



19 Pentecost
Thursday, October 01, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 04, 2026
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

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We are grateful you are here!

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Ways to give:

Scan the QR code below or use the “Simply Giving” program to make regular donations from your checking account. Download the form from our website and turn into the office.



The flowers on the altar are given by Jackie Stapel in remembrance of Jackie and Dennis Stapel's anniversary.

The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in memory of her Aunt Vicky Dounorowtz.

Announcements

Wednesday night dinners resume next week, October 7th. Dinner will be hosted First Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran youth, to raise money for the upcoming CHARGE retreat. A pasta bar is planned with choices of spaghetti and fettuccine noodles, marinara and alfredo sauce, meatballs and chicken, salad, garlic bread, and dessert.

Be sure to **check out our bulletin board** for information about our own **Sandy Hutchin's yoga classes** and **massage therapy** business. Let's be sure to show her our support in her new endeavors!

Wednesday night Bible study will begin on **October 7** in the Upper Education Room at 6:10 p.m. Join us as we take a more in-depth look at the texts for the week.

We are responsible for **providing meals for Family Promise** families for the week of October 11th-17th. Donations of food items are needed and should be dropped off here at the church by October 11th. **Sign-up sheet** for donations is on the information station by the office.

Check out an Adults' Electric Scooter in the library. Value at \$309. See Evie DiPiazza to make offer. **Proceeds will go to the Julie Traver benefit taking place here on November 8th.**

Join us on **Sunday, October 11** immediately following worship for **Debby Jaquith's Famous French Toast!** Proceeds will support the Family Scholarship Fund for Dar Al Kalima School in Bethlehem, Palestine. Suggested donation is \$10. Enjoy good eats while supporting a great cause!

If you have a **child who is in grade 6-12** who wants to attend the **CHARGE retreat in Traverse City** on November 6-8, you will want to attend the brief meeting taking place after worship today (Sunday) in the Gallery. Look for more information on our website or reach out to Laura Lucht at 616-638-2406.

(more announcements on page 6)

Order of Service

“Grafted with Christ”

Prelude

Hymn **“Thine the Amen”** **#826 (red)**

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie (screen)

Hymn of Praise (screen)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music	"A Vineyard Grows"	Choir
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First Reading **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Psalm 80:7-15

Second Reading **Philippians 3:4b-14**

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading **Matthew 21:33-46**

Children's Message/Dollar-A-Day/Junior Church

Dollar-A-Day monies will be used for parking lot improvements.

Hymn “We Are Marching in the Light” #866 (red)

Sermon

Hymn **“The Building Block”** **(insert)**

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord's Prayer

(screen)

Communion

“All Are Welcome”

(screen)

“You Are Holy”

#525 (red)

“As the Grains of Wheat”

#465 (red)

“One Bread, One Body”

#496 (red)

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

#659 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn

“Lord of the Dance”

(words on screen)

Benediction/Dismissal/Postlude

A message from Gary Hansen and the Stewardship Ministry:

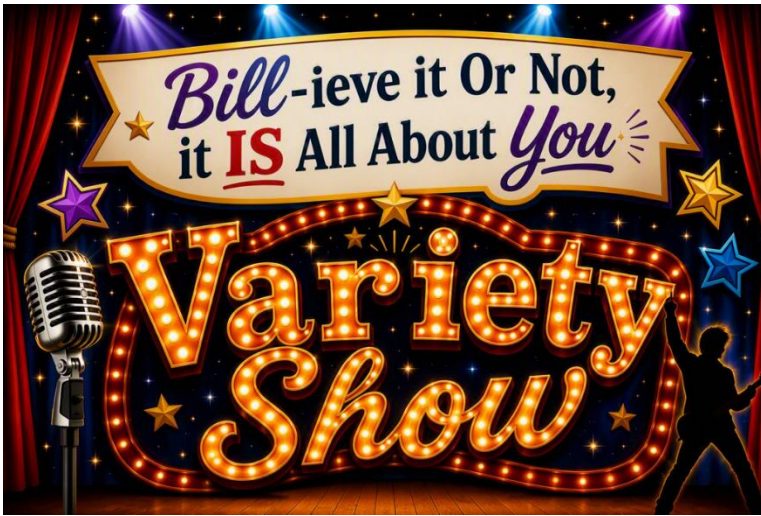
I have come to realize that everything that is part of my life has been gifted to me. That realization led me to pray about and be challenged to share a portion. As 2027 is on the horizon, I have the opportunity to make a plan to be generous and commit to sharing a portion through First Lutheran, trusting our community will use it powerfully. You, too, have the opportunity to commit to sharing a portion of your gifts in 2027: Please prayerfully consider making a financial commitment during worship on October 15 or 18, or by mailing a pledge form to the church office.

We have a story to tell.... Our generous giving of our time, our money, and our efforts are a powerful part of our story. Thanks be to God!

Gary L. Hansen, Stewardship Ministry.



Save the Date!
You Don't Want to Miss This!



- When? Friday, October 9th
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Where? Family Life Center
- Price is Free!

Look for sign-up sheets at either information station, if you would like to attend. There are also sign-ups asking for desserts and hors d'oeuvres.

This show is going to be retrospective of Pastor Bill's years here at First Lutheran, including his internship. The celebration will be "All About Bill"!

Readings for Next Weekend

(for 10-11-26)

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm

Psalm 23

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/01 and 10/04

Assisting Minister	Paula Dusseljee
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Patti Shafer
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mary Beth Liskey
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling, Emily Lucht
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Peyton Mock, Sadie Thomas
Head Usher	Open
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerson, Ed Wosinski Kathryn Hall
Junior Church	Emily and Elizabeth Lucht
Song Leaders	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System	Jeff Thomas
Information Stations	Gary Hansen, Ruth Basch
Counters	Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins
Communion Bread	Evie DiPiazza
Communion Set-Up	Evie DiPiazza
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Evie DiPiazza
Coffee Hour Hosts	Susan Besteman, Sandy Young
Building Lockers	Congregational Care
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/08 and 10/11

Assisting Minister	Steve Smith
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Sabina Freeman
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lisa Ferski
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Kim Westerholm, Emily Lucht
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ben and Noah Rop
Head Usher	Open
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Larry Bringedahl, Jeff Lucht Jan Naymick
Junior Church	Holly Stewart
Song Leaders	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
Sound System	Mark Besteman
Information Stations	Connie Larson, Robin Policka
Counters	Sandra Fluharty, Diana Duell
Communion Bread	Bert Goodman
Communion Set-Up	Bert Goodman
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Bert Goodman
Coffee Hour Hosts	Outreach Ministry-French Toast Breakfast
Building Lockers	Worship & Music
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Amber Thomas

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

	Activity	Location
Sunday 10/04/2026		
9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation	Upper Room
9:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Gallery
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir	Lower Music Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m.	Meeting about CHARGE Retreat	Gallery
12:00 p.m.	Bells	Music Room
2:00 p.m.	Rental – Thomas Family	Family Life Center
4:00 p.m.	Unraveled! Group	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA	First Floor Education Room
Monday 10/05/2026		
12:00 p.m.	Quilt Group	Quilt Room
3:00 p.m.	Sons of Norway Board Meeting	Gallery
3:30 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
7:00 p.m.	Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
Tuesday 10/06/2026 Bulletin Deadline		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	SHOP Group	Gallery
11:00 a.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
12:00 p.m.	MARSP Meeting	Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:30 p.m.	Choir	Sanctuary
9:00 p.m.	Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 10/07/2026		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	Music Together Class	Lower Music Room
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Gallery
2:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:10 p.m.	New Members' Class	Gallery
6:10 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Room
7:00 p.m.	Variety Show Rehearsal	Family Life Center
Thursday 10/08/2026		
12:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Gallery
4:00 p.m.	Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
5:00 p.m.	Hospice Cooking-for-One Class	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	History Club	Gallery
Friday 10/09/2026		
5:00 p.m.	Sons of Norway	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	"Bill-lieve it or Not" Variety Show	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 10/10/2026		
8:30 a.m.	Care Team Meeting	Gallery