

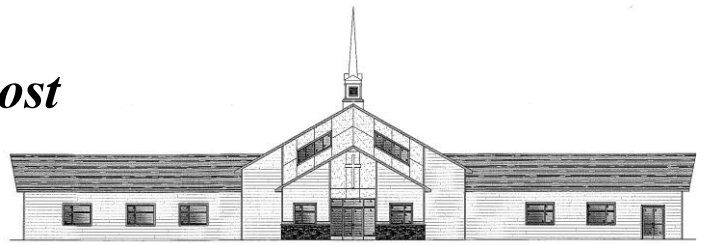
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

Gideon Presentation: Dale Wirth

***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 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: Ezekiel 18:26-32

When a righteous person stops doing good and starts doing evil and then dies, he dies because of the evil he has done. **27** When someone evil stops sinning and does what is right and good, he saves his life. **28** He realizes what he is doing and stops sinning, so he will certainly not die, but go on living. **29** And you Israelites say, "What the Lord does isn't right." You think my way isn't right, do you? It is your way that isn't right. **30** "Now I, the Sovereign Lord, am telling you Israelites that I will judge each of you by what you have done. Turn away from all the evil you are doing, and don't let your sin destroy you. **31** Give up all the evil you have been doing, and get yourselves new minds and hearts. Why do you Israelites want to die? **32** I do not want anyone to die," says the Sovereign Lord. "Turn away from your sins and live."

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: **6** He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God. **7** Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like a human being and appeared in human likeness. **8** He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death - his death on the cross. **9** For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name. **10** And so, in honor of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, **11** and all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Children's Message

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

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:29-34**

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd was following. **30** Two blind men who were sitting by the road heard that Jesus was passing by, so they began to shout, "Son of David! Have mercy on us, sir!" **31** The crowd scolded them and told them to be quiet. But they shouted even more loudly, "Son of David! Have mercy on us, sir!" **32** Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked them. **33** "Sir," they answered, "we want you to give us our sight!" **34** Jesus had pity on them and touched their eyes; at once they were able to see, and they followed him.

Sermon

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

***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: Theresa Anderson
Ushers: Paul & Griffin Colbeth
Greeters: Rachel Kaczmariski and Dan & Janette Cain
Counters: Hannah Eckwall & **TBD**
Fellowship Servers: Dale & Sherry Wirth
September 20th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM–20; 10:00 AM–140

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: Judi Desmond, Griffin Colbeth, and Ashlie Goodmanson (daughter-in-law of Jackie Goodmanson). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Council will be purging the storage shed. Folks are invited to review its contents and note with the office if there are items that need to be kept. All chairs will be saved but they are considering going with lighter tables.

High School Bible Study and Faith Talk will meet Wednesdays after the supper in the youth room. Aaron Johnson will help with the group. Any and all youth are welcome to attend and bring friends.

Our popular basket raffle is planned to go along with our church dinner in November. Fill a basket with a gift theme. Empty baskets are available in the entry. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have a basket made, donations can be made until October 11th or as soon as possible. Empty baskets will be available at church. We are in need of empty baskets or fun containers to use for the basket raffle. Please bring them to church ASAP. Any questions call Kathy Wick (715-263-2739).

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 11:00 AM-Choir Practice
Monday	7:00 PM-Evening Grace Men & Women Bible Study
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 6:15 PM-High School Bible Study/Faith Talk 6:15 PM-7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation Classes 7:30 PM-9 th Grade Confirmation Classes
Thursday	Bring Your Bible to School Day
Saturday	7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study 7-10:00 PM-Underground Church
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion 11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice