

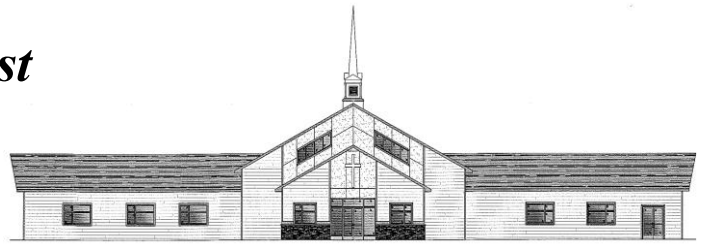
# *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 12, 2026**

**10:00 a.m. – Worship**

*First Lutheran Church*

Pastor Bryan Anderson



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## **Welcome**

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

**P** This is the day the Lord has made.

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad. †

### **\*Opening Hymn #327 (LBW) – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

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

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

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

*(Self-examination)*

**C** Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know – the thought and words and deeds of which I am ashamed but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may have peace.

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

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

"My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat. **11** So also will be the word that I speak - it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do. **12** "You will leave Babylon with joy; you will be led out of the city in peace. The mountains and hills will burst into singing, and the trees will shout for joy. **13** Cypress trees will grow where now there are briars; myrtle trees will come up in place of thorns. This will be a sign that will last forever, a reminder of what I, the Lord, have done."

#### **Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17**

So then, my friends, we have an obligation, but it is not to live as our human nature wants us to. **13** For if you live according to your human nature, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death your sinful actions, you will live. **14** Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children. **15** For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!" **16** God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children. **17** Since we are his children, we will possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we will also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory.

#### **Hymn of Praise #527 (LBW) vs. 1-4 - All Creatures of Our God and King**

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus left the house and went to the lakeside, where he sat down to teach. **2** The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it, while the crowd stood on the shore. **3** He used parables to tell them many things. "Once there was a man who went out to sow grain. **4** As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn't deep. **6** But when the sun came up, it burned the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. **7** Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants. **8** But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants bore grain: some had one hundred grains, others sixty, and others thirty." **9** And Jesus concluded, "Listen, then, if you have ears!" **18** "Listen, then, and learn what the parable of the sower means. **19** Those who hear the message about the Kingdom but do not understand it are like the seeds that fell along the path. The Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in them. **20** The seeds that fell on rocky ground stand for those who receive the message gladly as soon as they hear it. **21** But it does not sink deep into them, and they don't last long. So when trouble or persecution comes because of the message, they give up at once. **22** The seeds that fell among thorn bushes stand for those who hear the message; but the worries about this life and the love for riches choke the message, and they don't bear fruit. **23** And the seeds sown in the good soil stand for those who hear the message and understand it: they bear fruit, some as much as one hundred, others sixty, and others thirty."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day #492 (LBW) – O Master, Let Me Walk with You**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #534 – Now Thank We All Our God**

**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.

Organist: Brian Wick  
Reader: Aaron Johnson  
Greeters: Jennifer (Coco) Morse & Lacey Kamm  
Counters: Becky Schramski & Tim Wyss  
Usher: Ken Iverson  
Fellowship Servers: Duke & Janet Krueger  
July 5<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 35; 10:00 AM – 46

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## 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.

**We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:** Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), and McKenna Christensen Family. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**We need you to join us for Food, Fellowship, Faith & Fun!** A casual supper is served by volunteers every Wednesday starting at 5:30 and followed by your choice of small group conversations, faith study or games. No one is too young and no one is too old; this invitation is for everybody. Come when you can and leave when you have to.

**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-Sunday School/Education Committee Meeting  
**Youth Mission Trip to Wheaton, IL July 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday** 9:00 AM-Quilting

**Wednesday** **Faith, Fellowship & Fun Night**  
5:30 PM-Supper  
6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun

**Saturday** 7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study

**Next Sunday** **Pastor's Vacation July 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship  
9:30 AM-Fellowship  
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship  
11:00 AM-Fellowship