



Time after Pentecost

June 13, 2026

6:00 pm

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude “Be Still and Know” Dorann Bartels, pianist

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn “God Is Here” ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God, 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

L: A reading from Romans the fifth chapter.

L: ¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. (*Romans 5:1-8*)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

P: ⁹ As 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. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.”

And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.
(*Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message and "Noisy" Offering

*(Children's offering goes towards ELCA North Carolina
Disaster Relief Fund)*

Sermon Pastor Logan Ellis

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” ELW 608



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

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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: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence for reflection.

L: God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. Accompany those still recovering from storm damage this week.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. We pray especially for:

Jim Anderson Bertha Boyer Vicki Buschelman Pastor John Carlson Gregory Carrico Ann Day Rich Ferris Corinne Fisher Leonard Fowler Randy Fritson	Larry Giddings Patty Ibsen Derek Johnson Larry Junker Laura Morton Nancy Olson Natalie Radcliffe Mary Renshaw Eileen Richter Kristen Richter Garth Scism	Bryan Slater Jo Smallcomb Sue Springer Yvonne Steinocher Joanne Suing Martha Tiede Mariah & Barrett Vohland Dean Wiese Paula Yoachim James Ziebarth
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Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- *Joan Swanson on the death of her husband, Larry.*
- *Pastor Sylvia High Karlsson on the death of her husband, Lynn McPheron.*

L: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

L: God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church.
God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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

"O Master, Let me Walk with Thee"

Dorann Bartels, pianist

Offertory Response

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Compassionate God,

**C: 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.

P: 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.

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.

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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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.

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, grant us peace.

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Communion Music

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether", ELW 470

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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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.

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *"Mighty Is Our God"*

Dorann Bartels, pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:45 am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookstone 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 coverage works **best** on the main floor in the **center** aisles. T-coil is not available in the balcony.
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** - for June are Dish Cloths and Hand Towels. Please put donations on the sharing shelf in the Narthex.
- **Volunteer of the Month** for June is Stacy Bean. Stacy has served in many areas, most recently volunteering as musician for several services when we had gaps this spring.
- **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.
- **The Nursery** is available for anyone to use. Services are livestreamed inside. A toddler restroom is also located inside.
- **Summer Worship Schedule:**
 - Saturday 6:00pm | Sunday 9:45am
 - Sunday Coffee Hour: 9:00am – Please Sign up to help make coffee or clean up in the Café.
- **June 14** – Budget Forum Meeting – 10:45am
- **June 18, Thursday – 5:15pm | Fellowship Hall | Women’s ELCA Meeting & Potluck.** ALL women are invited!
- **June 28** – Annual Congregational Meeting – 11:00am
- **July 13-16 & 19th** - Vacation Bible School. Register to attend or volunteer at: FirstLutheranKearney.org
- **Sign up to help with Summer Music. ***
***Visit FirstLutheranKearney.org for details**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Anderson	Garth Scism
Leonard Fowler	Jo Smallcomb
Randy Fritson	Sue Springer
Patty Ibsen	Martha Tiede
Natalie Radcliffe	Dean Wiese
Eileen Richter	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH

Bertha Boyer – Susan Slater’s aunt
Vicki Buschelman – Angie Wright’s aunt
John Carlson – Monie Karschner & Becky Bredekamp’s cousin
Gregory Carrico – Martha Tiede’s son
Ann Day – Greg & Linda Sue Jensen’s friend
Rich Ferris – Larry and Nancy Merz’s friend
Corinne Fischer – Bridget VonSeggern’s sister
Larry Giddings – Deb Beerman’s friend
Derek Johnson – Kylee Vreugdenhil’s brother
Larry Junker – Karen Emal’s brother
Laura Morton – Natalie Radcliffe’s sister
Nancy Olson – Greg & Linda Sue Jensen’s friend
Mary Renshaw – Linda Peterson’s sister
Kristen Richter – Tim & Eileen Richter’s daughter
Bryan Slater – Susan Slater’s husband
Yvonne Steinocher – Deb Rohla’s cousin
Joanne Suing – Angie Wright’s aunt
Moriah & Barrett Vohland – Kim and Nita Deyo’s friends
Paula Yoachim – Deb Beerman’s friend
James Ziebarth – Jane Ziebarth-Bovill’s brother

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