

*Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

PSALM 96:1



21 Pentecost

Thursday, October 15, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18, 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 Bonnie Gouine in remembrance of her anniversary.

The eternal candle is given by Barb Pellerin in memory of her mother Charlotte Heim.

Announcements

This week's Wednesday dinner will be hosted by Joe LaLonde for Team World Vision. They will be serving chicken, mashed potatoes, and desserts. Proceeds to benefit Team World Vision.

Check out an Adult 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.**

Would you be willing to receive an email when **help is needed for setting up the Family Life Center for events?** If you could help, then you would go at the designated set-up time. Many hands make light work and your hands are needed. Please let the office know if you are willing to help.

Be sure to check out the **homemade cards for sale** on the counter-top by the library. The cards have been replenished with new stock. Proceeds go to support our youth.

Elementary kids are invited to join in a Day of the Dead celebration on Sunday, October 25 after worship. Join us for a craft and viewing of the movie "Coco".

Have you visited our **church library** lately? Barb Jammer has been hard at work keeping it organized and you really should check it out! There are fiction and non-fiction books available for reading, and also some study materials, DVD's, and also many puzzles to borrow. All ages are welcome to explore!

Our Fellowship Ministry has planned a **hauntingly good Halloween Costume Party and dinner** for Wednesday, October 28. Dinner will consist of severed chicken breasts, monster chicken nuggets, baked potato brains, Franken tots, corn casualties, and devilish desserts. Dinner is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a costume parade and prizes to follow. Sign up to bring a dessert if you dare!

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Order of Service

“Not One or the Other”

Prelude

**Hymn “God Has Done Marvelous Things” #51 (purple)
(vv. 1, 3, 5)**

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie (6:00 p.m.) (screen)

Hymn of Praise (6:00 p.m.) (screen)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Baptism

Eva'Lynn Inessa Russell

Date of Birth: 02/08/2017

Parents: Ashley Russell and Dan Russell

Sponsors: Matt Cregg and Lisa Ziemelis

First Reading **Isaiah 45:1-7**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading **Matthew 22:15-22**

Children's Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church

This week's noisy offering will be used for The Hope Project.

Hymn **“What Have We to Offer?”** **#156 (purple)**

Sermon

Hymn **“When We Are Living”** **#639 (red)**

Announcements

Stewardship Talk

Recognition of Ministries

Song	"The Church Song"	#135 (purple) (v. 1)

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Communion

“All Are Welcome” (screen)

“Come to the Table” #481 (red)

“Bread of Life from Heaven” #474 (red)
(vv. 1-3)

“Take My Life, That I May Be” #583 (red)

“Praise and Thanksgiving” #689 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn **“This Little Light of Mine”** **#677 (red)**

Benediction/Dismissal

Postlude

A message from the Stewardship Ministry:

Today is the culmination of our Stewardship campaign! During the last few weeks, you've had the opportunity to hear from members of our community who have A Story to Tell about their involvement here at First Lutheran. Today, we ask you to consider how you can use your gifts to love and serve others, with your time and talents and also by making a financial pledge. You'll be invited to bring your pledge form forward during today's worship. Extra forms are available from the ushers if needed. Thank you for being part of First Lutheran's story!



Readings for Next Weekend (for 10-25-26)

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm	Psalm 46
Second Reading	Romans 3:19-28
Gospel Reading	John 8:31-36

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/15 and 10/18

Assisting Minister	Diane Madej
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Joe Labiak
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerson
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Evie DiPiazza, Mark Thogerson
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ethan Lucht
Head Usher	Jeff Cooke
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	John Arter, Sandy Young Ben Werling
Junior Church	Emma Johnston
Song Leaders	Mike Sweet, Phil Sieski
Sound System	Jeff Thomas
Information Stations	Stan Daszko, Carol Parker
Counters	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Communion Bread	Connie Larson
Communion Set-Up	Connie Larson
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Connie Larson
Coffee Hour Hosts	Ministry Fair
Building Lockers	Christian Education/Youth Ministry
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/22 and 10/25

Assisting Minister	Bert Goodman
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Sandy Young
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Andy Luther
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Laura Lucht, Annette Jack
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ben and Noah Rop
Head Usher	Jeff Lucht
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Adam and Matthew Badley Liam Simons
Junior Church	Ben Werling
Song Leaders	Mark Thogerson, Barb Elliott
Sound System	Nate Johnston
Information Stations	Amy Badley, Lisa Le
Counters	Sandra Fluharty, Diana Duell
Communion Bread	Lisa Le
Communion Set-Up	Lisa Le
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lisa Le
Coffee Hour Hosts	Barb Bonifield
Building Lockers	Building and Grounds Ministry
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Amber Thomas

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

	Activity	Location
Sunday 10/18/2026		
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
11:45 a.m.	Ministry Fair	
12:00 p.m.	Bells	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Unraveled! Group	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA	First Floor Education Room
Monday 10/19/2026		
12:00 p.m.	Quilt Group	Quilt 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 10/20/2026 Bulletin Deadline		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	SHOP Group	Gallery
11:30 a.m.	Muskegon County Garden Club	Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Lion's Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Choir	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Lion's Club Board Meeting	Gallery
9:00 p.m.	Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 10/21/2026		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	Music Together Class	Lower Music Room
9:00 a.m.	ABC's of Cooking Class	Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Gallery
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
Thursday 10/22/2026		
9:00 a.m.	Music Together Class	Lower Music Room
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
7:15 p.m.	Council Meeting	Gallery
Friday 10/23/2026		
10:00 a.m.	Setting Up Tables	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 10/24/2026		
8:30 a.m.	Musk. Nurse Honor Guard	Kitchen
2:00 p.m.	Musk. Nurse Souper Supper	Family Life Center