



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;
Closed Fridays

Week of August 16, 2026



Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:40 am



Mission Statement: With God's love we will embrace one another, our neighbors and all creation.

JESUS said,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach:

Good News to the afflicted, the oppressed, the poor,
Release to the captives,
Recovery of sight to the blind,
Freedom to those who are in prison
Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord ...
And today this has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:18-21

All are welcome at First Lutheran Church! ALL!

You know the burdens you carry, what needs you have for love, acceptance, forgiveness, understanding, comfort, hope and renewal. Come and be welcomed, whether you are a long time member or a visitor who is searching or someone between all of these situations.

The Lord's Supper is offered believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine. Jesus offers Himself to us for the forgiveness of sins, renewal of life and strengthening of our faith along with a taste of the feast to come in the fullness of God's Kingdom. Jesus offers Himself so that we may re-experience Him again and again in this Holy Sacrament. **ALLELUIA!**

Please know that YOU are welcome and invited. to Coffee Fellowship following the 9 am Service and before the 10:40 am service, in the Fellowship Hall directly north of the Sanctuary. **Come!**

Gathering

Prelude Songs
Welcome & Invocation
Moments for Mission
*Confession & Forgiveness
Gathering Song
Song of the Day
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Special Music

"Thanks and Praise"
"Goodness of God"

Jenny Thyng

Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Second Reading:

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

*Gospel Reading:

Matthew 15:10-28

Time for Children

Pastor Glen Bickford

Sermon

Pastor Glen Bickford

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of the Church

Meal

*Sharing of God's Peace
Offering & Offering Prayer
Holy Communion
*The Great Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Invitation
Distribution of Communion
Song
Post-Communion Prayer
Sending of Communion

"Like Jesus"

Sending

*Benediction
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
Sending Song
Dismissal

"Every Bone"

*** = please stand**

Sunday, August 16, 2026—Praise Band*Special Music—Jenny Thyng***Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost****9:00am Worship Service w/Communion****- (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**10:00am Coffee Fellowship/Cake for Arlene
& Maurice Freeman's 70th Anniversary10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship
Service on KKIN 94.3FM**10:40am Worship Service w/Communion****Monday, August 17, 2026**

8:15am King's Men

4:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

5:00pm Council Meeting

6:00pm Cub Scout Troup Meeting

7:00pm Annual Appeal Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

9:30am Renewal Group Meeting

11:00am Adult Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Thursday, August 20, 2026

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, August 21, 2026*Office Closed***Saturday, August 22, 2026****Sunday, August 23, 2026—Traditional Music***Special Music—Colleen Kent Chute & Rebecca May***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost****9:00am Worship Service w/Communion****- (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship
Service on KKIN 94.3FM**10:40am Worship Service w/Communion****Instructions for Worship Services:**

1. Live Broadcast or Recording link at <https://www.youtube.com>, search for First Lutheran Church Aitkin or
2. Facebook Page at First Lutheran Church of Aitkin MN or
3. Check our website for the link at www.flc-Aitkin.com or
4. Listen to FM Radio Station 94.3 at 10:00 AM Sundays for broadcast of the 9am service.

Name Tags

Name tags are in your mailbox - please wear them so that Pastor Glen can learn your name!

Radio Ministry—We invite you to consider sponsoring our weekly Sunday broadcast. FLC's **Sunday worship is aired at 10 am on KKIN FM Radio Station 94.3. The cost is \$40 per week**, but any amount will help. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

A very special Thank You to Linda Delaney for sponsoring the month of August in honor of the radio listeners.

Flowers on the Altar — Please consider signing up for the opportunity to enhance our worship of God and our enjoyment of God's creation. The cost is determined by the type of flowers you order. You'll find the flower clip board in the narthex.

A very special Thank You for the altar flowers this week to Arlene & Maurice Freeman in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary on the 18th.

KUWAA Mission —The KUWAA Mission in Liberia is a mission focus for 2026. Weekly sponsorship is \$25. Please consider supporting this important mission for a week or more. Information is in the narthex.

A very special Thank You to Dale & Mary Beth Woodrow for sponsoring 4 weeks.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6;

Psalm 138;

Romans 12:1-8;

Matthew 16:13-20

Baking Pans in Kitchen



We have several unclaimed baking pans in the Kitchen area - please look to see if they are yours and please take home.

School Supplies Needed

Crayola Colored Pencils
Crayola Markers
Hand Sanitizer
Clorox Wipes
7" Scissors
USB-C Headphones

Bring donations to the office to help local schools. Thank you!

Come Celebrate
with
Arlene & Maurice Freeman
for their
70th wedding anniversary!

Cake in their honor will be served during Coffee Fellowship on August 16th.

JOIN OUR TEAM

First Lutheran Church

Job Opening

Ministry & Media Coordinator

Creative lead on all visual aspects of digital advertising of events and happenings at our busy church on many platforms. Responsibilities include oversight and operations of sound booth and worship media systems.

11-20 hours weekly, PTO, flexible/remote hours, \$20-\$25/hr.

Apply today @ Indeed.com or in the church office!
email: office@flc-aitkin.com or call: 218-927-2028

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8/9

9:00 am 72

10:40 am 9

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of August 9 — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$ 5,758
Weekly Budget:	\$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	\$ 199,838
Offering Budget YTD:	\$ 271,104
Building Fund: (August)	\$ 1,413
Extra Mile Mission (August)	\$ 0
(Lutheran Social Services)	

August Extra Mile Mission Focus



If you'd like to donate please go to our website
www.flc-aitkin.com
or send a check to the church



Prayer Request Cards



Available in the pews. If you have a special request, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the ushers. Thank you for your concern.

Need a Notary?

Reminder—Our office manager, Jill Jameson, is a notary public. This is a free service available to all members of our church.





PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE
EXPERIENCING
CANCER

Steve Moreland
Emily Forzani
Bonnie Mickelson
Maria Koslosky
Jan Werner
Bill Hakes
Diane Newstrom
Peggy & Stan Miller
Kristi Wetzel

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE WITH OTHER
HEALTH CONCERNS

Gayle Gilbertson
Ryan Schugel
Ken Lebens
Dorothy Smeltzer
Michael May
Jacob Mehr
Monte Olson
Craig Fawley
Herm Newton
Diane Landstad
Paul Martinsen
Jan Kolodji
Mary Peterson
Beverly Rueger
Otto Sotnak
Don Schend
Debby Yates
Phyllis & Dick Johnson
Ally Ehnstrom

*Nursery is open during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday mornings (8:45-10:15). The nursery is located off of the Fellowship Hall. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding the nursery. Parents who need to leave the service with children can still see the Sunday service on a TV in the nursery.

*Children are always welcome in worship. "Busy bags" with activities, a book, crayons and scratch paper are available on the wall across from the sanctuary. There is also a *pray ground* at the back of the sanctuary.

**CHURCH OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS
IN SUMMER**

**Aitkin Community
Blood Drive**

First Lutheran Church

107 2nd Street SE - Aitkin

Monday, August 31, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Aitkin to schedule an appointment.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



The need for blood doesn't
take a summer break.

**Please call
Michele at
218-838-0184 to
volunteer or bake
goodies.**



Serving in the Military:

**Silas Berg, Nicholas Bruesewitz,
Austin Burton, Nathan Hagestuen,
Josh Hagestuen, Luke Oaks, Logan Lueck,
Kurt Hagestuen, Wyatt Carlson,
Gregory Wenzel**



Assisted Living Residents

**Diane Landstad, Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris
Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon; Elaine Selseth;
Marty Swanson, Glen & Dorothy Smeltzer**