

Service of Healing

August 30, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P In you our ancestors put their trust,

C **They trusted and you delivered them. †**

*Opening Hymn #770 (WOV) – I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

*Prayer of the Day (*Unison*)

Merciful Lord, we seek your forgiveness and healing today. Tend to our bodies and souls. Inspire us to be peacemakers and healers to others. Grant us the peace that passes all understanding and make us instruments of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

*Confession Litany

P Our God is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C **We confess we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

P Let us give him our heavy burden of sin and find rest.

C **We confess to squabbling and gossip.**

P We have not been patient and understanding of one another.

C **We have often failed to bring your light.**

P We confess to you our anger that has brought division.

C **Lord you said a divided house will not stand.**

P So we lay all our frustration and pain at your Cross.

C **Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.**

P As you forgive us so we forgive each other.

C **By your spirit help us to live as your children.**

P By your spirit we forsake sin and carry the cross.

C **Amen.**

*Proclamation of Forgiveness (*Unison*)

Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they will be like wool. We are forgiven in Christ!

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:16-21

You spoke to me, and I listened to every word. I belong to you, Lord God Almighty, and so your words filled my heart with joy and happiness. **17** I did not spend my time with other people, laughing and having a good time. In obedience to your orders I stayed by myself and was filled with anger. **18** Why do I keep on suffering? Why are my wounds incurable? Why won't they heal? Do you intend to disappoint me like a stream that goes dry in the summer?" **19** To this the Lord replied, "If you return, I will take you back, and you will be my servant again. If instead of talking nonsense you proclaim a worthwhile message, you will be my prophet again. The people will come back to you, and you will not need to go to them. **20** I will make you like a solid bronze wall as far as they are concerned. They will fight against you, but they will not defeat you. I will be with you to protect you and keep you safe. **21** I will rescue you from the power of wicked and violent people. I, the Lord, have spoken."

Second Reading: Romans 12:12-21

Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. **13** Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers. **14** Ask God to bless those who persecute you - yes, ask him to bless, not to curse. **15** Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep. **16** Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise. **17** If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. **18** Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody. **19** Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it. For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, I will pay back, says the Lord." **20** Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame." **21** Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good.

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

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-26**

From that time on Jesus began to say plainly to his disciples, "I must go to Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. I will be put to death, but three days later I will be raised to life." **22** Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "God forbid it, Lord!" he said. "That must never happen to you!" **23** Jesus turned around and said to Peter, "Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my way, because these thoughts of yours don't come from God, but from human nature." **24** Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. **25** For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake, you will find it. **26** Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not! There is nothing you can give to regain your life.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #734 (WOV) – Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

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

Invitation to Healing Prayer

P From St. Luke we read, "When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness and laying his hands on each one he healed them." And from James, "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."

Dismissal *(Those wishing to receive the laying on of hands prayer and anointing may come forward.)*



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: Chris Petersen
Usher: Tom Levendoski
Greeters: Laura Lieffring and Bert & Sharon Petersen
Counters: Dan Cain & Richard Selvig
Fellowship Servers: Linn & Laura Case
August 23rd Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 50; 10:00 AM – 53

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: Gayle Sullwold, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), and the Family of Carole Larson. *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.

Details about the fall Augustana District Women's Gathering are posted in the entry. We will register for the on-line option if there is enough interest. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet by September 1st, if you are interested in participating. Thank you!

Lutheran World Relief School Kit supplies are due back at church by Sunday, September 13th. Thanks to those who contributed to this effort.

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
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

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**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

REGISTRATION!

LEARN!
GROW!
BELONG!

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER TODAY!

FUN FAITH
FRIENDS
AND JESUS!

WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE
AND CHILDREN SHINE! ♥

ALL KIDS
WELCOME!
PRESCHOOL -
6TH GRADE

