*Opening Song – Lord, I Need You

*Prayer of the Day (*Unison*)

Merciful Lord, we seek your forgiveness and healing today. Tend to our bodies and souls. Inspire us to be peacemakers and healers to others. Grant us the peace that passes all understanding and make us instruments of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

*Confession Litany

P Our God is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C **We confess we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

P Let us give him our heavy burden of sin and find rest.

C **We confess to squabbling and gossip.**

P We have not been patient and understanding of one another.

C **We have often failed to bring your light.**

P We confess to you our anger that has brought division.

C **Lord you said a divided house will not stand.**

P So we lay all our frustration and pain at your Cross.

C **Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.**

P As you forgive us so we forgive each other.

C **By your spirit help us to live as your children.**

P By your spirit we forsake sin and carry the cross.

C **Amen.**

*Proclamation of Forgiveness (*Unison*)

Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they will be like wool. We are forgiven in Christ!

*Promise of Grace

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8

Keep on loving one another as Christians. **2** Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some who did that and welcomed angels without knowing it. **3** Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. Remember those who are suffering, as though you were suffering as they are. **4** Marriage is to be honored by all, and husbands and wives must be faithful to each other. God will judge those who are immoral and those who commit adultery. **5** Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." **6** Let us be bold, then, and say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" **7** Remember your former leaders, who spoke God's message to you. Think back on how they lived and died, and imitate their faith. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Praise Song – I’ve Got Joy

***Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1-14**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. **2** There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. **3** Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” **4** But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. **5** Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” **6** And they had nothing to say. **7** When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: **8** “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. **9** If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. **10** But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” **12** Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. **13** But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #439 (LBW) – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***Apostles’ Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord’s Prayer**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #492 (LBW) – O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Invitation to Healing Prayer

P From St. Luke we read, “When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness and laying his hands on each one he healed them.” And from James, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

(Those wishing to receive the laying on of hands prayer and anointing may come forward. Others may quietly depart.)



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pianist: Sherry Wirth
Reader: Bert Petersen
Usher: Tom Levendoski
Counters: Bill McIntire & Tim Wyss
Greeters: Bert & Sharon Petersen
Fellowship Servers: Tim & Patti Wyss
August 24th Worship Attendance: 9:00 AM – 91

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

Prayer List: We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Jenny Haley, John Robers, Judi Desmond, Travis Anderson, Carole Larson, Tiffany Wagner, Carrie Buhr, Dick Lambert, the Clear Lake football team as the season begins, Jane Scholz and Colin & Kellie Scholz at the loss of their husband & grandfather, Dean Scholz, and Brenda Campion at the loss of her mother, Darlene Jungmann.
If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.

Our Daily Bread home devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. We invite you to take one for yourself and share another with a friend.

It is time for our church choir to begin the work of making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We will have our first rehearsal on Sunday, September 14th, after the second service. We invite anyone who would like to sing with the choir to come and join us. Contact Brian for more information or if you have questions.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.



THIS WEEK

Today 10:00 AM-Fellowship
Monday **LABOR DAY - *Church Office Closed***
Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday **10-11:00 AM-Dean Scholz Visitation**
11:00 AM-Dean Scholz Funeral
Fellowship & Fun Night
5:30 PM-Supper
6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun
7:00 PM-Confirmation & Youth Group Orientation
Saturday 7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday **RALLY SUNDAY**
8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion
9:30 AM-Fellowship
10:00 AM-Sunday School
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship Service
11:00 AM-Chicken Barbecue Potluck
11:30 AM-Petting Zoo, Wagon Rides & More!
3:30-5:00 PM-Darlene Jungmann Visitation
5:00 PM-Darlene Jungmann Funeral