



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of July 26, 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

Welcome & Invocation
Moments for Mission
Temple Talk: InterServe—Pete Erickson
*Confession & Forgiveness
Gathering Hymn "Gather Us In" ELW #532 vs. 1 & 4
Greeting
Kyrie WOV p. 28
Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" WOV p. 29-30
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39
Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" WOV p. 31
*Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Time for Children Pastor Doug Larson
Sermon "God Meets Us—Here" Pastor Doug Larson
Hymn of the Day "Be Thou My Vision" ELW #793
*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
Hymn "Jesus the Very Thought of You" ELW #754
Hymn "Lord, Be Glorified" ELW #744
Post-Communion Prayer
Sending of Communion

Sending

*Benediction
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
Sending Hymn "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" ELW #863
Dismissal

** = please stand*

Sunday, July 26, 2026—Traditional**Ninth 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

Monday, July 27, 2026

8:15am King's Men
 6:00pm Garden Club Group

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
 11:00am Adult Bible Study
 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic
 8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Thursday, July 30, 2026

12:00pm Men's Bible Study
 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, July 31, 2026

Office Closed

Saturday, August 1, 2026**Sunday, August 2, 2026—Traditional****Tenth 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
 1:00pm Lions Cabinet Meeting

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 Carol & Gordy Forsberg for sponsoring the month of July in memory of their sons-in-law Alberto & Mark.

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 Dale and Mary Beth Woodrow in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

NOT USING YOUR KEY TO THE CHURCH ANYMORE?



Please turn in your key(s) to the church office if you are no longer using them. We are running very LOW! Thanks for your help!

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-5;
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21;
 Romans 9:1-5;
 Matthew 14:13-21

MEET AND GREET

All Middle School & High School students are invited to a meet and greet with Pete Erickson who will be serving at FLC as an interim this fall. We will:

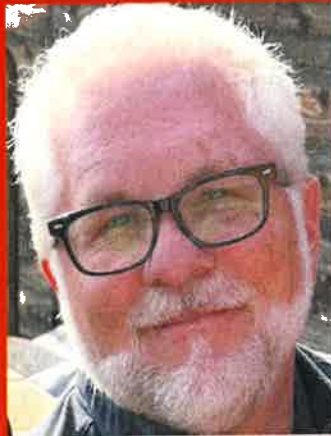
- Eat together
- Serve together (school supply kits)
- Imagine what the year could look like

 **JULY 26 AT 10AM**

 **JULY 29 AT 6PM**

RSVP

 pete@ismteam.org



PETE ERICKSON
Interserve Ministries

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 7/19 9:00 am 72
 10:40 am 8

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of July 19 — General Fund

Offering :	\$ 6,183
Offering YTD :	\$ 184,459
Building Fund: (July)	\$ 1,720
Extra Mile Mission (July) (VLM)	\$ 75

Extra Mile Mission Focus for July

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

**VOYAGEURS
LUTHERAN
MINISTRY**



Please Remember!

**All accidents and/or injuries
which occur here at the
church, need to be reported to
the office immediately
regardless of the severity.**

**Thank you,
The Safety Committee**

**Safety
first**

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

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

QR Code For Easy Giving

Using your smart phone or device, scan this code and it will take you directly to our online giving.



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.



prayer LIST

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.



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.



Community Meal Meeting – Monday, August 10, 5:30 pm,
First Lutheran Church – All are welcome to hear the
proposed plan and offer feedback!



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