

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost

August 25, 2024

Welcome and Announcements *(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

“Canoeing the Mountains” Temple Talk- Kayci Finley

Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn: “Lead On, O King Eternal” (ELW 805) (On Back Page)

***Confession & Forgiveness**

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,

you are shown God’s mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen

***Prayer of the Day:**

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Psalm 34:15-22

⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do
evil, to erase the remembrance of
them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from everyone.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be
punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your
servants, and those who put their trust in
you will not be punished.**

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Noisy Offering

Sermon- “Navigating Transformation”

Pastor Hans Anderson

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*Lord, to whom
shall we go?
You have the words
of eternal life.*

John 6:68

Song of the Day: "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" (ELW 464)

The image shows a musical score for the song "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines.

1. Bread of Life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2. Bread now break and wine now pour. Je - sus, feed us.
3. Grant for - give - ness in the feast. Je - sus, feed us.
4. Thank you for this gift you share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store. Feed us with your love.
For the great - est and the least, feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - ery - where. Feed us with your love.

WORDS: Rusty Edwards and Ray Makeever
MUSIC: Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

JESUS, FEED US
7.4.7.5.

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***Statement of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession:**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word.
Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness.
Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

Amen.



Offering



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

**Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen**

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

† Communion †

All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.

Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the communion server upon request.

You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion Distribution

***Post Communion Prayer**

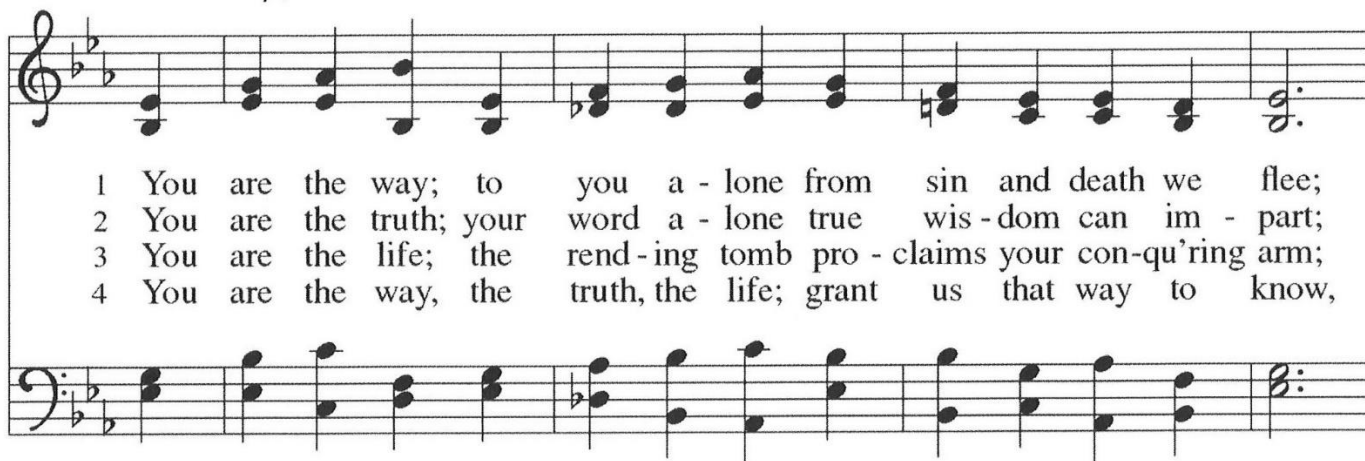
**Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.**

***Blessing:**

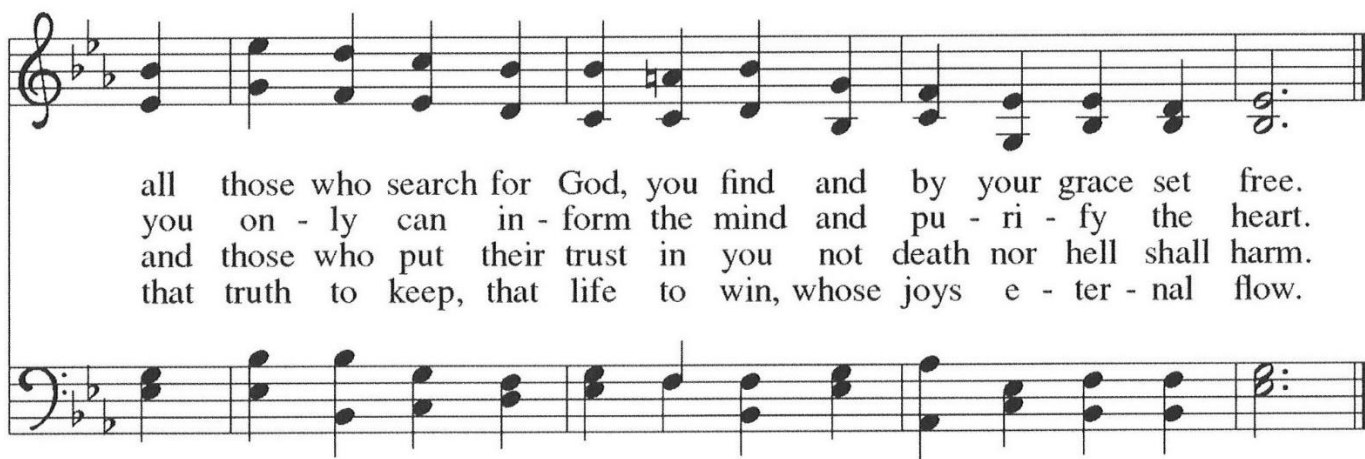
The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "You Are the Way" (ELW 758)



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

*Dismissal:

Alleluia! Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



Reader:	Roger Hoplin II
Communion Assistants:	Roger Hoplin II
Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:	Sandy Gilbertson
Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Jim Riess
Altar Guild:	Anne Holm & Kim Terhaar
Counter:	Denice Smith
Coffee & Fellowship	Collen Moser, Chair

The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost/Noisy Offering

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 AM

Monday, August 26, 2024

Kitchen Committee

4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Bible Study

10:00 AM

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Operation Sandwich Volunteer Appreciation

9:00 AM

Operation Sandwich

10:00 AM

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 AM

Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. Type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 852-6256-7424 Passcode 680145.

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. This week’s bulletin is sponsored by Irene Gearey in honor of Annie’s birthday. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

For the 2024/2025 school year, we will be starting the **Prayer Warrior Program** again. The program pairs a student with an adult. The adult will use their church mailbox or other means to share a friendly hello, birthday, or holiday greeting, and words of encouragement with their student. Sign up sheet is in the narthex!

Wednesday morning **Bible Study** will be starting August 21 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

Today’s **Noisy Offering** will be going to the Pine River Backus Tiger’s Den Food Pantry. The purpose is to help those students and families that may not be connected with the Pine River Food Shelf who might have an immediate food insecurity situation.

Thank you so much to Tanner Johnson for installing our rooftop Wi-Fi antenna!!! It is greatly appreciated!!

Thank you to all who have furnished supplies and donated funds to the Lutheran World Relief Schol Kits. The only items we still need are:

9 blunt scissors

80 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

GOD’s Work!!! Your Hands!!

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt

Maggie Hinchley, friend of Penny Siewert

Roz Diogivanni

Those in the service...

SMSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Captain A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau

E-6 Nathaniel & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024

Attendance: 87

Offering:

Aug. 18, 2024	\$1,970.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,132.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 275.00		
Total Offerings:	\$2,245.00		

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

Giving:	\$147,755.80	Expenses:	\$129,663.22
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Income less Expenses for July:

\$13,357.84 - \$9,882.05 = \$3,475.79

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

WOW!

Wednesday After School Program

6-week session beginning

September 25th

at 3:30 PM

at First Lutheran Church

SCHEDULE

3:30 PM Snack, Video, & Game

4:00 PM Craft or Science Project

4:30 PM Story or Drama

5:00 PM Meal

6:00 PM Confirmation

6:00 PM Chosen Video Series

Register online or call

218-587-2316 for more information

\$5 per family

Per week

First through

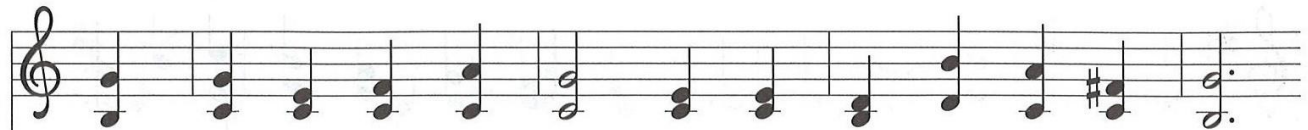
Sixth Grade

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Opening Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (ELW 805)



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

