



First Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 8:30am | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman.

As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | ELW #858

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.
4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC | *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* - arr. M

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, **C: you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING | *Hosea 6:3-6*

³“Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalms 50:7-15*

R: “Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

C: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

R: I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

C: For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

R: I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

C: If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.

R: Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

C: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

R: Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL | *Matthew 9:9-13*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON | Pastor Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY | *Will You Come and Follow Me* | ELW #798, vs 1, 3, & 5

1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?”
3. “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?”
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

STATEMENT OF FAITH | *Apostle's Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *June: TeachHaiti*

OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | ELW #473

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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; and 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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN | *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* | ELW #836

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Helping Hands Ministry is looking to restart in 2026! This ministry "...exists to assist the frail, elderly, and disabled of the Detroit Lakes area with routine minor repairs and home maintenance, through recruitment, training, and the sending of First Lutheran members and friends in the spirit of Matthew 25:35 . . . *for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . .* If you would like to become a Helping Hands volunteer and are interested in further information, please contact Paul Weber, 218-849-4354.

ITEMS COLLECTED ALL YEAR

Bring your donations to the church office. Thanks!

- We Care Receipts *from Central Market*
- Children's Christmas Store Items (*new, gently used gift items*)
- Blessing Closet (*clothing, blankets, toiletries, reusable bags, etc.*)

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

*May 24—August 30
8:30 & 10:30am*

Summer is almost here and our worship service times will be changing on May 24 to 8:30 am indoors and 10:30am outdoors on the lawn. If you are joining us outside, please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

IN THE STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER

April 12-22, 2027

Join Pr Wade & Holly Dutton next spring, as they trave to Germany to experience firsthand the life & times of Martin Luther. If interested, trip packets are in the church office.

ADULT VBS

Save the Date!
August 3 & 10.

Don't let the kids have all the fun!

Watch for more information.

Prayers for God's People

Bill Wegschied, Larry Kjono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Haley & Mel Johnson, Pr. Matthew Rossler, Jason W., Betty Johnston

Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, including the families of Sharon Hill, and Judy Wood

Youth & Family

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25 From 9am—3pm Open to kids completing K-5th grade.

Cost: FREE!

To register, scan the QR code!



Thanks for worshipping with us!

Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

Prefer electronic giving? Scan the QR code to give online. Then, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate.



"Opening Doors to life in Christ."

