

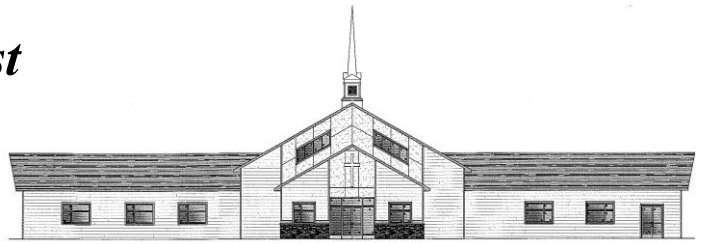
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Opening Hymn #459 (LBW) – O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

***Brief Order for Confession – LBW Page 77**

***Kyrie – LBW Page 78**

***This is the Feast – LBW Page 81**

***Prayer of the Day**

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Everyone must obey state authorities, because no authority exists without God's permission, and the existing authorities have been put there by God. **2** Whoever opposes the existing authority opposes what God has ordered; and anyone who does so will bring judgment on himself. **3** For rulers are not to be feared by those who do good, but by those who do evil. Would you like to be unafraid of those in authority? Then do what is good, and they will praise you, **4** because they are God's servants working for your own good. But if you do evil, then be afraid of them, because their power to punish is real. They are God's servants and carry out God's punishment on those who do evil. **5** For this reason you must obey the authorities - not just because of God's punishment, but also as a matter of conscience. **6** That is also why you pay taxes, because the authorities are working for God when they fulfill their duties. **7** Pay, then, what you owe them; pay them your personal and property taxes, and show respect and honor for them all. **8** Be under obligation to no one - the only obligation you have is to love one another. Whoever does this has obeyed the Law. **9** The commandments, "Do not commit adultery; do not commit murder; do not steal; do not desire what belongs to someone else" - all these, and any others besides, are summed up in the one command, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." **10** If you love others, you will never do them wrong; to love, then, is to obey the whole Law.

Hymn of Praise #518 (LBW) – Beautiful Savior

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-10**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, asking, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" **2** So Jesus called a child to come and stand in front of them, **3** and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. **4** The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child. **5** And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me. **6** "If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be drowned in the deep sea. **7** How terrible for the world that there are things that make people lose their faith! Such things will always happen - but how terrible for the one who causes them! **8** "If your hand or your foot makes you lose your faith, cut it off and throw it away! It is better for you to enter life without a hand or a foot than to keep both hands and both feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. **9** And if your eye makes you lose your faith, take it out and throw it away! It is better for you to enter life with only one eye than to keep both eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. **10** "See that you don't despise any of these little ones. Their angels in heaven, I tell you, are always in the presence of my Father in heaven.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #509 (LBW) – Onward, Christian Soldiers

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

***Great Thanksgiving – LBW Page 88**

***Words of Institution**

Distribution (#535, #543, #551 & #554 – use green hymnals)

Announcements

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: Kellie Scholz
Communion Asst: Hannah Eckwall
Altar Guild: Richard Selvig
Ushers: LeRoy Johnson & Dylan Peterson
Greeters: Rachel Kaczmariski and Dan & Janette Cain
Counters: Hannah Eckwall & Richard Selvig
Fellowship Servers: Arlie & Pam Anderson
August 30th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 50; 10:00 AM – 63

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, Tiffany Wagner, Chad Broker, and Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

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

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

It is time for our church choir to begin the work of making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We will have our first rehearsal on Sunday, September 20th, after the second service. We invite anyone who would like to sing with the choir to come and join us. Contact Brian Wick (715-263-2739) for more information or if you have questions.

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
Monday	LABOR DAY - Church Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting 9:00 AM-Pastor at Clergy Meeting 6:30 PM-Church Council
Wednesday	10:00 AM-Staff Meeting Faith, Fellowship & Fun Night 5:30 PM-Supper 6:00 PM-Faith, Fellowship & Fun 7:00 PM-Confirmation & Youth Group Orientation
Thursday	9:30 AM-Morning Grace Bible Study 2:00 PM-Ridgeview Bible Study
Saturday	7:30 AM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday	RALLY SUNDAY 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship Service 11:00 AM-Chicken Barbecue Potluck 11:30 AM-Obstacle Courses & More!

