

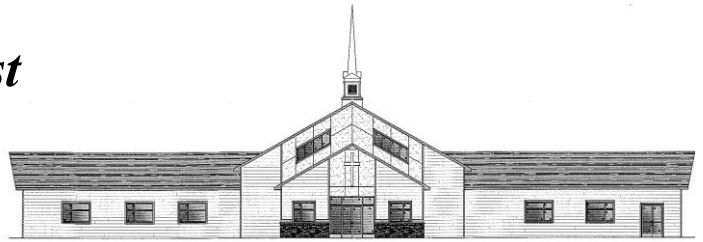
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad. †

*Opening Hymn #459 (LBW) – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin

S203



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice but you take no delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit, a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you that trample on the needy and try to destroy the poor of the country. **5** You say to yourselves, "We can hardly wait for the holy days to be over so that we can sell our grain. When will the Sabbath end, so that we can start selling again? Then we can overcharge, use false measures, and fix the scales to cheat our customers. **6** We can sell worthless wheat at a high price. We'll find someone poor who can't pay his debts, not even the price of a pair of sandals, and we'll buy him as a slave." **7** The Lord, the God of Israel, has sworn, "I will never forget their evil deeds.

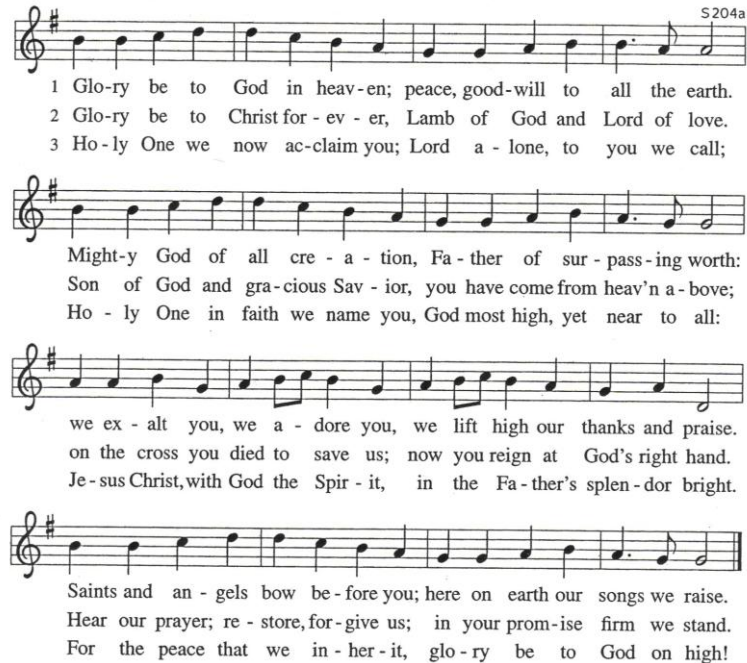
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; **2** for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct. **3** This is good and it pleases God our Savior, **4** who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth. **5** For there is one God, and there is one who brings God and human

beings together, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself to redeem the whole human race. That was the proof at the right time that God wants everyone to be saved, **7** and that is why I was sent as an apostle and teacher of the Gentiles, to proclaim the message of faith and truth. I am not lying; I am telling the truth!

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise



S204a

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-9

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master's money, **2** so he called him in and said, "What is this I hear about you? Turn in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' **3** The servant said to himself, "My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. **4** Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes.' **5** So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, "How much do you owe my master?' **6** "One hundred barrels of olive oil,' he answered. "Here is your account,' the manager told him; "sit down and write fifty.' **7** Then he asked another one, "And you - how much do you owe?" "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he answered. "Here is your account,' the manager told him; "write eight hundred.' **8** As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." **9** And Jesus went on to say, "And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #377 (LBW) – Lift High the Cross

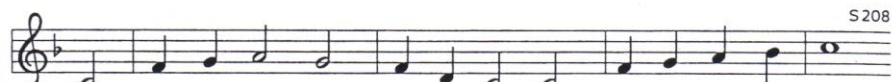
*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution

S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



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

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Chris Petersen
Greeters: Rachel Kaczmariski and Dan & Janette Cain
Ushers: LeRoy Johnson & Dylan Peterson
Communion Asst: Dan Cain
Counters: Dan Cain & Dawn Peterson
Altar Guild: Richard Selvig
Fellowship Servers: Roxi Anderson & Fran Heinbuch
September 14th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 28; 10:00 AM – 140; Total: 168

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.

Prayer List: We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Judi Desmond and Dick Lambert. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

See You at the Pole: All youth (7th-12th Grade) are reminded to meet your fellow Christians at the school flagpole this Wednesday at 7:45 AM as we gather to pray for our school and students. Donuts and juice will follow the prayer time.

September marks the 25th Anniversary of Pastor Bryan's Ordination into ministry. To honor this milestone, there will be some celebratory time during the worship services on Sunday, September 28th. After the 10:00 AM service, all are invited to bring a dish to pass for a potluck. We thank the Women of the Word for their leadership with the potluck.

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 5th. 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 12th.

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	11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	7:45 AM-See You at the Pole 9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group Fellowship & Fun Night 5:30 PM-Supper 6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun 6:15 PM-7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:30 PM-9 th Grade Confirmation
Saturday	7:30 AM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship 11:00 AM-Potluck 11:00 AM-Choir Practice