



# First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of July 5, 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  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Gathering Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
ELW #742

Greeting  
Kyrie WOV p. 28  
Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" WOV p. 29-30  
Prayer of the Day  
Special Music  
"Onward, Christian Soldiers/This Is My Fathers World"  
Piano Duet: Linda Delaney & Rebecca May

### Word

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25  
Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" WOV p. 31  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
Time for Children  
Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford  
Hymn of the Day "Day by Day" ELW #790  
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 "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW #465  
Hymn "O Living Bread from Heaven" ELW #542  
Post-Communion Prayer  
Sending of Communion

### Sending

Benediction  
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church  
Sending Hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"  
ELW #888

Dismissal

**Sunday, July 5, 2026****Sixth 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 6, 2026**

8:15am King's Men

12:00pm Mission Endowment Meeting

6:00pm Cub Scout Troup Meeting

**Tuesday, July 7, 2026**

8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic

9:30am Renewal Group Meeting

11:00am Adult Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

**Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic

8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

**Thursday, July 9, 2026**

8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic

9:00am Community Food Shelf

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

**Friday, July 10, 2026**

*Office Closed*

**Saturday, July 11, 2026****Sunday, July 12, 2026****Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

9:00am Baptism of Ina Berquist, daughter  
to John & Emma Berquist

9:00am **Worship Service w/Communion**  
- (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship  
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**Next Week's Readings**

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13;

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**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 Marge Muscatello for sponsoring 4 weeks.**

**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.**

**Sympathy Prayers**

We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

The family and friends of **Tony Carlstrom** who died on June 9th, Tony was the nephew of **Lael & Ruth Carlstrom.**

The family and friends of **Dave Paulson** who died on June 14th. **Dave** was the husband of **Suka Paulson.**

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

**FROM MAY 22 - SEPTEMBER 4**

**SORRY  
CLOSED**

**QR Code For Easy Giving**

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



**Adult Bible Study  
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.  
in the library**

**NEW STUDY BEGINNING JUNE 2ND: "LIFE  
LESSONS FROM ACTS" BY MAX LUCADO**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

**Pastor Glen is available to speak  
with you!**

He would like to meet with folks over the phone or in-person, and is happy to come over or meet at the office.

If you are interested in setting up a meeting, please call him at 507-269-9079.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday: 6/28                      9:00 am .... 96  
   10:40 am .... 12

**TOTAL OFFERINGS**

**Week of June 28— General Fund**

Offering :	\$ 11,989
Offering YTD :	\$ 165,790
Building Fund: (June)	\$ 1,980
Extra Mile Mission (June)	\$ 20
(Salem West)	

**Extra Mile Mission Focus for July**

**VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY**

If you'd like to donate, please go to our website [www.flc-aitkin.com](http://www.flc-aitkin.com) or send a check to the church

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**Name Tags**

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

**Looking for SOUND BOOTH Volunteers**

**Join the team!**

3 people run the technology portion of worship each week.



- PowerPoint Operator
  - Soundboard Technician
  - Video Technician
- \*Training provided

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr.  
Adults welcome too.

Reach out to FLC office for more info.  
[office@flc-aitkin.com](mailto:office@flc-aitkin.com)

**SPECIAL OFFERING  
TO SHIP QUILTS OVERSEAS**

Our quilters have been working hard all year making beautiful quilts.

Please help our quilters send these quilts to those who need them most.

Thank you for your kindness.

**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

Hannah Kircher  
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

\*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.

## New Member Class

July 12 - 11:45am in the Library

Pastor Glen Bickford will be leading a class for anyone interested in becoming members. If you are interested or know someone interested, please invite them to attend.

## The Quilters will be serving Treats during Coffee Fellowship on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

All proceeds go to purchasing  
supplies for quilts.

### Serving in the Military:



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



### Assisted Living Residents

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

