

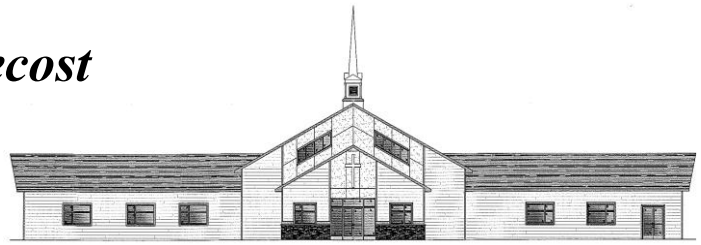
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

P Come let us bow down and worship.

C Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. †

***Opening Hymn #746 (WOV) - Day by Day**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**

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 51:1-5

The Lord says, "Listen to me, you that want to be saved, you that come to me for help. Think of the rock from which you came, the quarry from which you were cut. **2** Think of your ancestor, Abraham, and of Sarah, from whom you are descended. When I called Abraham, he was childless, but I blessed him and gave him children; I made his descendants numerous. **3** "I will show compassion to Jerusalem, to all who live in her ruins. Though her land is a desert, I will make it a garden, like the garden I planted in Eden. Joy and gladness will be there, and songs of praise and thanks to me. **4** "Listen to me, my people, listen to what I say: I give my teaching to the nations; my laws will bring them light. **5** I will come quickly and save them; the time of my victory is near. I myself will rule over the nations. Distant lands wait for me to come; they wait with hope for me to save them.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-6a

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. **2** Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God - what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. **3** And because of God's gracious gift to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you. **4** We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. **5** In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. **6** So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.

Hymn of Praise #767 (WOV) – All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19 (NIV)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” **14** They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” **15** “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” **16** Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” **17** Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #699 (WOV) – Blessed Assurance

*Apostles’ Creed

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

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

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: Eva Wilson
Usher: Tom Levendoski
Greeters: Laura Lieffring and Bert & Sharon Petersen
Counters: Dan Cain & Richard Selvig
Fellowship Servers: Tom & Lori Levendoski
August 16th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 46; 10:00 AM – 51

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: Carole Larson, Gayle Sullwold, and Becky Schramski at the loss of her nephew, Jeremy Anderson. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Our Daily Bread home devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. We invite you to share with a friend.

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	9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group
	Faith, Fellowship & Fun Night
	5:30 PM-Supper
	6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Prayer Service
	9:30 AM-Fellowship
	10:00 AM-Prayer Service
	11:00 AM-Fellowship