



**Welcome to worship!**

**First Lutheran Church**

**Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 8am - 4pm

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**Pastors:** Paul Miller, Kary Jonas

**Coordinator of Children's Ministry:** Sara Thompson

**Music Administrator and Organist:** Kerstin Suby

**Congregational Administrator:** Jennifer White

**Custodian:** Loren Prigge

## GATHERING

### Announcements

### Backpack Blessing

*Any student with a backpack may come forward for a blessing.*

### Bible Blessing

*3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 1st graders, and new to Sunday School*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

### Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me!*

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### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### Hymn of Praise

*Glory to God*

ACS 1087

### Prayer of the Day

## WORD

### First Reading

**Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Listen Now for the Gospel*

ACS 972 vs. 1

### Gospel Reading

**Luke 14: 25-33**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

Pastor Paul

### Hymn of the Day

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798

### Blessing of the Sunday School Teachers & Confirmation Leaders

### Prayers of Intercession

P: God of Grace

C: **Receive our prayer.**

### Peace

## Offering

Offertory *Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. by Kyle S. Haugen

## Offering Response

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

#686 vs. 1-2

## MEAL

## Great Thanksgiving

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## Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

ACS 1089

## Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

## Lamb of God

*Now Behold the Lamb*

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## Communion

*All who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ are welcome at the table.*

## Communion Hymns

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

ACS#966

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

#335

## SENDING

## Blessing of Heidi Berge & Melissa Ackermann

## Blessing

## Benediction

## Hymn

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*  
arr.by Lynette Maynard

**Join us for fellowship, coffee, and treats** from Heidi's Huggamug Café as we celebrate 9 years of service each from Heidi Berge, Coordinator of Children's Ministries and Melissa Ackermann, Coordinator of Youth Ministries. We are grateful for their commitment to our youth and look forward to serving alongside them in new ways. Thank you!

**This Week at FLC:**

**Sept. 8** - Craft Night 6-8pm; Scouts, 6pm

**Sept. 9** - Quilters, 8:30am, Hispanic Inclusion, 6pm, Scouts Committee, 6pm

**Sept. 10** - Bible Study, 8:30am; Bells, 5:15pm; Confirmation, 6-8pm; Worship, 6:30pm; Senior Choir, 7pm

**Sept. 11** - Fellowship Potluck, 5:30pm

20th Anniversary of First Worship in current building

(Mark your calendars for the Celebration of Dedication on 10/26)

**Sept 13** - Iglesia Rehearsal, 3-5pm

**Sept 14** - Worship, 9am, Sunday School, 10am, Adult Forum, 10am



**Sign-up for Worship Roles** online at [SignUpGenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com). Online sign-ups are preferred, however a sign-up sheet has been added to the kiosk.

**Keep in prayer:** LeAnn Fuchs (niece of Arlene Johnson), Carl Kozlowski, Wayne & Monica Schmidt (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Wally and Susan Dailey, Loren Walters (brother of Diane Keyport), Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson's sister), Kathy Walstrom (daughter of Eloise Blattner), Patricia A. McMahon (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Mary & Bob Johnson, Dave & Kay Harms, the Family of Cindy Whitcomb.

**Thank you to those who shared their time and talents this morning:**

Lector: Cheryl Luettinger

Greeters: Kim Ask-Carlson

Communion Assistants: Kim Ask-Carlson, Kathy Wigern

Ushers: Jeff & Janet Chestnut

Altar: Sandy Bendickson, Janet Chestnut

Sound/Video: Heath Oeltjen, Cheryl Luettinger, Julie Deschneau, Randy Zanto

Coffee: Heidi Berge & Friends

Council Member on Duty: Kim Ask-Carlson