

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Seventeenth in Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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

Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (ELW 774) (On Back Page)

***Confession & Forgiveness**

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

*Prayer of the Day:

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?



Psalm 116:1-9

¹ I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD,
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”**
⁵ Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is merciful.

⁶ **The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**
⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
⁸ **For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.**
⁹ I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living

Second Reading James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Gospel Announcement

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

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message
Sermon- “FOLLOW”

Pastor Hans Anderson
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Song of the Day: "Will You Come and Follow Me" (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

***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:**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

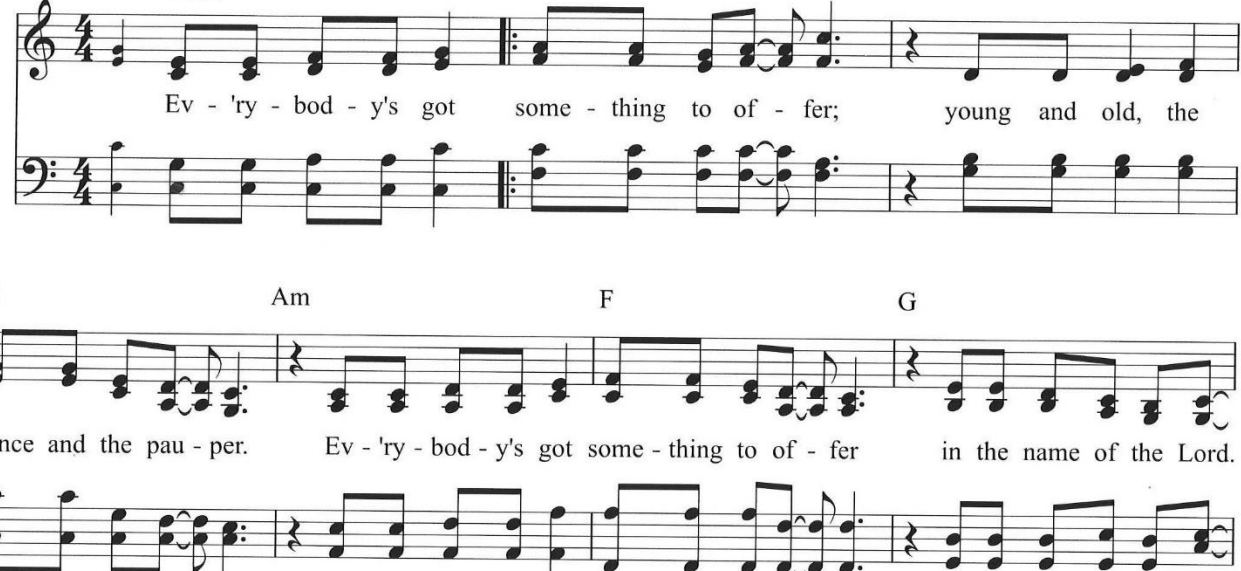
We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.



Offering

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Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.

*Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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**

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Blessing:**

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (ELW 802)

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

*Dismissal:

Alleluia! Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



Reader:	Jan Otness
Communion Assistants:	
Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:	Denice Smith
Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Dean Johnson
Altar Guild:	Donna Swenson & Jodi Perry
Counter:	Owen Johnson
Coffee & Fellowship	Owen & Nancy Johnson, Chair

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 AM

Church Council

10:00 AM

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

11:00 AM

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Bible Study

10:00 AM

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Dorcas Circle

9:00 AM

Naomi Circle

1:30 PM

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Pentecost/Noisy Offering

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 AM

100th Birthday Celebration for Grace Anderson



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

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

First Lutheran Church’s Annual meeting is September 29th, following worship. Please plan to attend!

Next Week’s **Noisy Offering** will be going to Bridges of Hope. Bridges of Hope links families to community supports and resources. It creates partnerships within the broader community to help strengthen, stabilize, and support families in the Lakes area, sending a message of hope and empowering families to thrive.

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

Roz Diogivanni

Bill Schroeder

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, Sept. 8, 2024

Attendance: 57

Offering:

Sept. 8, 2024	\$2,239.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,301.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 25.00		
Monthly transfer:	\$3,116.00		
Total Offerings:	\$5,180.00		


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

2024-2025 Giving:	\$7,640.00	Expenses:	\$1,333.00
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Income less Expenses for August:

\$12,383.00 - \$13,734.95 = (\$1,351.95)

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

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\$5 per family
Per week

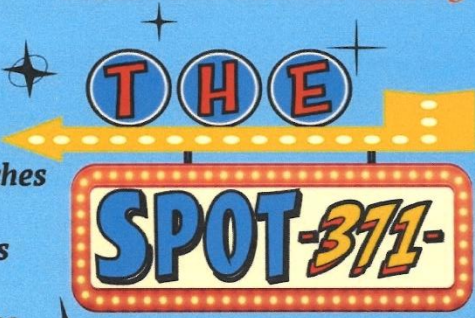
First through
Sixth Grade

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

On September 17, 2024, our outing will be to the Spot-371-
We will carpool from the church at 11:00 am

Indoor and outdoor seating

- ~Coffee
- ~Iced coffee's
- ~Ice Cream
- ~Bagel sandwiches
- ~Sandwiches
- ~Bubble Waffles
- ~Smoothies
- ~Malts & Shakes
- ~371 Racers



THE

SPOT-371-

- ~Fudge
- ~Chocolates
- ~truffles
- ~Candy
- ~Old fashion candy
- ~Toys
- ~Games
- ~Gifts
- ~Apparel

outdoor movies

and more

Opening Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (ELW 774)



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,