



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
408 9TH STREET NW
MANDAN, ND 58554**

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

August 9, 2026

9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *“Children of the Heavenly Father”* *ELW #781 or Page 7*



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Emma Lyn Isaacs

Daughter of

Marcus & Kelsi Isaacs

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: “Merciful God,”

Congregation: “receive our prayer.”

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a repeating eighth-note pattern in the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

Thank you for your financial offerings to First Lutheran. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ through our life together here in this congregation and through our loving service to our neighbors beyond our walls. We now have resumed the traditional offering practice of “passing the plates.” For those who contribute to First Lutheran’s ministry in ways other than weekly in-church offerings and would still like to be included in the in-worship gathering of the offering, laminated “Offering Cards” are now included in the pew racks for you to place in the offering plates.

OFFERTORY

“We Are an Offering”

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OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

MEAL

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“When Peace, like a River”

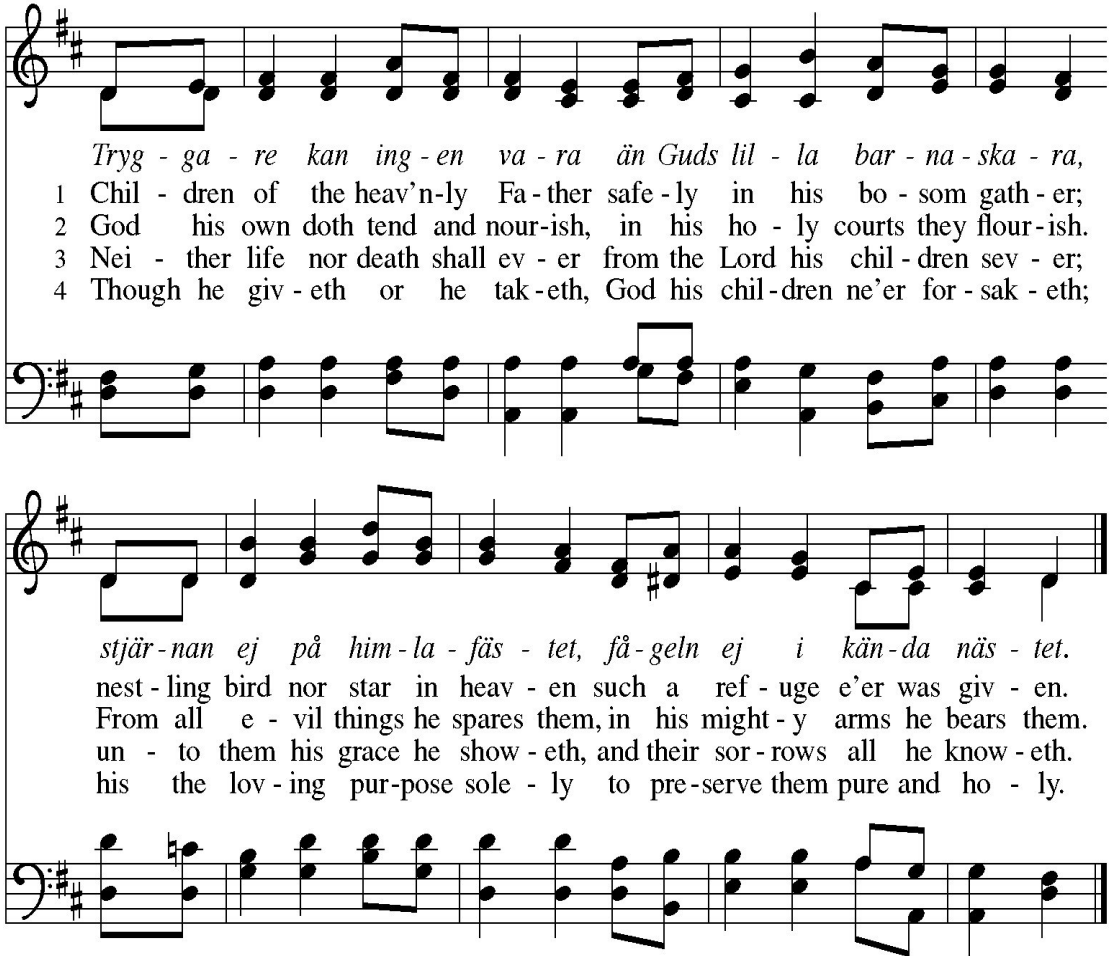
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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
 when my life is . . . al - most . .
 and the day is . . . past and . . gone,
 gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD

G major

We Are an Offering

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
 lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Lyrics: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
 Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING
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When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Attendance last Week: Sunday 9:30 - 139
Wednesday 6:00 - 62

ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

Noel Albrecht, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Dave Thomas, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Pam Weng, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Jeff MacIver, Brady Mattson, Darin Hinsz, Jerome Bauer, Wendel Mongeon, Brenda Hersch, Jared & Jenn Barnhart, Ray Stenmoen, Connor Hertz, Teresa Seeman, Linda Stastny, Rachael Hankin, Opal Renken, David Jung, Dina Walker, Kay Link, Tammy Krein, Terry Tanaka, Wanda House, Tom Burau, Judy Walters, Monte Olmsted, Pat Kincaid, Victor Saeman, Lualice Stockert, Katy Anseth, Sarah Weishaar, Anna Anderson, Brenna Blankenship, Ted (Theodore) Delfs, Allen Janz, Justin Hankin, Judy Anderson, Rori Messer, Jayar Kindsvogel, Kristen Rasmussen, Jerry Iverson, Jason Klipfel, Lois Helmer, Pius Johner, Cori Musolf, Stan Hepper, Eunice Wolf, Adam Walker, Mary Hogan, Corey Palmer, Sandy Hertz, Jacee Huber, Laurie Ronholdt, Jocelyn Vanlিশout

First Lutheran Church will be updating the prayer list periodically. If a name is not listed and you would like it re-listed please call the church office at 663-3594. We will re-list names for prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Todd Bauer, Alex Dove, Jacob Selzler

If you know of anyone who has ties to our congregation and is called to active duty, please contact the church office.

Pastor Phil Leer's phone number: 701-341-7784
(If you need to reach him please give him a call)

Ushers:

Lee Dire
Francis Miller

Reader:

Britany Barden

Communion Servers:

Gail Mayer

Communion Set-Up:

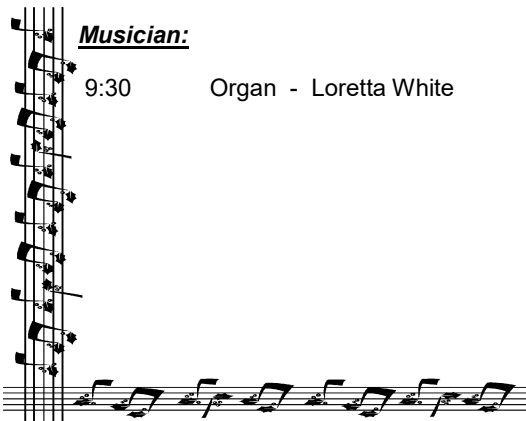
Lori Meyers



Musician:

9:30

Organ - Loretta White



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for ushers, communion servers, readers & communion set up for all worship services. Since we have gone back to passing the offering plate we need at least 2 ushers for every service. If you could help out please sign your name on the sheets provided, by the bulletins, in the narthex.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning is Emma Lyn Isaacs daughter of Marcus & Kelsi Isaacs. Her sponsors are Karter Hatzenbuhler & Kayla Timberlake .

The next **Caregiver Lunch & Learn Series** will be held here on August 20 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Kelly Bengtson at 701-712-2234. They will be focusing on supporting caregivers. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

BACK TO FALL WORSHIP STARTING SEPTEMBER 13TH!!

- **Sunday Fall Worship beginning September 13, 2026**
 - *8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
 - *10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (NOTE NEW TIME)
- **Wednesday Fall Worship beginning September 16, 2026**
 - *Worship 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- **Sunday School starts on Sunday, September 13, 2026**
 - *Sunday School 9:30-10:15 a.m. (NOTE NEW TIME)
- **Wednesday School starts on Wednesday, September 9, 2026**
 - *Wednesday School 5:45 p.m.
- **Confirmation Orientation Wednesday, September 9, 2026**
 - *7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday Confirmation classes start September 16, 2026**
 - *Worship 7:30 p.m.



Blessing Concert and Dessert Social

A benefit to support Dmytro, Kseniia and their family with relocation costs as they prepare a move to Italy, due to a change in status, with the hopes to reapply for permanent residency in the USA.

When: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church 1143 N. 26th St. Bismarck

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Please see the bulletin board for more information.



Save the Date: The ELCA Youth Gathering will be this next summer in Minneapolis, MN from June 28 through July 2, 2027! Registration opens starting October 21. There will be more information to come, but if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Adam by email at adam@firstlutheranofmandan.org or by phone at (701)595-3180.

Gospel PraiSing Festival 2026

Sunday, August 23rd at the ND State Capitol Grounds from 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Anchor Home Care

Paula & Connie will help with friendly check-in visits, transportation assistance, wellness & safety observations, family communication updates, social connection & conversation & home check services. Please call 701-877-0698 if interested. See the bulletin board for more information.

Mission of the Month - Lutheran World Relief
Friendship Circle is collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Include the following items in each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

You may drop off these items in the Narthex in the boxes provided. Thank You.

Women of First Luncheon will be held at Bennigan's on Thursday, August 20th at 11:30 a.m. If you are planning on attending, please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible so we may have an accurate count for them. Please bring a food item for the food boxes outside.

Church Picnic:



We will have a picnic at the **Eagle's Park** on **Sunday, September 13th** (shelter 1 and indoor shelter) following the 10:30 a.m. service. All church families are invited. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please join us for worship, food & fun!

Last names starting with A through M bring a SALAD & N through Z bring a DESSERT.



If you have not registered your child/children for Sunday/Wednesday School or Confirmation please do so.

The link is [Bit.ly/26-27FLM](https://bit.ly/26-27FLM) .

You may also go to our website and click on the link to register.

Did you attend Bible Camp this summer?

If any children in your family have already attended Bible Camp this summer, or will be attending Bible Camp this summer, please contact the church office at 701-663-3594 and let us know. Thank you.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Art Trautmann, Loretta White's brother. His funeral was held on Wednesday, August 5th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Robinson, ND. Please keep his family in your prayers.

TABLE TALK AUGUST 2026

Sit together at the table. Be fed at the table. Make more room at the table.

I write this monthly newsletter in my first few days serving as bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod...except, this is only sort of true. Even though you elected a bishop on May 31, until the installation on Aug. 29, I serve as bishop-elect. Perhaps this window of time can be an onramp to rev up the engine. If you look around the world, we have work to do, Friends in Christ! There is light to shine, mercy to scatter, and human beings to love in Jesus' name. For the sake of our neighbor, let's go!

At the synod assembly, you heard my vision for our synod: a larger table. This will be at the center of my work with you for the next six years.

- **Sit together at the table.** Leading a congregation is hard. There are joyful and trying times. In this season of the church's life, it is exhausting to see membership and worship attendance decline. Leaders might make the mistake of feeling inadequate, as though they are to blame. But the truth is, the church will never look like it once did, with its steady stream of pastors sent to congregations. We need to imagine a church that looks different than it once did. But first, leaders in congregations, you need to catch your breath. Through retreats, coaching and small groups, we will create opportunities for you to sit together at tables to invite you to be renewed in spirit, and most essentially to be renewed in your faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Be fed at the table.** From the Small Catechism, Holy Communion feeds you with forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The Word of God feeds you with hope. We need this nourishment beyond worship. We need to be fed a steady diet of the Word each and every day. We will explore ways of gathering to pray, both in-person and online. Synod staff will visit conferences to feed you actual food! At actual tables! Just wait.

Make more room at the table. Accepting that the church will never look precisely as it once did is not easy. There is grieving to do - stories to tell of what we love and hope for the church, what and whom we miss. As people who follow Jesus, we also trust that endings come with new beginnings. Resurrection resounds, even in the face of our fear of losing what we once had. Curiosity is a helpful faith practice: I wonder, could we make room at the table for hard conversations? What partnerships might emerge? How might we begin to imagine, in a way we have never imagined before, a church in your neighborhood alive and brimming with hope rooted in Christ? Sit together at the table. Be fed at the table. Make more room at the table.

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As I raise these priorities, I do not have the perfect plan to grow the church or to bring back the things we used to love about the church. In fact, many priorities are missing from this list. Know that your synod staff continue the good work of raising up and equipping SAM's, and hold as sacred the relationship that has been tended with the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. And, let's dream BIG, starting at the table, and let's do it as one church together.

At the Fall Theological Retreat at Metigoshe Ministries on Sept. 20-22, I will share a three-part Dwelling in the Word and encourage congregations to practice it with any and every group you can imagine, and please take notes. Synod staff will gather notes you share to give us guidance for the next synod assembly, and for the years ahead.

The Spirit knows the ministry the Western North Dakota Synod needs to do next. We need only to be faithful and to listen together. For now, please hold the ministry of our synod in your prayers. Please hold me in your prayers. I am humbled and grateful to serve as your bishop(-elect).

In Christ's Peace, Bishop-Elect Lisa Lewton

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Whenever there is change in an organization, including a church, and even a family, the unknown is anxious space. Here are a few questions and answers as we begin this journey together.

- **Where is my office?** As indicated in the bishop job description, the bishop may work remotely. Although ministry does not follow a perfect schedule, I plan to work from home Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and from the brand new (to us) synod office on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesdays will be dedicated to meeting with staff. Wednesdays are available for you to meet me at the synod office, a lovely building owned by you, the synod. Please contact Lesley to schedule a visit with me. (701)223-5312, or lesley@wndsynod.org.
- **How do I get in touch with you?** Please call Lesley, or email me at bishoplisa@wndsynod.org. I do take a break from emails in the evenings, otherwise I promise to be as prompt as I can.
- **Tell me about synod staffing.** I am grateful to Bishop Craig, Pastor Brad, and Pastor Tera for their faithful work and very faithful handoff of the ministry they have led. If you have not yet sent them a thank you card, it is never too late to say thank you. An Associate to the Bishop will be announced after Synod Council meets on Tues., Aug. 11. The Director of Evangelical Mission position is currently open for applications.

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- **What does a bishop do?** Among the holy work of this office is to visit congregations. I am excited to worship with you! My understanding of our polity as the ELCA is to rely on congregations for an invitation to lead worship or preach. Please call Lesley if you would like to invite me to lead or preach.
- **How is my family?** From the moment you elected me, I have been grateful for encouragement and recognition that I am a whole person with a vocation in ministry, as well as vocations as wife to Marcus and mom to Tom, Sam, and Karis. Thank you for your prayers as we navigate this new time. My family is proud of this new call, and grateful for your prayers.



Back to School Clothing Drive

We are having a **“Back to School Clothing Drive”** for the kids in need in our community. If you are able to donate any gently used clothes, shoes, coats, snow boots, Snow pants, gloves, hats, etc. we will gladly accept them. We will also accept new socks and underwear for all ages. Please drop off your donations at the SOUTH basement door (by the Sunday School door). **We will be collecting from Tuesday, August 4-Wednesday, August 12.** Drop off times are between the hours of 8:30-5:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-3:00 on Friday. Please call the church office at 663-3594 when you stop to drop off your items. If you wish to help with this event please call the church office.

Please sort the clothes by gender and size and have them labeled for us. The School counselors are asking for bigger sized clothes also. Please do not bring stained, torn, etc. clothing. If you or your child would not wear it please don't donate it.

They date for this event will be held on Sunday, August 16 from Noon till 7:00 p.m.

DOWNLOAD THE “VANCO MOBILE” APP TODAY!



OR TEXT 8449340609 TO DONATE

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.

We have to stay financially strong. The ongoing ministry of our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up here <https://firstlutheranofmandan.com/>. Simply click on the button on the right hand side that says “Give Online”. If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can drop it off at the church or mail it to 408 9th St NW Mandan, ND 58554. Staying strong in worship, caring ministries, and finances are important as we work to love and serve hurting people during this tumultuous time.

If you provide your financial offerings to First Lutheran through other ways besides the weekly worship gathering of gifts (e.g.: Vanco, automatic bank withdrawal), you are welcome to place one of the laminated “offering cards” in the pew rack in the offering plate during the Offering.

Notes on Holy Communion:

Practice: *We practice Open Communion, which means if you are here, you are welcome at the table of Christ. If you do not take Communion, or you do not take Communion yet, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. We can also bring Communion to you in your pew if you are unable to come forward. Please notify one of the ushers.*

Procedure: *You will receive a wafer of bread and a small cup of communion wine (juice and gluten free wafers are also available; please let your server know). Please place the empty cup in the waste basket by the communion assistant as you return to your pew.*

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 9	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP
MONDAY 10	
TUESDAY 11	9:00 STAFF
WEDNESDAY 12	6:00 WORSHIP
THURSDAY 13	
FRIDAY 14	
SATURDAY 15	
SUNDAY 16	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP