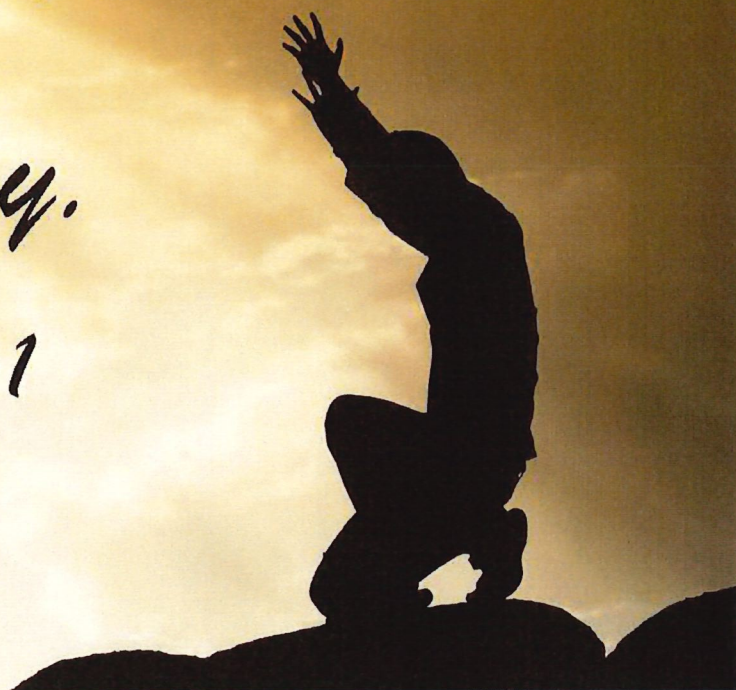


*Lord, teach
us to pray.*

—Luke 11:1



First Lutheran Church

July 27, 2025

Pentecost 7

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

VALTER UNSER

Felix Mendelssohn

Our Father who in Heaven Art, Sonata VI, Opus 65

II. Andante sostenuto

III. Flûtes

IV. Trompette

(Please stand)

MORNING PRAYER

OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY



Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,

and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7

Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

rock of our sal - va - tion.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

GENESIS 18:20-32

R: A reading from Genesis, the eighteenth chapter.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

R: A reading from Colossians, the second chapter.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him,
⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
 abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through
 philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the
 elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole
 fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the
 head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a
 spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of
 Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him
 through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you
 were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive
 together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that
 stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.
¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them,
 triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters
 of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only
 a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone
 disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions,
 puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the
 head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and
 tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Alleluia. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia. (Luke 11:9)

P: A reading from the gospel of Luke, the eleventh chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Our Father, God in Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed
 2 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; let ev - 'ry - one be
 3 In time of tri - al, res - cue us. Let your word give suc -
 4 A - men. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and



in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,
 clothed and fed. For - give our sins, as we for - give
 cess to us when, on our left and on our right,
 make it grow; be - set by doubt, help us be - lieve



in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your
 when oth - ers hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in
 temp - ta - tions chal - lenge us to fight. De - liv - er us from
 what here we ask we shall re - ceive. So, by your prom - ise,



will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.
 har - mo - ny and serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.
 e - vil's pow'r and com - fort us in life's last hour.
 in your name, with loud A - men your Yes we claim!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abridged; tr. hymnal version
 Music: VATER UNSER, V. Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539

(Please be seated)

SERMON

JONATHAN NOMINEE

(Please stand)

CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION
VATER UNSER

F. Mendelssohn

Finale, Sonata VI, Opus 65

(Please stand)

OFFERING SONG

ELW # 680

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



1. We plow the fields and scat-ter the good seed on the land,
2. You on - ly are the mak-er of all things near and far,
3. We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa-tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed-time and the har-vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win-ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts



the breez - es and the sun-shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.
much more to us, your chil-dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure our hum-ble, thank-ful hearts.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for
the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

L: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise
up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of
prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you.

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the
name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

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**

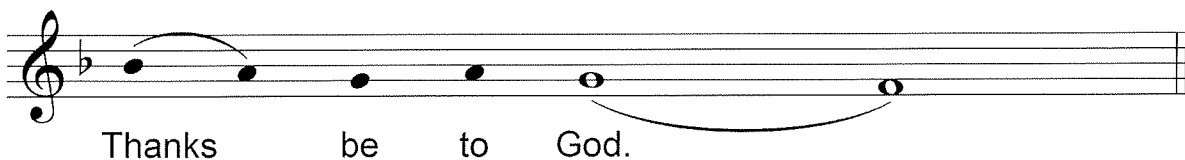
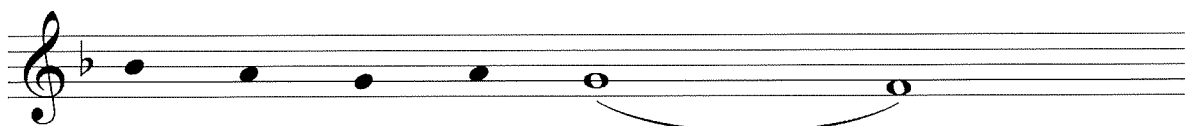
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry
and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

BLESSING



the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ
fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
+ bless you and give you peace.



SENDING SONG

ELW # 544

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
- 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
- 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.

Music: ALLES ISTAN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

VATER UNSER

Felix Mendelssohn

Fugue, Sonata VI, Opus 65

Events in Review

Sunday

July 27

10:00AM

Church Service

Monday

July 28

10:00AM

No Bible Study at Willows

Next Week

Sunday

Aug 3

10:00AM

Church Service

Monday

Aug 4

10:00AM

Bible Study @ Willows

Wednesday

Aug 6

7:00 PM

Worship & Music Meeting



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



School Supply Collection

The annual Lutheran Relief School Supply donation project has started and will continue until August 30. A list of needed supplies is on the table in the hallway. You can drop off the supplies in the box by that table or in the office.



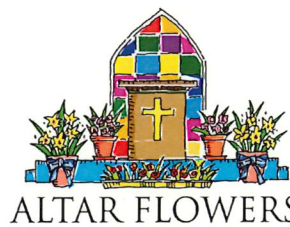
New Start

Come join us to celebrate our "New Start" at First Lutheran on Sunday, September 21st. Right after service, we will enjoy a delicious BBQ picnic, followed by a question and answer session about what our ministry will look like in the future

Lawn Mower for the Week



Shawn Vallery



Altar flowers were given today in loving memory of

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By

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Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"

**"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."**

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