

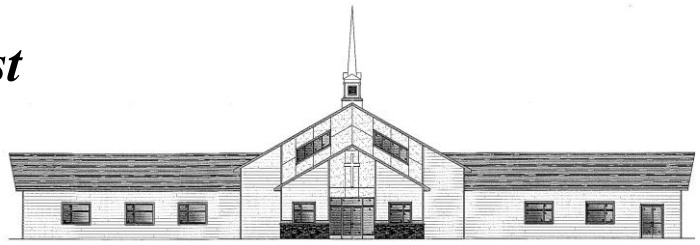
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

L This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad. †

***Opening Hymn #699 (WOV) – Blessed Assurance**

***Prayer of the Day**

L Most gracious Lord, you have prepared for those who love you such things as surpass our understanding. Fill our hearts with such love for you that, loving you above all else, we may be heirs of your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

***Confession of Sin**

L 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**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

The Lord, who rules and protects Israel, the Lord Almighty, has this to say: "I am the first, the last, the only God; there is no other god but me. **7** Could anyone else have done what I did? Who could have predicted all that would happen from the very beginning to the end of time? **8** Do not be afraid, my people! You know that from ancient times until now I have predicted all that would happen, and you are my witnesses. Is there any other god? Is there some powerful god I never heard of?"

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. **19** All of creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his children. **20** For creation was condemned to lose its purpose, not of its own will, but because God willed it to be so. Yet there was the hope **21** that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God. **22** For we know that up to the present time all of creation groans with pain, like the pain of childbirth. **23** But it is not just creation alone which groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves as we wait for God to make us his children and set our whole being free.

Hymn of Praise #746 (WOV) - Day by Day

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Jesus told them another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man sowed good seed in his field. **25** One night, when everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. **26** When the plants grew and the heads of grain began to form, then the weeds showed up. **27** The man's servants came to him and said, "Sir, it was good seed you sowed in your field; where did the weeds come from?" **28** "It was some enemy who did this," he answered. "Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?" they asked him. **29** "No," he answered, "because as you gather the weeds you might pull up some of the wheat along with them. **30** Let the wheat and the weeds both grow together until harvest. Then I will tell the harvest workers to pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them, and then to gather in the wheat and put it in my barn." **36** When Jesus had left the crowd and gone indoors, his disciples came to him and said, "Tell us what the parable about the weeds in the field means." **37** Jesus answered, "The man who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man; **38** the field is the world; the good seed is the people who belong to the Kingdom; the weeds are the people who belong to the Evil One; **39** and the enemy who sowed the weeds is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvest workers are angels. **40** Just as the weeds are gathered up and burned in the fire, so the same thing will happen at the end of the age: **41** the Son of Man will send out his angels to gather up out of his Kingdom all those who cause people to sin and all others who do evil things, **42** and they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will cry and gnash their teeth. **43** Then God's people will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Listen, then, if you have ears!

Visiting Missionary: Alice Wright – Child Evangelism Fellowship

Hymn of the Day #771 (WOV) - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #780 (WOV) – What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Blessing

L 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.

C Amen

Dismissal

L 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.

Pianist: Sherry Wirth
Reader: Bill McIntie
Usher: Kevin Kamm
Greeters: Lacey Kamm
Counters: Becky Schramski & Penny O'Connell
Fellowship Servers: Tracy Olson, Taylor Cardinal and Jordan Olson
July 12th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 50; 10:00 AM – 65

GIVING

Total offering for June \$15,235.55 (\$21,874.25 needed monthly)

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.

Today we welcome Alice Wright from our local branch of Child Evangelism Fellowship to share a testimony about this most valuable ministry. Please stop by the information table after worship and consider making a love offering to their work in our community.

We also thank Council President Neil Larson for leading worship today.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner).
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
Pastor's Vacation July 19th-20th
Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday **Faith, Fellowship & Fun Night**
5:30 PM-Supper
6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun
Thursday **Pastor's Vacation Day**
Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM-Fellowship
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship
11:00 AM-Fellowship