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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sunday, August 9

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Hilding

WELCOME VISITORS.

***IF YOU ARE SEEKING A NEW CHURCH HOME,
PLEASE CONSIDER FIRST LUTHERAN***

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



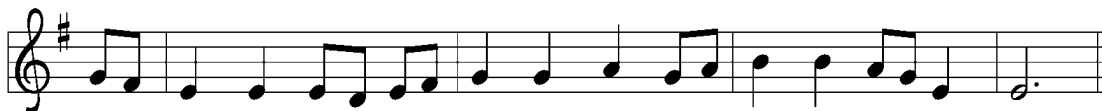
- 1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
- 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
- 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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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.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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. *The assembly is seated.*

BAPTISM

We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Baylor Elliott Balogh and celebrate this special day with him parents, Brandon and Addison Balogh, and his sponsors, Laurie Forsberg and Grant Cymbaluk.

*The Rite of Holy Baptism
For Baylor Elliott Balogh*

INTRODUCTION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the pastor at the font.

P Today we gather with great excitement to welcome **Baylor** into God's family of faith. As we do so, I will turn it over to our parents and sponsors to introduce themselves.

Parent and Sponsor introduction.

Sponsors:

Today we present **Baylor Elliott Balogh** for baptism.

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents Response:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents Response: We do.

P As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,
so that *he* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help **Baylor** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Baylor** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor Response: We do.

Assembly

P People of God, do you promise to support **Baylor** and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

ALL **C** We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parent & Sponsor Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea
you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized
by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and
resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.
Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in
the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through
Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P **Baylor Elliott**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P We Say Together

C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.
The presiding minister continues:*

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth,
cleansing him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

Sustain **Baylor** with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P **Baylor Elliott Balogh**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

P Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

“BAPTIZED AND SET FREE” Cathy Skogen-Soldner ELW 453

1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Baptized and Set Free" by Cathy Skogen-Soldner, ELW 453. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the first line of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group proceed to the front of the church. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

[P] Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL We welcome you into the body of Christ

and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word

to all the world.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Stephen Hilding

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. *Please stand to welcome the Gospel*

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

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!”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. *Please stand to welcome the Gospel*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Please stand.

Pastor Stephen Hilding

SERMON SONG

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



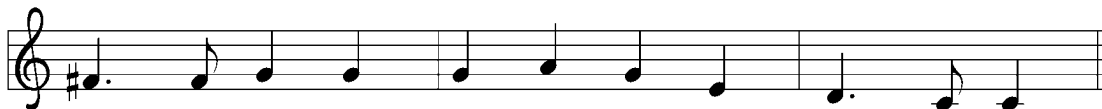
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
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
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.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A 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.

A 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 hear our prayer.

A 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 hear our prayer.

A 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 hear our prayer.

A 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 especially those we name at this time. Merciful God,

C hear our prayer.

A 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 hear our prayer.

A 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.

PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you. *Please share Christ's peace with those around you.*

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

(The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider First Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING *Please stand.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

THE LORDS 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.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRUBUTION/ MUSIC *Please stand.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

Remember our Mission:

“The Mission of FLC is

To share God’s Love by Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.”

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CROSS TALK

You are welcome to experience God’s love here at First Lutheran, where our lives are changed by the promises God has made to us through Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will profoundly engage you as we worship our Lord, together!

Hearing transmitters are available at the Main Street entry. If you need assistance, ask one of the ushers or greeters. Please return the transmitter after worship.

If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact the church’s Financial Admin, Randi Jangula, at 572-6363 or office@flewilliston.com.

Help us help you! If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and need a visit, please contact the church office. We have no way of knowing unless you speak up.

Restroom locations - Downstairs at church entrance, in north & south hallways to Fellowship Hall. A handicapped facility is near the door to the big kitchen.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Council of First Lutheran has graciously granted me time to regenerate and see family. You may not be aware that I have not taken a vacation of more than 2 or 3 days since Eric passed away. I have also not seen my family since his celebration of life. So, in order to reenergize for the busy Fall we have planned I am taking a 4-week sabbatical from July 19 through August 15. I will be working with staff to make sure the ministry continues while I am gone.

Blessings,

Deacon Lynea

Pastor	Stephen Hilding
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Music and Worship Coordinator	Meriel Lora
Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound Tech	Zach Myhrer
Greeter	Lorna Easton
Ushers	Arnie Siverson, Charlie Tanner
Reader	Beverly Conway
Coffee Hour	
Communion Servers	Beverly Conway, Lowell Sandvik, Carol Jean Sandvik

Membership

Are you curious about becoming a member of First **Lutheran Church** or learning more about our faith, mission, and community? We would love to talk with you! Whether you are new to First Lutheran, returning after time away, or simply exploring what membership means, we welcome your questions and interest.

Our **New Member Orientation Classes** will be held after worship in the parlor on:

September 20th and September 27th

These gatherings are an opportunity to learn more about our ministry, our Lutheran faith and the mission God has given First Lutheran.

We will celebrate and welcome new members during
New Member Recognition Sunday on October 4th.

☎ *Church Office Phone 701-572-6363*

✉ *Pastor Stephen's Email: stephen@flcwilliston.com*

We look forward to getting to know you and walking together in faith.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am Worship Service -S

10:30 am Coffee Hour – FH

Monday, August 10

8:30 am Pastors/Lay Text Study

1:00 -3:00 pm Adult Quilting – QR

Tuesday, August 11

7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's

1 pm Staff Meeting

6 pm Council - MR

Wednesday, August 12

2 pm -Women's Bible Study P

Thursday, August 13

10 am - Coffee Group - P

1:00-3:00 pm Adult Quilting - QR

1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat - P

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee Hour – FH

Prayer for healing and comfort:

Pastor Zach Harris, Jean Lewis,
Doug Lehman, Mabel Colebank,
Ron Raymond, and Sawyer Smith

Sympathy and Prayers:

Military Service Members

Isaac Haugen, Lars Conway,
Cecilio Benn, Jorn Everson

Prayer List Updates?

Please look at the prayer list.
Those listed on the Prayer list will
remain there for a period of four (4)
weeks unless a request is received to be
removed earlier. More info?
Call 701-572-6363

Week of August 2 – August 7

**Don't forget our Radio
Broadcast's
in honor or memory of
your loved ones!!!**

- **Weekly Offering \$9,433**
- **Last week 84 DISCIPLES** were sent out in God's name to make a difference.
We go out to do the same
this week.

“GATHERED BY GRACE” SERMON SERIES



Before we step into a new season of ministry, Christ first gathers us. In August, we follow Matthew's Gospel as Jesus feeds the hungry, reaches frightened disciples, widens the table of mercy and leads us by the way of the cross. In this rhythm, God prepares the church in grace. As Rally Day approaches, we are gathered again around the love of Christ so that we may be sent again for the sake of the world.

STEWARDSHIP

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back
It's all about God.

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into the plate, always welcome!

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www.flcwilliston.com

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Simply text the word “Give” to
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Click on the link in the response
and follow the prompts to
complete your donation!



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Upcoming Events

Sunday School/Wednesday School
Volunteer Teacher Training –
Date to Be Determined

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
CLASS

September 20 and 27 following Worship - P

Rally Sunday - September 13

More info coming soon!

Rally Wednesday - September 16

Wednesday School and

Parent/Youth Confirmation Orientation

Sunday, September 20

First Day of Sunday School

Wednesday, September 23

First Day of Wed Meal, Wed Worship,
Wed School and Confirmation Classes

NEW – REVISED FORMAT

Your New Wednesday Night Routine

5:30 PM – Community Meal:

6:00 PM – Worship Service:

6:50 PM – Renewed Confirmation &
Children’s Church

7:30 PM – Youth Group

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Worship & New Member

Recognition Sunday on October 4th.

The Gospel Choir Group is holding practice.

- All are welcome!
- Contact Karla Osborn at
(701) 570-3987 for more information.
- On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Gospel Choir practices in the parlor before
the 9:30 am Worship Service.
- On the 3rd Sunday of each month, the Gospel Choir sings in church.



A New Wednesday Rhythm: Rooted in Faith, Growing Together

One of the most exciting opportunities this fall is the launch of a new Wednesday evening rhythm designed to place worship, relationships, and faith formation at the center of our life together.

Beginning on **Rally Wednesday, September 16**, we will gather each week for:

5:30 PM — Community Meal (For All Ages)

6:00 PM — Midweek Worship (For All Ages)

6:50 PM — Church School & Confirmation

7:30 PM — Youth Group

Visit Us & Connect

- **Location:** 916 Main Street, Williston, ND 58801
- **Sundays:** Don't forget our Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM, with Sunday School at 9:45 AM and Coffee Hour at 10:30 AM!



Student Registration:

- Register here by scanning the QR Code or complete a paper copy of the registration form. Paper Copies will be available at the reception desk Starting next week Sunday – Friday.



SPRINGBROOK BIBLE CAMP – SWEET CORN AND QUILT FESTIVAL Today - Sunday, August 9, 2026

Sweetcorn & Quilt Festival Schedule

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Inflatables & Activities

12:00 PM Food Served: Sweetcorn and Fixings (*served until 2:00 PM*)

12:00 PM Silent Auction Begins

- Face Painting - Tie-Dye - Toddler Sensory Play – Canteen - Ice Cream Truck

12:15 PM Live Music **1:30 PM LIVE QUILT AUCTION - All Day** Corn Hunt - Self-Guided Tours of Hanson Cottage

WELCA

- Faith and Hope Circles will resume Bible Study in September.
- Our weekly bible study continues at 2 pm on Wednesdays.
- Project of the Month is to support School Kits

Lutheran World Relief Kits

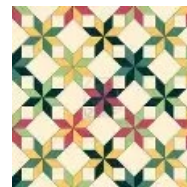
SCHOOL KIT

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each School Kit:

 One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17", with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)	 Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no loose-leaf paper	 One box of 16 or 24 crayons
 One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other	 One pencil sharpener	 One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
 Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band	 Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band	 One 2½" eraser

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NEEDED TO CONTINUE 4-H YOUTH QUILT CLASSES



As most of you know, Bill & Ruth Glen are moving to Bloomington, Illinois Sept. 9th. Therefore, FLC needs some helping hands to continue with the 4-H kids Sewing/Quilting Classes. Currently, they have classes 3:30 to 5:30 pm Mondays & Thursdays each week with two different groups of kids. The class teaches kids to sew and provides fun and easy projects for them to make. Bev Brevik volunteers on Mondays and Jan Stoner from Gloria Dei volunteers on Thursdays, Ruth volunteered both days. The program needs one person to volunteer both days or two different people to volunteer for Monday or Thursday. There are designated totes of fabric for the 4-H kids to use. The current program meets weekly during the school year and follows the school calendar year. Please let Bev & Ruth if you can volunteer to keep this program going strong.

FYI: The patriotic quilt the kids just finished raised \$7,530 from raffle sales for 4-H's Upper Missouri Fair program. We are all so proud of these 4-H kids and how quickly they learn how to sew a variety of projects.

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TOGETHER *in Faith*

FALL PROGRAMMING *Starts with You!*

**GROWING
IN FAITH.
SERVING
TOGETHER.**

- SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
- WEDNESDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP
- CONFIRMATION

SHARE YOUR GIFTS. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BE THE CHURCH.
Watch for sign-up opportunities coming soon!

Fall Ministry Is Coming... and We Need You!

Mark your calendars and watch for upcoming volunteer sign-ups! Opportunities will be available for Sunday School, Wednesday School, community meals, Wednesday worship, and Confirmation mentoring. Your gifts can help nurture faith, build community, and strengthen our congregation.

**There's a place for
everyone to serve!**

THANK YOU!

With grateful hearts, we thank you for sharing in the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. Your presence, whether in person or in thought, was a precious gift that filled the day with love, laughter, and the warmth of treasured friendships and family. Every conversation, embrace, and greeting became another thread woven into the tapestry of a day we will cherish forever.

Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Stephen for leading such a beautiful vow renewal ceremony. Your thoughtful words gently reminded us of the promises made before God so many years ago and the countless ways those promises have been renewed, day after day.

As we look back on fifty wonderful years, we are reminded that life's greatest blessings are not measured by time alone, but by the people who walked beside us along the way. Thank you for helping us celebrate a lifetime of love and for giving us memories that will forever live in our hearts.

With love and heartfelt gratitude,

Allen and Lavina Domagala



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Website Redesign Survey

We're redesigning the First Lutheran Church website to better serve our congregation and welcome visitors. Your feedback will help us create a website that reflects our church and supports our ministry.

Scan the QR Code or Complete a Paper Survey located on Page 23 & 24 of this bulletin



Additional forms are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk.
Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

*Your voice matters as we build a better online presence for
First Lutheran Church.*

First Lutheran Church Website Redesign Survey

We're redesigning the First Lutheran Church website to better serve members, welcome visitors, and share what makes our church special. Your feedback will help guide the new site.

1. Which best describes you? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Member ☐ Volunteer ☐ Ministry Leader
☐ Staff Member ☐ Church Council Member ☐ Parent ☐ Student

2. How long have you attended First Lutheran?

- ☐ Less than 6 months ☐ 6 months–2 years ☐ 3–10 years ☐ More than 10 years

3. What type of photos/videos would you prefer on the website?

- ☐ Mostly authentic member photos/videos
☐ Mostly professionally produced photos/videos
☐ A mix of both

4. Which photos/videos best represent First Lutheran? (Choose 3.)

- ☐ Worship ☐ Families ☐ Children ☐ Fellowship ☐ Volunteers ☐ Meals
☐ Outdoor Activities ☐ Music Groups ☐ Baptisms ☐ Confirmation ☐ Historic Photos

5. What makes First Lutheran different from other Churches _____

6. What three words or short phrases best describe First Lutheran?

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____

7. What traditions, ministries, or events best represent the heart of First Lutheran? (List up to 3.)

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____

8. After visiting the website, what should a first-time visitor Know, Feel, and Want to do next?

Know: _____

Feel: _____

Do Next: _____

9. Which five things are most important for the website to help you do?

- ☐ Find service times ☐ Watch worship services ☐ Read/watch Sermons ☐ View events
☐ Read Newsletters ☐ Give online ☐ Find ministries ☐ Volunteer
☐ Submit prayer requests ☐ Contact staff ☐ Learn about the church ☐ Sign up for events
☐ Join a group ☐ Find Livestream ☐ Other _____

10. If someone attended First Lutheran for six months, what would you hope they would say about the church _____

11. What pages or information do you use most often or would use on the website? _____

12. Which five items should appear first on the homepage?

- ☐ Service Times ☐ Watch Lives stream ☐ Upcoming Events ☐ About Us ☐ Get Connected
☐ Give ☐ Prayer Request ☐ Newsletter ☐ Ministries ☐ Contact Info

13. What questions or concerns might a first-time visitor have? _____

14. What information should a first-time visitor never have to call the church office to find? _____

15. What information is currently difficult to find on the website? _____

16. Imagine it is three years from now and the website has been a success. What happened? _____

Thank you for helping shape the future website of First Lutheran Church. Please return this survey to Pastor Stephen, Beckie, or Zach.