

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Opening Song: "Let All Things Now Living" (LBW 557) (*hymn is printed on back page*)

*Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***Gospel Announcement**

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

***Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message- Glory to God: Scripture and Photography

Katharine Herold



***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.

Hymn of the Day: "For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879) (*Offering will be taken during the hymn*)

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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***Offertory Prayer**

**Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.**

***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 apple juice are available from the communion server upon request.*

You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.

Holy Communion Distribution

***Post Communion Prayer**

**Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.**

***Blessing:**

**Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
† one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.**



Sending Song- “This is My Father’s World” (ELW 824)

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

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***Dismissal:**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.





Reader:
Communion Assistants:
Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:
Ushers: Paul Pearson & Jim Riess
Altar Guild: Anne Holm
Counter: Holly Knutson

The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service (Gather in the Lower Level)

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

Monday, August 10, 2026

Game Day

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Operation Sandwich

10:00 AM

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service (Gather in the Lower Level)

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

CCC

10:00 AM

Pictures from Sarah and Roger's Wedding



Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue "Join a Meeting" link at the top center of your screen. (You won't need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue "Join" button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID is 862 3565 3948 Passcode is 960031.

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. This week's bulletin is sponsored by Marlen and Jane Orth. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

Adult Prayer Warriors Needed!! The sign up sheet is in the narthex. **33** adults are needed for this program. The main focus is to keep the child in your prayers, introduce yourself to them, continue with smiles, a wave and conversations throughout the school year. The remembrance of the child's birthday and the celebration of May Day is encouraged with the gift of a card or a small gift (less than \$5). You will receive a letter in September with the prayer warrior guidelines and your youth's name and birthday. If you have any questions, please contact Denice Smith, @ 218-820-4522

For the **FLCW School kits**, all that is needed is **56 blunt scissors**. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to this worthwhile cause!

THANK YOU to Kathy Herold for sharing her beautiful message with us today.

You are cordially invited



Rite of Installation
Bishop Taryn K. Montgomery
Northeastern Minnesota Synod

Saturday, September 12th at
2:00pm

First Lutheran Church
1100 E Superior St.
Duluth, MN

Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preside and preach.

Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.

A light reception will follow the service.
Childcare will be provided.



Northeastern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Madeleine Primmer

Ryan Kelley

Juliet Perry Stevens, Jodi Perry's daughter

Harvey Kelley

Jeanette Anderson

Those in the service...

Senior Master Sargeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

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

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau
E-6 Nathaniel & Chief Amanda Mitchell,
nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026

Attendance: 81

Offering Aug. 2, 2026 \$1,698.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,803.77

Direct Deposit: \$ 175.00

Vanco Deposit: \$ 4.68

Total Offerings: \$1,877.68

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

2025-2026 Giving: \$156,859.86 Expenses: \$159,822.48

Income less Expenses for July:

\$15,103.99 - \$14,281.73 = \$822.26

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com



Vanco provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online.

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER? YES, WE SHALL!!!



FLCW will host the fifth annual Picnic by the Pine River. All First Lutheran Women and their guests are invited to gather at the Lion's Club shelter. Please bring your own chair and a sack lunch. There will be a fun game! *If it is raining, we will gather at the church.*

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
12 noon



Volunteer Appreciation!

Our last distribution is quickly approaching!

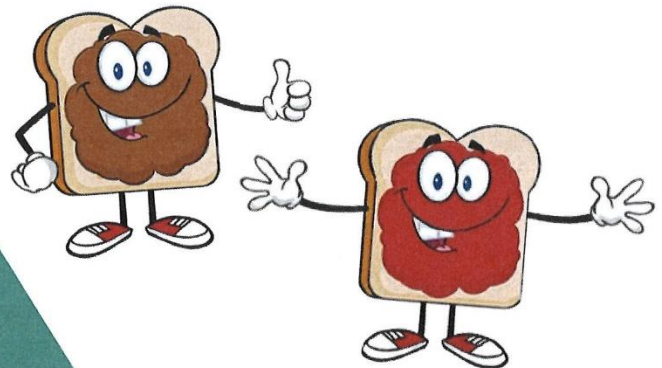
- We appreciate your dedication to the Operation Sandwich Program. Join us at our final distribution to celebrate our success and connect with fellow volunteers who helped make it possible.

Pine River Volunteer Appreciation August 27

- Join us at 9:30AM (before your shift) at First Lutheran Church to celebrate!
- Address: 309 2nd Street North, Pine River, MN 56474

SO FAR THIS SUMMER WE...

- ✓ Served over 25,000 lunches
- ✓ Provided meals for over 650 families
- ✓ More than 3500 individuals received lunches and snacks





Clearwater
COUPLE'S RETREAT:
MAPPING OUT YOUR MARRIAGE!

WHEN:
Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 pm
to Sept. 20 at noon

WHERE:
Clearwater Forest Camp
& Retreat Center
16595 Crooked Lake Rd,
Deerwood, MN 56444

WHO:
Sam Laughery
Licensed Marriage and
Family Therapist

Cost:
\$175/person
\$350/couple

GOALS FOR THE WEEKEND:

- Develop a deeper understanding of your partner's personal love map.
- Learn effective communication strategies.
- Learn about the best strategies for conflict resolution within your marriage relationship.
- Spend meaningful time with your spouse.
- Reconnect with the other couples and/or get to know new couples!
- Have fun!

Your best adventure yet.

A weekend to explore, connect, and strengthen the road you're on together.



FIRE

WATER

MEN'S RETREAT

DATE: OCTOBER 9-11
Theme: Elemental Faith

LEADERS:

- Pastor Scott Thompson (First Presbyterian Church in Willmar, MN)
- Pastor Hans Anderson (First Lutheran Church in Pine River, MN)
- Comedian Bill Chadwick will be providing entertainment.

**Cost: \$325 single occupancy,
\$225 double occupancy**

**A weekend just for the men -
fishing, hiking, photography,
bonfires, worship, and
fellowship!**

EARTH

WIND

Opening Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" (LBW 557)

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"