

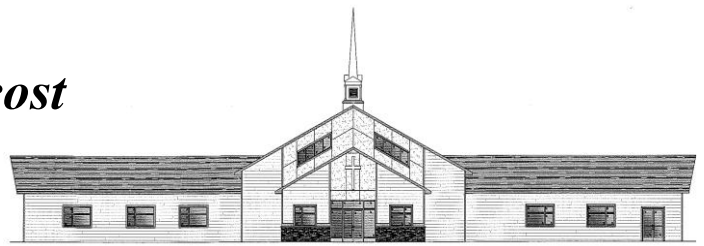
# ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**September 14, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. – Worship**

***First Lutheran Church***

**Pastor Bryan Anderson**



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## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**P** I was glad when they said to me,

**C** Let us go to the house of the Lord. †

### **\*Opening Hymn #165 (LBW) – Holy, Holy, Holy**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

### **\*Confession of Sin**

**P** Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

*(Self-examination)*

**C** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **\*Promise of Grace**

#### **First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16**

"I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them **12** in the same way as shepherds take care of their sheep that were scattered and are brought together again. I will bring them back from all the places where they were scattered on that dark, disastrous day. **13** I will take them out of foreign countries, gather them together, and bring them back to their own land. I will lead them back to the mountains and the streams of Israel and will feed them in pleasant pastures. **14** I will let them graze in safety in the mountain meadows and the valleys and in all the green pastures of the land of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will find them a place to rest. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken. **16** "I will look for those that are lost, bring back those that wander off, bandage those that are hurt, and heal those that are sick; but those that are fat and strong I will destroy, because I am a shepherd who does what is right.

#### **Second Reading: Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him, **13** even though in the past I spoke evil of him and persecuted and insulted him. But God was merciful to me because I did not yet have faith and so did not know what I was doing. **14** And our Lord poured out his abundant grace on me and gave me the faith and love which are ours in union with Christ Jesus. **15** This is a true saying, to be completely accepted and believed: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I am the worst of them, **16** but God was merciful to me in order that Christ Jesus might show his full patience in dealing with me, the worst of sinners, as an example for all those who would later believe in him and receive eternal life. **17** To the eternal King, immortal and invisible, the only God - to him be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

### **Third Grade Bible Presentation and Attendance Awards**

## Children's Message

### Hymn of Praise #526 (LBW) – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#### \*Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

One day when many tax collectors and other outcasts came to listen to Jesus, **2** the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law started grumbling, "This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!" **3** So Jesus told them this parable: **4** "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them - what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it. **5** When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders **6** and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbors together and say to them, "I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!" **7** In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent. **8** "Or suppose a woman who has ten silver coins loses one of them - what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. **9** When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, and says to them, "I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!" **10** In the same way, I tell you, the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents."

#### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day #370 (LBW) – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#### \*Apostles' Creed

#### \*Prayers of the Church

#### \*Lord's Prayer

#### Announcements

#### Choral Benediction (Back of Green Hymnal)

#### Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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Organist:	Brian Wick
Reader:	Jane Scholz
Ushers:	Paul Colbeth & Greg Warner
Greeters:	Rachel Kaczmariski and Dan & Janette Caine
Counters:	Dan Cain & Richard Selvig
Fellowship Servers:	Arlie & Pam Anderson Family

#### GIVING

Total offering for August \$19,708.30 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)  
August year to date offering \$149,189.25 (\$167,358.00 YTD Budget)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Third graders** who will be receiving their Bible during the worship service today are: Charlie Buhr, Wyatt Buhr, Case Elwood, Issac Elwood, Landon Everson, Jameson Jarchow, Ryder LaBlanc, Klara Peters, and Camden Steffen.

**Prayer List:** We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Jenny Haley, John Robers, Judi Desmond, Carole Larson, Tiffany Wagner, Carrie Buhr, Dick Lambert, and the Clear Lake football team as the season begins. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**The 2025 Women of the Word (Augustana District) Fall Gathering** is being held on Saturday, September 20. We will be "attending" remotely from church via Zoom. The conference runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, but you can choose to come for part or all of the conference. We'll have lunch together during the break. The attachment contains information about the 3 speakers. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please call the church office to get signed up.

### **Time to be planning for the raffles that will take place during the Church Dinner in November!**

We need items for the general raffle. If you have an item you would like to donate, we ask that you let Kathy Wick or Terri Moe in the church office know by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Our popular basket raffle is also planned. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have a basket made, donations can be made until October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 AM-Fellowship <b>11:00 AM-3rd Grade Bible Orientation Class</b>
	11:00 AM-Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM-Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM-Quilting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Fellowship &amp; Fun Night</b> 5:30 PM-Supper 6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun 6:15 PM-7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 7:30 PM-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion 11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice