



Time after Pentecost

August 8/9, 2026

6:00 pm | 9:45 am

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

6:00pm “Lord, I Need You” Betty Heggemeyer, organist

9:45am “I Love to Tell the Story” Cosette Wagner, pianist

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

“Oh, Sing to the Lord” *Cantad al Señor* ELW 822

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

L: A reading from Romans the tenth chapter.

L: ⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (*Romans 10:5-15*)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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.”
(*Matthew 14:22-33*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Children’s Message, Blessing of the Backpacks
and “Noisy” Offering**

*(The Children’s offering goes to Lutheran World Relief to help
children in Lebanon and Ecuador.)*

Sermon

Pastor Logan Ellis

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" ELW 756

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence for reflection.

L: We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer.

We pray especially for:

Jim Anderson

Bertha Boyer

Bo Burton

Vicki Buschelman

Pastor John Carlson

Rich Ferris

Corinne Fisher

Leonard Fowler

Randy Fritson

Derek Johnson

Larry Junker

Lil Larson

Pat Meyer

Tom Meyer

Natalie Radcliffe

Ruth Ellen Rebelein

Mary Renshaw

Eileen Richter

Kristen Richter

Michelle Sawicki

Garth Scism

Bryan Slater

Yvonne Steinocher

Joanne Suing

Dean Wiese

Paula Yoachim

James Ziebarth

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us.
Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them
in your eternal kingdom.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have
promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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

6:00pm *"Trust and Obey"* **Betty Heggemeyer, organist**

9:45am *"If We're Honest"*

Marissa Wright, soloist

Betty Heggemeyer, pianist

9:45am: Communion Servers:

Please come forward at this time.

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

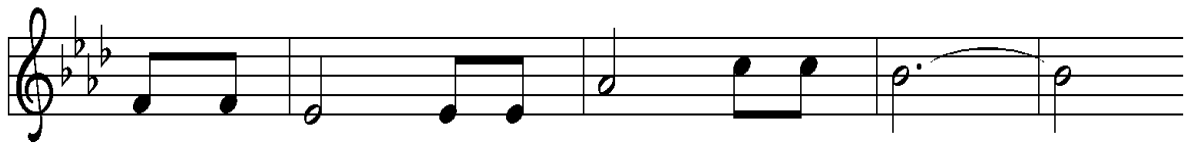
6:00 pm *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Betty Heggemeyer, organist

9:45 am *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* ELW 773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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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

"When Peace Like a River" ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

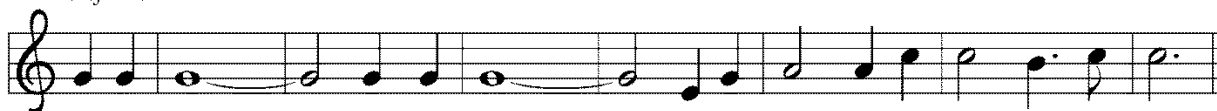


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*
Betty Heggemeyer, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:45 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 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 August are Non-Perishable Foods. See complete list on the First Lutheran website.
- **Volunteer of the Month** is Stefani Wegner. Stefani has served as VBS Coordinator for MANY years. Thank you, Stefani, for making an impact on our youth in their faith journey!
- **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 and includes a “toddler restroom”. Services are livestreamed inside.
- **Summer Worship Schedule:**
 - Saturday 6:00pm | Sunday 9:45am
 - Sunday Coffee Hour: 9:00am – Please sign up on the board in the café to help make coffee or clean up.
- **Aug. 8 & 9** – Blessing of the Backpacks
- **Saturday, Aug. 15** – Habitat for Humanity FLC Work Day
- **Aug. 15** – LOSS Volleyball Scramble @ Big Apple | Register by Aug. 1
- **Aug. 19** – Wed. – Confirmation Orientation
- **Aug. 26** – Wednesday Evening Youth events & Feeding the Flock resume
- **Aug. 30** – 11am Worship in the Park / Dryden Park
- **Sept. 6** – 8:45am and 11:00am Sunday Worship Services resume
- **Sept. 12 & 13** – Teacher Installation
- **Sept. 13** – Sunday School Returns
- **Sept. 13** – God’s Work, Our Hands
- **Sept. 19/20** – Installation of Women’s ELCA Officers
- **Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4** – New Members Classes

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Jim Anderson Leonard Fowler Randy Fritson Lil Larson Pat Meyer Tom Meyer	Natalie Radcliffe Eileen Richter Michelle Sawicki Garth Scism Dean Wiese
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH

Bertha Boyer – Susan Slater’s aunt
Bo Burton – Janna Burton’s son
Vicki Buschelman – Angie Wright’s aunt
John Carlson – Monie Karschner & Becky Bredenkamp’s cousin
Rich Ferris – Larry and Nancy Merz’s friend
Corinne Fischer – Bridget VonSeggern’s sister
Derek Johnson – Kylee Vreugdenhil’s brother
Larry Junker – Karen Emal’s brother
Ruth Ellen Rebelein- friend of First Lutheran Congregation
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
Paula Yoachim – Deb Beerman’s friend
James Ziebarth – Jane Ziebarth-Bovill’s brother



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**Pastor Logan Ellis, Preaching
Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson, Presiding
Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Co-Lead Pastor**

**Assisting Ministers:
Sunday, 9:45 am – Annette Schwartz**

Organist – Betty Heggemeyer

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