



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 31/June 1, 2025
6:00 pm and 8:45 am
Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude “*Canzona*”

Betty Heggemeyer, organist

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have denied our need for daily new birth. We have scorned the means you provide to fertilize and cultivate our growth in grace. We have closed ourselves to pollination by others of your redeeming, particularly those whose fruits differ from ours. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, revive us, and open us to your gifts, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn *"Making Their Way"* ACS 979



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

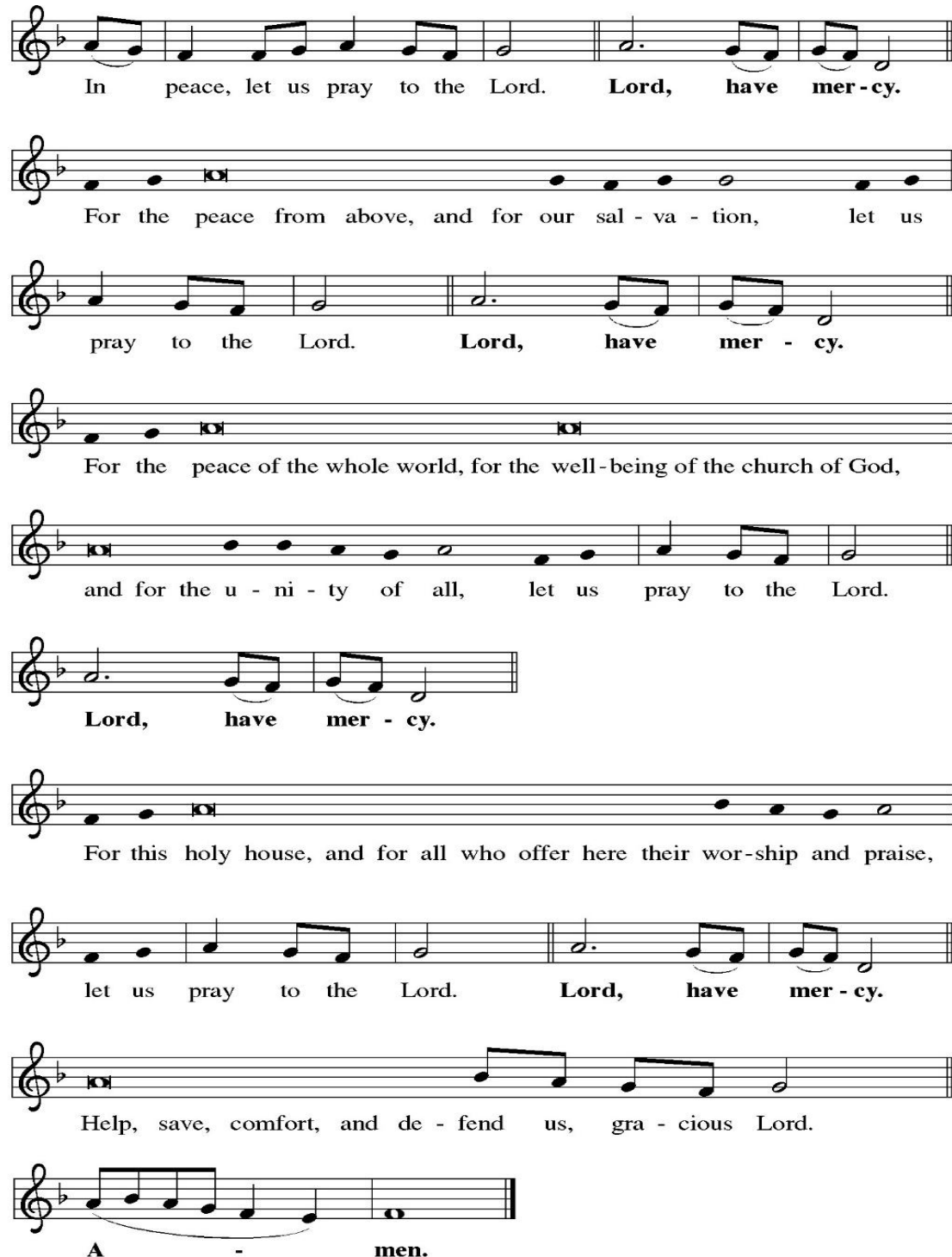
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Greeting

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.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

L: A reading from Revelation, the twenty-second chapter.

L: ¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

(Revelation 2:12-14, 16-17, 20-21)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Jesus prayed: ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” (*John 17:20-26*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message And “Noisy” Offering

Sermon Pastor Logan Ellis

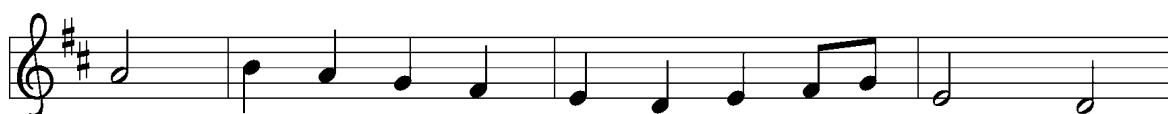
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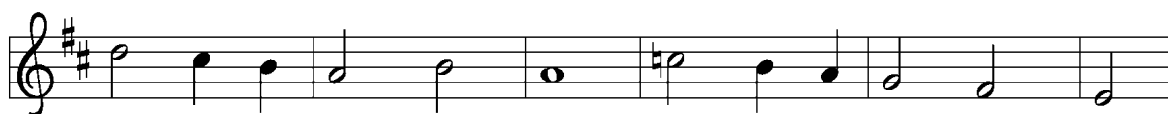
Hymn of the Day “Come Down, O Love Divine” ELW 804



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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Apostles' Creed

L: With the whole church, let us profess our faith.

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 Intercession

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence for reflection.

L: Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart. We pray especially for...

Skyler Marie Adams	Rocky Geiser	Denise Scott
Jim Anderson	Larry Giddings	Addison Sullivan
Bertha Boyer	Kelsey Gronewold	Tony Tauer
Vicki Buschelman	Kerry Journey	Eunice Warner
Gregory Carrico	Ron Kruse	Misty White
Wayne Deterding	Emily McArthur	Dean Wiese
Terry Eirich	Eileen Richter	Miranda Wright
Leonard Fowler	Brent Roemmich	
Tyler Freeland	Garth Scism	
Randy Fritson		

- *Prayers of comfort and peace for Lane Nansel's family and friends on his death.*

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died. We look toward your coming again among us.

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering “*The Power of the Cross*”
Betty Heggemeyer, organist

Offertory Response “*As the Grains of Wheat*” ELW 465 Refrain Only

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

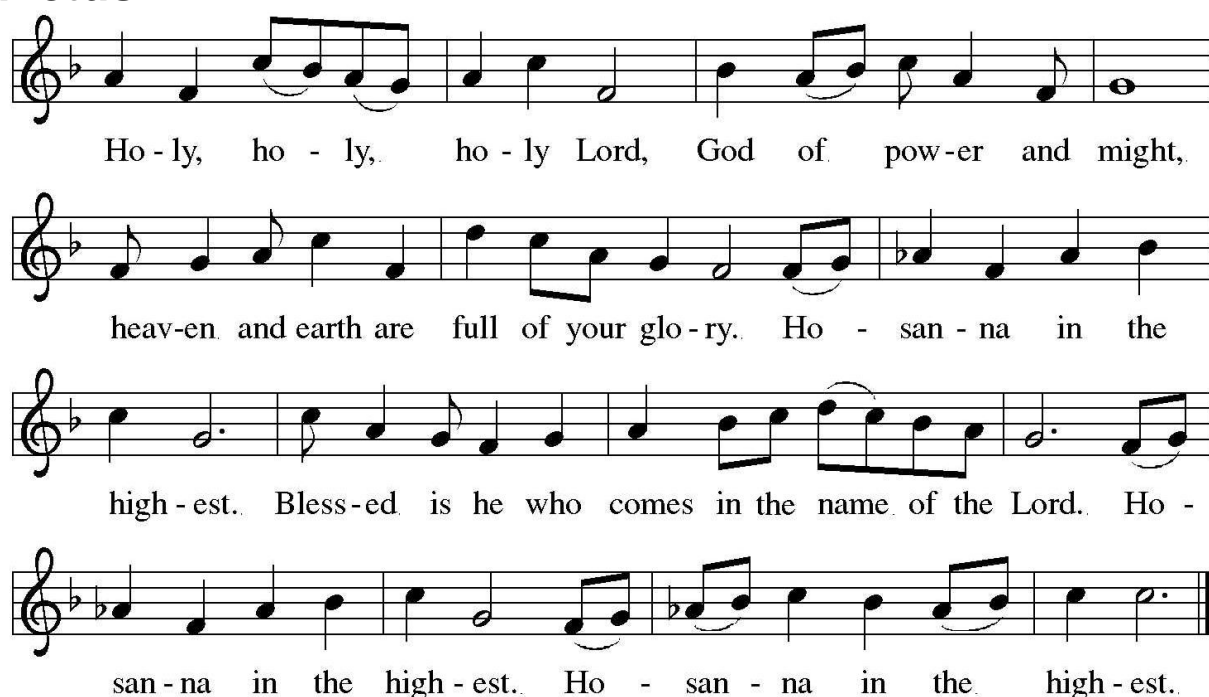
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation To Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands

If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

Lamb of God

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.

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Communion Music

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"
(In the setting of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring")
Betty Heggemeyer, organist

Please stand as you are able.

Table Grace

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Sending of Communion

L: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn "Take the Name of Jesus"

1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;
 2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
 3 Oh, the pre-cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
 4 At the name of Je - sus bow-ing, fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,

it will joy and com-fort give you; take it then, wher-e'er you go.
 if temp-tations round you gath - er, breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
 when his lov-ing arms re - ceive us, and his songs our tongues em-ploy!
 King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour-ney is com-plete.

Refrain

Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! oh, how sweet!

Hope of earth and joy of heav'n. Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name,

oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.
 oh, how sweet, how sweet!

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Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Easter Triumph”

Betty Heggemeyer, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Nursery is OPEN!** – do you need a quiet place to take your child? The nursery is available for you to use. Services are live streamed inside. Located by the café area.
- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:45 am & 10:30 am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly at 2:00 pm
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a “T” (t-coil) setting. The hearing loop is on the first floor in the two center aisles.
- **Prayer Chapel**—across from Centennial Hall, a place for quiet prayer
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** - for June are shelf stable, microwavable foods. Please see complete list in the Narthex or on the FLC website.
- **Volunteer of the Month – Volunteer of the Month** – for June is Terry Volker
- **First Lutheran Church Preschool Registration:** Registration is open to the public – for 2025/2026
- **Communion registration**—Please register annually to maintain membership. Registration cards in pew racks & on Welcome Stations.
- **Visitors**—please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **Every Wednesday through June 25 | 10:30 am** – Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall (see FLC website for details)
- **Sunday, June 8** – 9:50 am – Hymns of Faith, Pentecost Party - Sanctuary
- **Sunday, June 15** – 9:45 am – Budget Forum in Centennial Hall
- **Sunday, June 29** - 9:45 am Annual Meeting in Centennial Hall
- **July 14 – 17 & 20** - Vacation Bible School!
- **August 2** – First Lutheran Habitat Workday
- **September 14 – 20, 2025** - Adult Mission Trip to North Carolina (details to follow)



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Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson, Presiding Pastor
Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Co-Pastor**

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6:00 pm – John Love
8:45 am – Amy Behrhorst
10:30 am – Larry Steinbrecher**

Organist: Betty Heggemeyer

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