

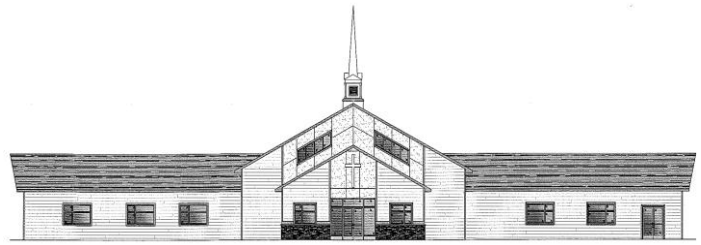
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

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 #718 (WOV) – Here in This Place**

***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: Deuteronomy 7:6b-9

From all the peoples on earth he chose you to be his own special people. **7** "The Lord did not love you and choose you because you outnumbered other peoples; you were the smallest nation on earth. **8** But the Lord loved you and wanted to keep the promise that he made to your ancestors. That is why he saved you by his great might and set you free from slavery to the king of Egypt. **9** Remember that the Lord your God is the only God and that he is faithful. He will keep his covenant and show his constant love to a thousand generations of those who love him and obey his commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** Certainly not God, who did not even keep back his own Son, but offered him for us all! He gave us his Son - will he not also freely give us all things? **33** Who will accuse God's chosen people? God himself declares them not guilty! **34** Who, then, will condemn them? Not Christ Jesus, who died, or rather, who was raised to life and is at the right side of God, pleading with him for us! **35** Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? **36** As the scripture says, "For your sake we are in danger of death at all times; we are treated like sheep that are going to be slaughtered." **37** No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! **38** For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, **39** neither the world above nor the world below - there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-50**

"The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man happens to find a treasure hidden in a field. He covers it up again, and is so happy that he goes and sells everything he has, and then goes back and buys that field. **45** "Also, the Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man is looking for fine pearls, **46** and when he finds one that is unusually fine, he goes and sells everything he has, and buys that pearl. **47** "Also, the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Some fishermen throw their net out in the lake and catch all kinds of fish. **48** When the net is full, they pull it to shore and sit down to divide the fish: the good ones go into the buckets, the worthless ones are thrown away. **49** It will be like this at the end of the age: the angels will go out and gather up the evil people from among the good **50** and will throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will cry and gnash their teeth.

Sermon

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

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #731 (WOV) – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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: Linda McIntire
Greeter: Lacey Kamm
Counters: Becky Schramski & Penny O'Connell
Usher: Kevin Kamm
Fellowship Servers: Matt & Angie Steffen
July 19th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 31; 10:00 AM – 60

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 Linda Mittenzwei (niece of Bob Moe). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

We encourage 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. Let's build up the body of Christ.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY. A sign-up sheet is available for the next book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver. The book study will begin in September. Join us for our final summer get together for faith, fellowship, and devotion time on Saturday, August 8th at 7:30 AM in the church fellowship hall.

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
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday	9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group
	Faith, Fellowship & Fun Night
	5:30 PM-Supper
	6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun
Saturday	7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion
	9:30 AM-Fellowship
	10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion
	11:00 AM-Fellowship