

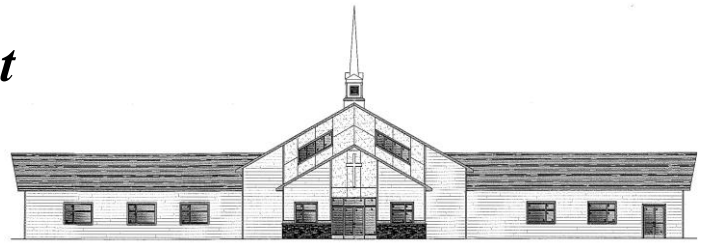
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

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 #294 (LBW) – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*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 **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

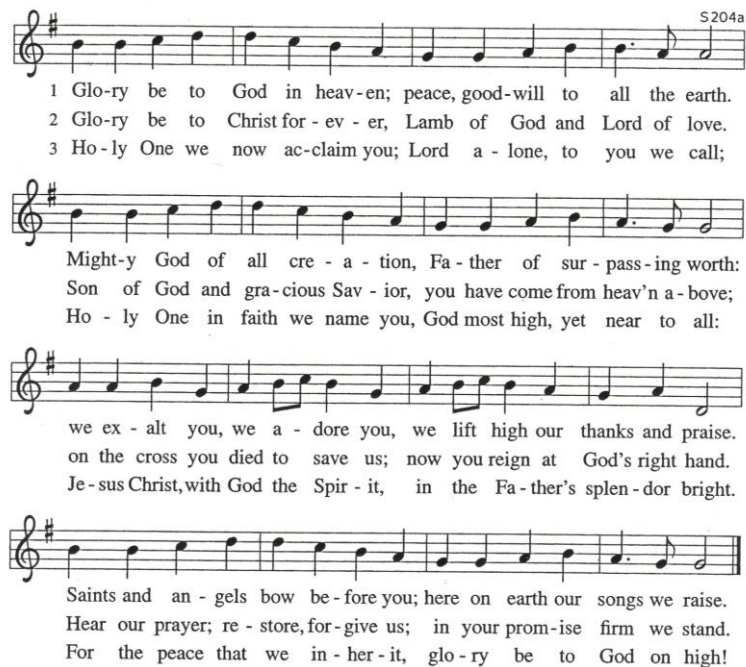
First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Lord says to his people, "Do what is just and right, for soon I will save you. **6** And the Lord says to those foreigners who become part of his people, who love him and serve him, who observe the Sabbath and faithfully keep his covenant: **7** "I will bring you to Zion, my sacred hill, give you joy in my house of prayer, and accept the sacrifices you offer on my altar. My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations." **8** The Sovereign Lord, who has brought his people Israel home from exile, has promised that he will bring still other people to join them.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15

I ask, then: Did God reject his own people? Certainly not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God has not rejected his people, whom he chose from the beginning. **13** I am speaking now to you Gentiles: As long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I will take pride in my work. **14** Perhaps I can make the people of my own race jealous, and so be able to save some of them. **15** For when they were rejected, all other people were changed from God's enemies into his friends. What will it be, then, when they are accepted? It will be life for the dead!

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: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went off to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. **22** A Canaanite woman who lived in that region came to him. "Son of David!" she cried out. "Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition." **23** But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, "Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!" **24** Then Jesus replied, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel." **25** At this the woman came and fell at his feet. "Help me, sir!" she said. **26** Jesus answered, "It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." **27** "That's true, sir," she answered, "but even the dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters' table." **28** So Jesus answered her, "You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you." And at that very moment her daughter was healed.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #290 (LBW) – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution (Hymns #315, #320, #327, #352 – Use Green Hymnal)

S 208



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.



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

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Bert Petersen
Altar Guild: Hannah Eckwall
Communion Asst: Dan Cain
Counters: Dan Cain & Richard Selvig
Greeters: Laura Lieffring and Bert & Sharon Petersen
Usher: Tom Levendoski
Fellowship Servers: Paul & Heidi Colbeth
August 9th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 45; 10:00 AM – 54

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: Leann Martinson, Cyndy & Rob Witthoft (sister & brother of Deann Wagner), Kyle Bakkestuen (fiancé of Angela Brandt), and Debbie Malchow (daughter of Sharon Kuhl), at the loss of her husband, Craig Malchow. *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. Invite a friend. We are studying the book, Anatomy of a Revived Church.

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 **Faith, Fellowship & Fun Night**
5:30 PM-Supper
6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun
Friday 6:00 PM-Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 3:30 PM-Maggie Rosen/Evan Oehlke Wedding
Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM-Fellowship
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship
11:00 AM-Fellowship