

**Celebration and Re-dedication of
First Lutheran Church
100th Anniversary**



Psalm 127:1

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

(Corner stone of FLC)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
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June 21, 2026

Prelude

"Traumerei/Largo"

Schumann/Handel

*The Processional Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

(ELW) No. 533

Psalm 24

1. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
2. **for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**
3. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?
4. **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**
5. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. **Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**
7. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
8. **Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**
9. Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Delivery of the Keys by President Jennifer Black

"Peace be to this house: and all who enter in"

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- 2 **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

3 Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,
4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!”

7 Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”

8 For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good

Anthem

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Bell Choir

Prayer of Re-Dedication

We do now set apart this First Lutheran Church as a house of God and rededicate it to the glory and honor of Almighty God, and to the service of His Holy Church:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

*The Kyrie (*sung response*)

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P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

The Epistle Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

Anthem

“Bless The Lord”

Adult Choir

Kris Briggs on bells

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

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C: Allelula, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Allelula. Allelula.

*Gospel

St. Luke 15:1-10

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

*Hymn of the Day

The Church's One Foundation

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*The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Matthew Cimino on Accordion

*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (SBH) No. 27

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (SBH) No. 150

*The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.





1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -".

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -".

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly".

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of".

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth and final system of musical notation on the page continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it."

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
Our help-er he a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing:
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide Our striv-ing would be los-ing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos-ing.

For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-oth his

great, And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
Name, From age to age the same, And he must win the bat-tle.

- 3 And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.
- 4 That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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Dennis Schmidt, Mark Black, Matthew Mazzotti, Lutheran Lay Worship Leaders

Retired: J, Judson Lacko, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist

The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God by Mark Verderber. Happy Birthday Mom, Betty DeGiovanni. Love Mark, Dave, Amy, Katy the cat. A donation is made to the Restoration Fund.

The Lay Reader is Dennis Schmidt.

Acolytes are Heidi and Denico Walsh.

Counters/Greeters today are R. McGoogan and S. Rea.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

The Flower Chart for 2026 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2026. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2026. Please sign up.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Isaac Christian, Lindsay Mankey, Amy Verderber, Lou Mayne, Greg Mason, Ed Dupas, Pat Dupas, Carol Cancelmi, Amanda Laib, Sandy Hebrank, Richard Hager, Judd Lacko, Sandy Mannsman, Ian, Isaiah, Aleashia, Sharon, Tammy, Edelgard, Wolfgang, Klaus & Mel, Bernadette, Bob and Anneleise Christian, Carl Group, Shari Kienzel, Susan Westott, Amber Falosk, Appolos Yocca, Brenda Tennant, Darlene Kosak, Gary Conti, June Gosnell, Sally Hazlett, Erin Reel, Stacy Carroll, Debbie Beighley, Kenny and Josh, David, Sue Palfrey, George Salvucci, Gary Freeland, Tom Weiers, Danielle S., Tim F. (Jr.), Wyatt K., Aimee Schaffer, Grant Braun, Nikki Thon, Shelly, Don, Sandi Kern, Jacin Flowers, Jennifer, Rudy, Kris, Kedar James, David Bernthaler, Sandra R., Adam Wiltrout, USN, Nashaun Sutton, Holly H., Matthew, Taylor Freeman, Cathy Schuett-Weaver, Dustin C., Emerson Dietrich, Jerry Garrison, and Sharon Caldwell.

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Turning Point at Washington

Adult Catechism class is on Tuesday at 11 am. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.