



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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On **July 4, 2026**, our nation marks its Semiquincentennial—the **250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence**. This milestone offers our church family a unique opportunity to pause, reflect on our nation's history, and look toward the future. As people of faith, we celebrate the enduring legacy of **religious liberty** that allows us to worship freely, while recommitting ourselves to serving our community.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

Welcome and Announcements (*Guests please sign the attendance book in the pew*)

Sharing the Peace

Opening Song: “In Christ Alone”

$\text{♩} = 60$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7 $A\flat/B\flat$



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in

4 $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7 $A\flat/B\flat$



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came — to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose — a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

8 $E\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat^{sus}$ $B\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ Cm^7



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
- gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
- ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 $B\flat^{sus}$ $B\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7 $A\flat/B\flat$



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
- fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

16 $E\flat$ $B\flat m^7$ Fm^7 $E\flat$ $E\flat^{sus}$ $E\flat$



stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

***Confession & Forgiveness**

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

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.

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.

Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your
works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30**

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Pastor Hans Anderson

Message- “ REST for your soul”

Pastor Hans Anderson



***Statement of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the People:**

Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

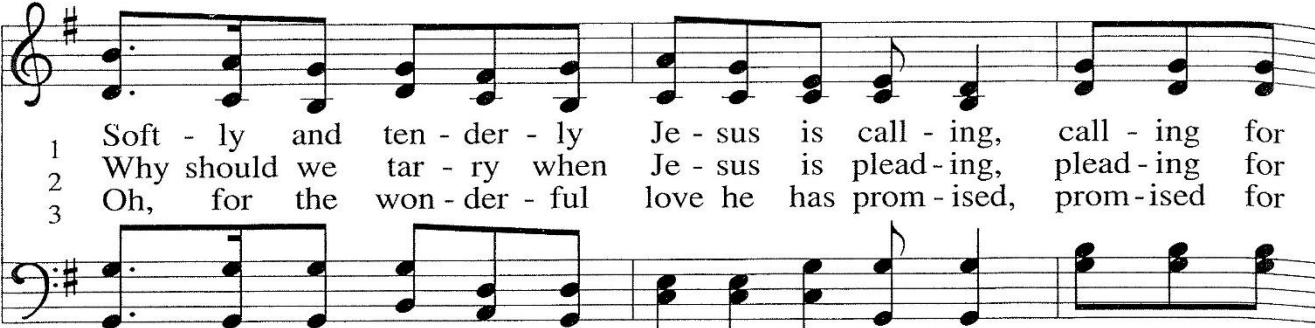
God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

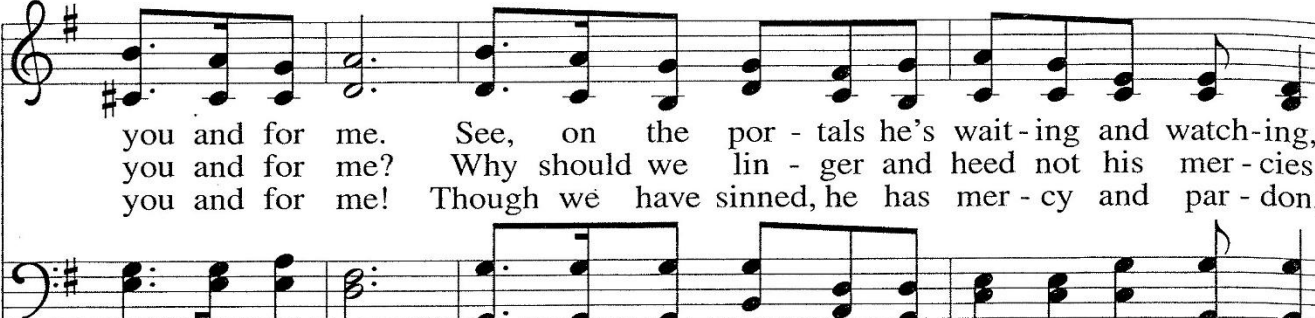
Amen.



Hymn of the Day: "Softly and Tenderly" (ELW 608 *(Offering will be taken during the hymn)*)



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,

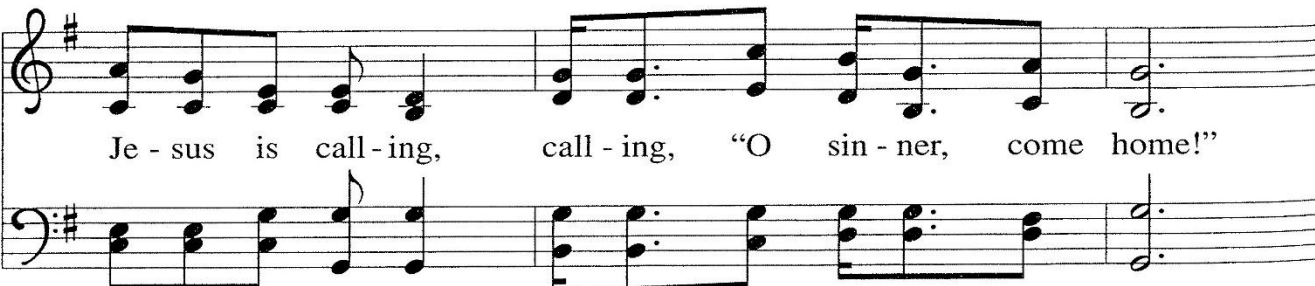
Refrain



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. Come home, come home!



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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***Offertory Prayer**

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.
Amen.

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's 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;
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.

† Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.
Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.
Gluten free wafers, and apple juice are available from the communion server upon request.*

You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.

Holy Communion Distribution at the rail

***Post Communion Prayer**

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.
Amen.

***Blessing:**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
† one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Song- "This is my Song" (ELW 887)

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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***Dismissal:**

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

Thanks be to God.



Readers:

Eliana Moser & Madelyn Moser

Communion Assistants:

Zoom:

Bill Schroader

Sound:

Ushers:

Paul Pearson & Mark Lange

Altar Guild:

Annette Newton & Gloria Johnson

Counter:

Joan Anderson

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Collen Moser 80th Birthday Party

10:00 AM

Monday, July 6, 2026

VBS, JULY 6 – July 10, see flier for more info

Game Day

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Operation Sandwich

10:00 AM

Sunday, July 12, 2026

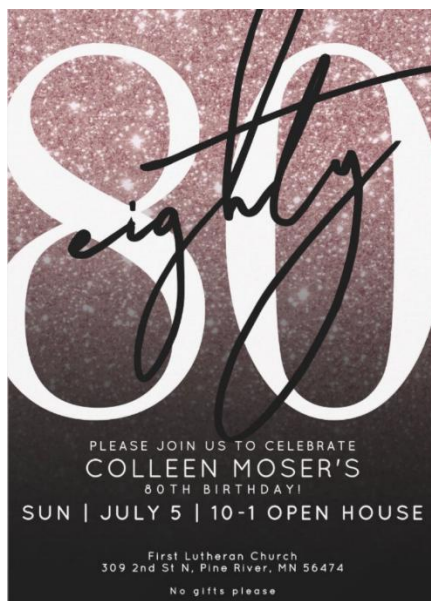
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM



Announcements

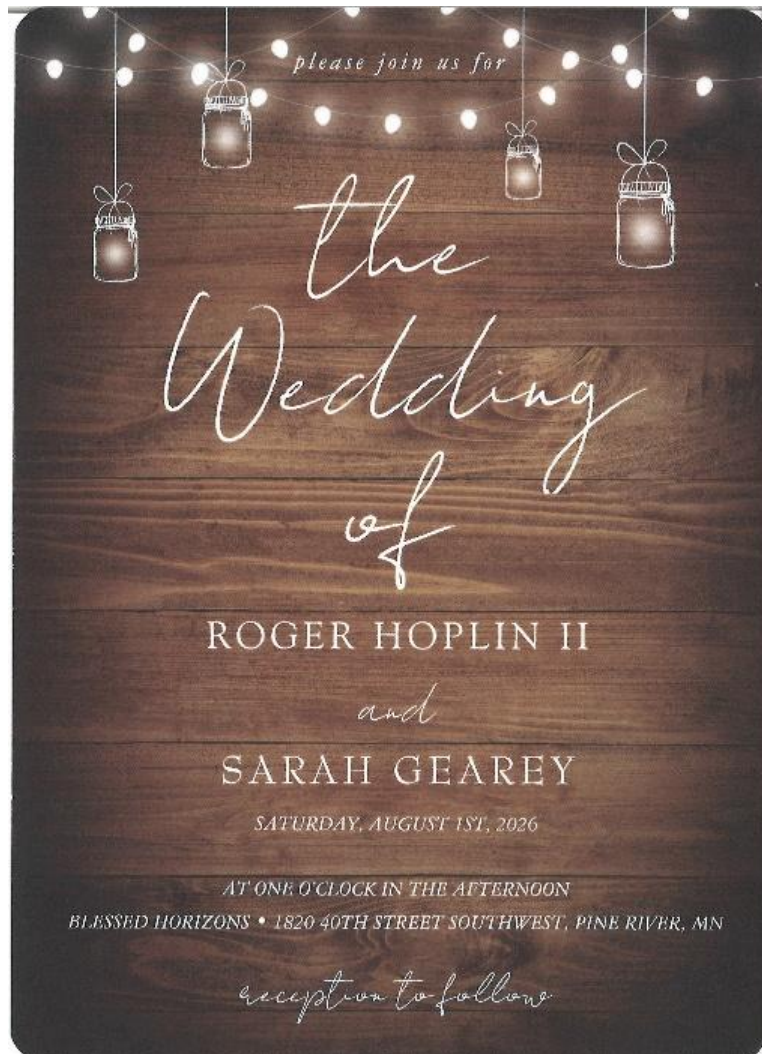
Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. (You won’t need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID is 882 7501 6398 Passcode is 753902.

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

FLCW needs a treasurer. All financial information is up to date. Needed is someone to make all budgeted donations, deposit funds, and complete a twice yearly Income and Expense Report for the FLCW Board Meetings. If finance is one of the gifts God has given you and you are willing to use this gift for First Lutheran Church Women, please contact Denice Smith at 218-820-4522. Thank you.

Our community **VBS** will be running from July 6-10. We are looking for some teen and/or adult volunteers to help with the arts and crafts station during the evening camp that runs from 5:15-8:00. You can do the whole week or you can volunteer for one evening--we'll take the help in any way! Please see Morgan Kepner or Melanie Lindquist if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. Thank you!



Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Madeleine Primmer

Ryan Kelley

Juliet Perry Stevens, Jodi Perry's daughter, recovering from surgery

Harvey Kelley

Those in the service...

Senior Master Sargeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Major A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau
E-6 Nathaniel & Chief Amanda Mitchell,
nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, June 28, 2026 Attendance: 80

Offering June 28, 2026	\$1,262.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,803.77
Direct Deposit:	\$ 275.00		
Vanco Deposit:	\$ 39.84		
Total Offerings:	\$1,576.84		

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

2025-2026 Giving: \$139,903.19 Expenses: \$140,006.14

Income less Expenses for May:

\$15,373.71 - \$14,119.75 = 1,373.71

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

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2026 SPORTS CAMP



Join us this year for UW Sports Ministry's "Laws of the Game!" During the week, young athletes will explore the game plan God personally has for them.



FREE!

ACTIVITIES

Ages 6-12
Basketball, Soccer, Girls'
Cheerleading, Arts
(Arts available in PM camp only)

Ages 4-5
Team 45

EVENT DATE

JULY 6-10

9:00 AM-12:15 PM
OR
5:00-8:15 PM

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uwsportsministry.org

FLCW had a busy week!

The Summerfest Bake Sale was on Saturday June 27.

Thank you to all those who furnished items for the FLCW Summerfest Bake Sale. Thank you to Mary Krecklau, Penny Siewert, and Holly Knutson for leading set-up, sales and takedown. The total amount earned was \$775.75, for the ministry of FLCW.



The FLCW Retreat as on June 29

18 FLCW members, and Pastor Hans gathered at Deep Portage Learning Center for a day of retreat in nature and God's Word. Our lunch came just as weather sirens went off! So, off we went to the hallway of the basement. The food was great, and the staff were very accommodating. Pastor Hans led the Bible Study, and then we celebrated Jan Otness' birthday. Only a few of us attempted the climbing wall! Everyone had a wonderful time.

