

St. Matthew 10:38

“And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn                      *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*                      (ELW) No. 592

\*The Confession and Forgiveness                      (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting                      (ELW) page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*)                      (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise                      *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*                      (ELW) No. 517

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Lord of all power and might, You are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of Your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalms 119:153-160

<sup>153</sup>Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Your law.

<sup>154</sup>**Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to Your promise!**

<sup>155</sup>Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Your statutes.

<sup>156</sup>**Great is Your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to Your rules.**

<sup>157</sup>Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from Your testimonies.

<sup>158</sup>**I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep Your commands.**

<sup>159</sup>Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life, O Lord, according to Your steadfast love.

<sup>160</sup>**The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.**

Second Reading

Romans 7:1-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

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

\* The Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42

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

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

Sermon

Matthew Mazzotti,  
Lay Worship Leader

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

(ELW) No. 807

\*The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection (+) of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*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

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

(ELW) No. 608

\*The Dismissal *(response)*

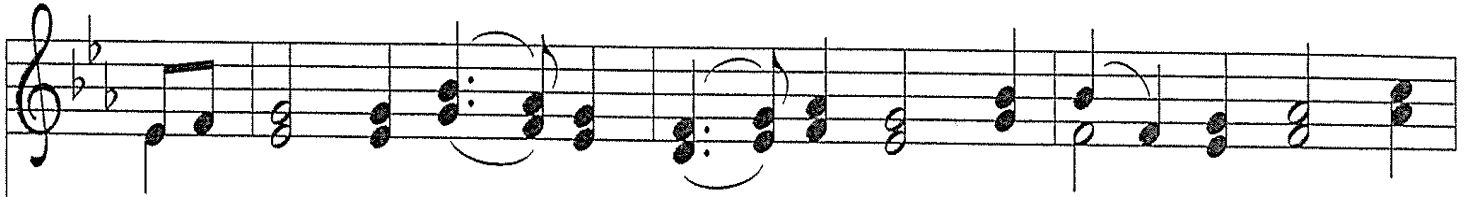
**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Sending Hymn

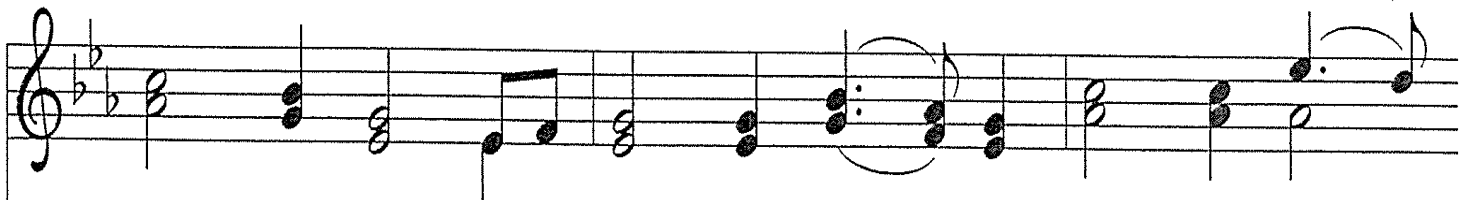
*Be the Love of Christ*

Postlude

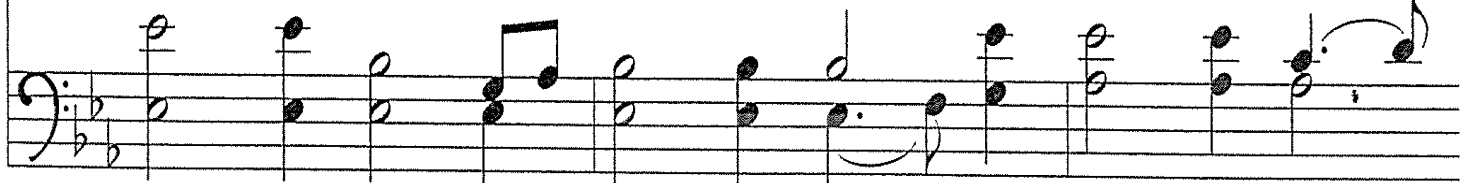
## Just As I Am, without One Plea



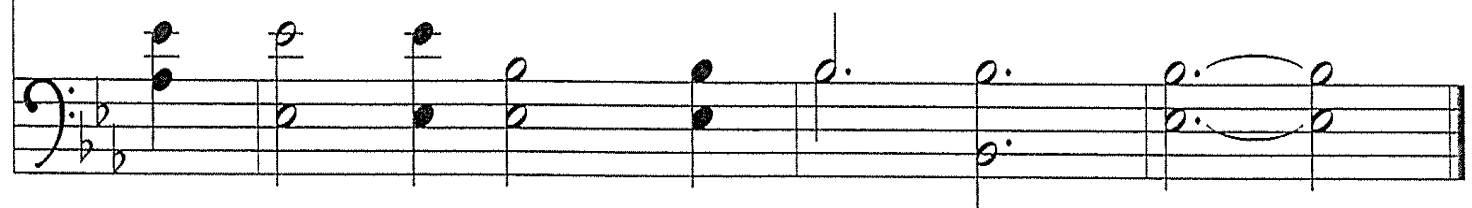
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

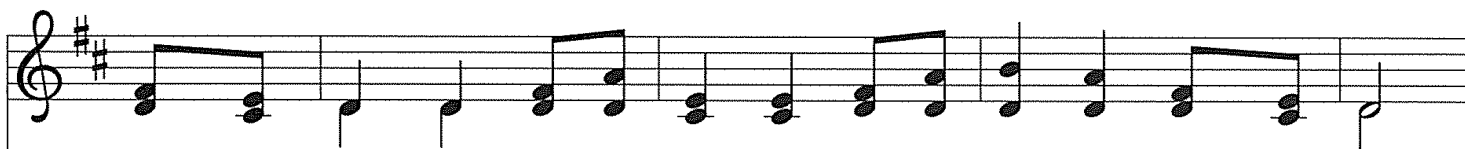


and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

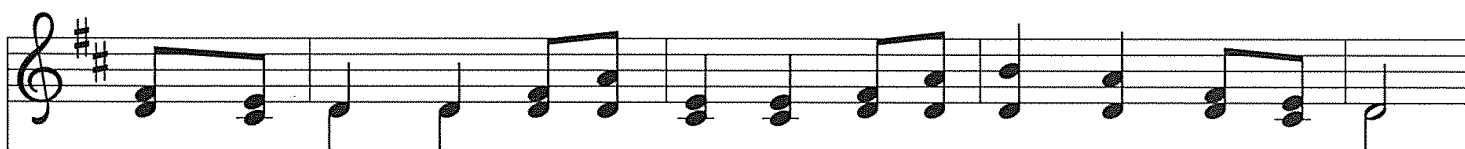
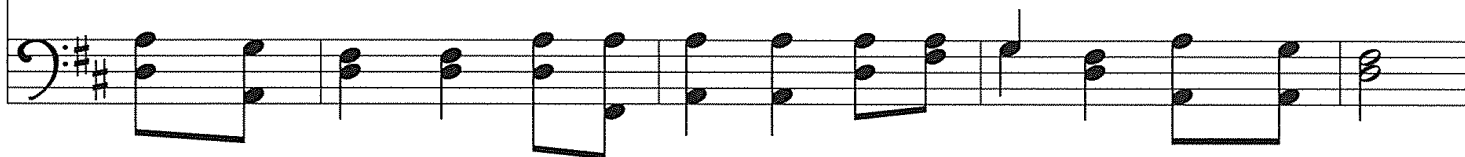


# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

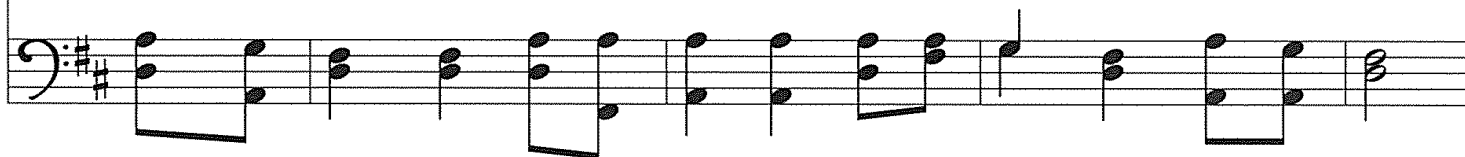
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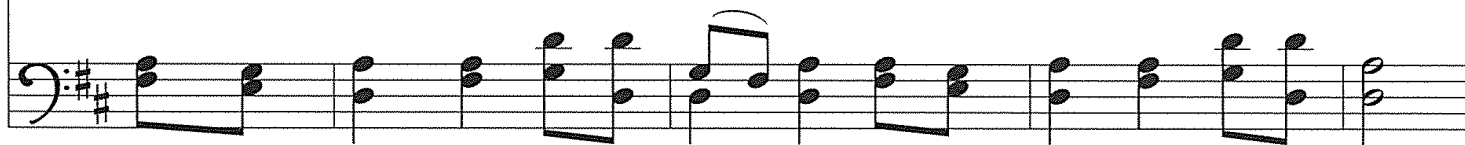
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



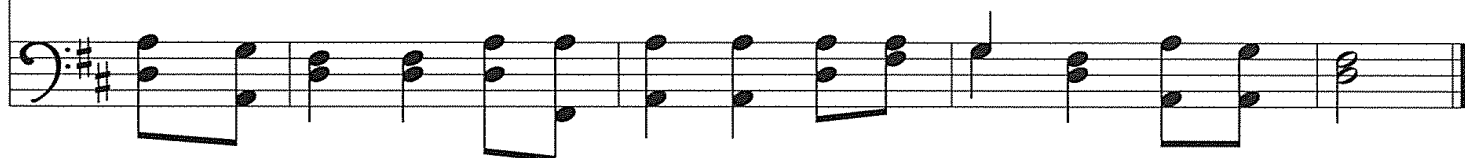
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



# The Communion

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

The first system of musical notation for 'The Communion'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. 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. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. 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. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. 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. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. 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 this page. The melody concludes in the treble clef, and the bass line concludes in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.'

## Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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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Retired: J. Judson Lacko, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist and Music Director

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God and we are grateful for a glorious celebration of FLC's 100th anniversary & prefer to make a donation toward the restoration fund in lieu of real flowers. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! The Maust family.

**The Lay Reader** is Lisa Maust.

**Acolytes** are

**Counters/Greeters** today are J. Black and L. Sten.

**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.

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**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 Wilttrout, USN, Nashaun Sutton, Holly H., Matthew, Taylor Freeman, Cathy Schuett-Weaver, Dustin C., Emerson Dietrich, Jerry Garrison, and Lisa Hager.

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Turning Point at Washington

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**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.

## LISTENING FOR THE PROMISE

### WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

#### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8) – June 28, 2026**

*“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.  
And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household.”*

*- Matthew 10:34-36-*

Summertime is filled with family and friends gathering for celebrations, reunions, weddings, vacations and countless other activities. All sorts of people and their beliefs coming together are sure to spark a fair amount of conflict, particularly between family! Jesus himself tells us in Matthew 10:36, “And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household.”

Ever been excited to attend a special gathering only to come away with regret for having said something that made someone mad? We can all relate on some level because we're human. But as Christians, we are called to be imitators of Christ. However, we are not promised as Christians that every conflict or confrontation will end peacefully; quite the contrary.

Conflict, however, can be an excellent opportunity for us to grow in our faith and understanding of grace and truth towards others. How and when we choose to speak truth to others comes with an understanding of grace. God's love for us is so strong that he offers his grace freely even though we don't deserve it. As we grow in relationship with God, we can discern his will for us and how we are to treat others.

As we attend to our daily walk with Christ, he will help us put things into perspective. All those fun gatherings with family and friends can end well when we choose to respond as God does with us through grace and understanding. Daily reading of God's Word arms us with the power of the Holy Spirit and the right way to respond to others. Proverbs 19:11 reminds us that “Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.”

A beautiful reminder of the truth is found in Psalm 119:160 “The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.” God's word is indeed a living word. Amen.

