

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday; 1 Kings 3:1-15, (1 Kings 3:16—4:34) 2 Corinthians 1:1-22
Monday; 1 Kings 5:1-18, (1 Kings 6:1—7:50) 2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17
Tuesday; 1 Kings 7:51—8:21, 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Wednesday; 1 Kings 8:22-63, 2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Thursday; 1 Kings 9:1—10:13, 2 Corinthians 5:1-21
Friday; 1 Kings 11:1-26, 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
Saturday; 1 Kings 11:42—12:19, 2 Corinthians 7:1-16
Sunday; 1 Kings 12:20—13:34, (1 Kings 14:1—16:28) 2 Cor. 8:1-24

He (Jesus) said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:15-16 ESV.

ATTENDANCE 07/26 08/02 08/09 08/16

Worship Total	205	201	249	233
Communed	72	135	91	107
Visitors	2	6	4	3
Bible Study	34	36	33	23



Business Manager Recruitment

We are looking to hire our next Business Manager. Ideally, our candidate will be a member of First Lutheran. Your help is requested:

- Talk to members whom you think might be a good candidate
- Share those names with the church office
- Contact the church office if **you** are interested and to obtain a copy of the job description
- Prayerfully consider this position and include the filling of this position with God's optimal candidate, in your prayers

We are looking for a committed follower of Jesus who demonstrates strong financial acumen, has background and experience in business/or finance, and administrative skills to assist our Boards and other team members.



E-Giving for Members and Visitors

We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a donation. It allows you to give anytime and anywhere and donate to your favorite funds.

Ways to e-Give and make your gifts recurring:

1. Give on-line via: www.firstglencoe.org
2. Vanco Mobile Faith – Download from the app store and search for First Ev. Lutheran.
3. Text \$ (your \$ amount) and "Give" to 855-976-9619.
4. Use the QR Code. It is provided to the left.

Temporarily Assisting in the Business Manager Position

Sheila Scheele will be in the Business Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sara Wegner is also assisting. Please call the church office with any financial related questions.

from Lutheran Service Book #781
 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (stz. 1)

**We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

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**Peter
 Confess
 Jesus
 Is the
 Christ:
 Where Do
 I Fit In?**



Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Divine Service: Setting 4, Page 203

AS WE GATHER: The counsels of God are permanent—impeccable exhortations from His mind, His will, His heart, and His actions in Christ. Everything that proceeds from God’s wisdom is congruent. Barren wombs are filled with offspring. Desolate wastelands are restored. God’s Word resurrects what once was decimated. These astonishing interventions transform our lives so that we may unconditionally invest our sanctified bodies, minds, and gifts all to the glory of God!

♪ HYMNS: 8:00 AM #912, 645, 738, 575 10:30 AM #912, 645, 738, [866, 798, 643], 575	ORGANIST: Mr. Paul Otte
BIBLE READINGS: Old Testament ~ Isaiah 51: 1 - 6 Epistle Reading ~ Romans 11:33 – 12:8 Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 16: 13 - 20 Introit ~ Psalm 2:6–7; 117; Anti.: Ps. 115:18	DEACONS: 8:00 AM ~ Dean Scheele, Mike Cisewski 10:30 AM ~ Will Freberg, Dan Nikolaisen
SERMON: Pastor Dan Welch “Peter Confess Jesus Is the Christ: Where Do I Fit In?” Matthew 16: 13 - 20	ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM ~ Piper Polzin, Brooklyn Grochow 10:30 AM ~ Mason Ortloff, Annabelle Freberg
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Day School Board	SOUND SYSTEM: 8:00 AM ~ Glenn Cohrs 10:30 AM ~ Tyler Schauer
CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10 Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. & Fridays, 5:30 p.m.	CAMERA: (either) ~ Linda Ranzau
	FACEBOOK LIVE: ~
	SCREENS: 8:00 AM ~ Brittney Wolff 10:30 AM ~
	GREETERS: 8:00 AM ~ Dave & Betty Witthus 10:30 AM ~

Thank You, Everyone, for Sharing Your Time, Talents, and Treasures with First Lutheran!

Included In Our Prayers This Week:

-- For Dave & Michele Mackenthun in thanksgiving for their 50th wedding anniversary on August 21!
-- Atticus Aldrich (two-year-old grandson of Teresa Brelje’s cousin who was diagnosed with high risk Neuroblastoma), Melissa Bolek (Aunt of Pastor Ewert), Marjorie Duenow, Amy Edmison, Bob Hallowell (Father of Megan Polzin), Howard Hoecke, Shirley Krienke, Marjorie Litzau, Kali Marshall (Granddaughter of Sandy Templin), Laurie Meyer (Twin Sister of Linda Donnay), Bonnie Mueller (Friend of Linda Edmison) who has Stage 4 Cancer, Isaiah Nikolaisen, Judy Rickheim, Sally Schmulke, Braelynn Schrunck (Great-Granddaughter of Gayle Schwarze) who has leukemia, Matt Solmonson (Son-in-law of DeLue & Mary Grams) who has Stage 4 Melanoma, Nathan Ward (Brother-in-law to Beth Ward) who has cancer

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE August 23 –13th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

Sunday, August 2313th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM – Divine Service
9:00 AM – Fellowship Time
9:15 AM – Adult Bible Class
10:30 AM – Divine Service with Communion
Monday, August 24 Gerten’s Mum Sale closes
1:00 PM – Quilt Tying
Tuesday, August 25
1:30 PM – Mat Makers
7:00 PM – Way of Life Young Adults Bible Study
Wednesday, August 26
9:00 AM – Lectionary Study
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting
1 to 7 PM - First Lutheran School
Grades K to 8, Back to School Event
Saturday, August 29 & Sunday, August 30
RenFest Fundraiser
Sunday, August 3014th Sunday after Pentecost
■ 5th Sunday of the Month
■ Communion at both services
■ Common Cup is offered at both services
■ Blessing of the Backpacks
8:00 AM – Divine Service with Communion
9:00 AM – Fellowship Time
9:15 AM – Adult Bible Class
10:30 AM – Divine Service with Communion
1:30 PM – GlenFields
Each day, 1:50 p.m., “Congregation in Prayer.”

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for being with us here today!
Please stop by one of the Welcome
Centers on your way out. There are gift bags!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC LEADER

The start of Sunday School is quickly approaching and it’s always a good thing to have the children learning Sunday School songs and occasionally singing in church. I have not been gifted with those abilities. We are looking for a volunteer to lead S.S. music, as many times and at the time, of your choosing. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with our Sunday School program. ~ Amy Welch

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL’S
6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The tournament is on Saturday, Sept. 19th at 1 p.m. at the Glencoe Country Club, with Bump’s catering a meal afterwards. There will be 4-Person Scramble Teams. Registration papers are at the Welcome Centers, or you may email FLboosters@gmail.com.

THANK YOU, BIBLE READERS!

Thank you to all Readers who participated in the Third Round of Reading the Bible Aloud on 8/13.
In 15 hours, we read Judges thru 2 Chronicles
14. One reader stated, “It is a great honor to read God’s word in a place where I worship Him!”

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

“Two Kingdoms, One King”
A 4-SESSION BIBLE STUDY
ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

“Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”
Matthew 6:10

Explore what it means to live faithfully as citizens of both our earthly nation and God’s heavenly kingdom.

As citizens of an earthly nation, we have certain privileges and responsibilities. At the same time, we are citizens of heaven, living under the gracious reign of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this study, we turn to God’s Word to learn about living in two kingdoms—the kingdom of grace and the kingdom of power—both ruled by one King. Please join us at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Center.

CELEBRATING GOD’S PROVISION:
DONATION MATCH MET AND SURPASSED

Thank you to everyone who accepted the MATCH Challenge presented earlier last month. Through your generous response, our congregation met the full \$40,000 Matching Challenge, with total matched donations currently at \$51,265. As promised, our anonymous donors joyfully matched those gifts with their contribution of \$40,000, increasing the impact of your generosity. What a wonderful demonstration of God’s blessings and the faithful spirit of our church family.

The matching fund support came through a variety of heartfelt contributions:

- The **Flag Campaign**, where members selected envelopes on a large US flag display, marked from \$1 to \$150, provided a joyful and creative way to participate. This campaign brought in \$11,816.
- Other additional gifts were received through **offering envelopes, mailed or in-person donations, online giving, and the "Be Part of the Legacy" campaign** (featuring commemorative buttons available with gifts of \$150 or more). These gifts total \$39,449.

While we celebrate these encouraging results, there is still work to be done. Additional funds are needed as we continue preparing for and celebrating First Lutheran’s 150th Anniversary. "Be Part of the Legacy" buttons are still available and may be picked up in the church office with your qualifying gift. These tokens serve as a meaningful reminder of God’s faithfulness across generations and the shared commitment of our church community.

First Lutheran Church and School Events



Mark your calendar!

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

Mon., 09/07 – Church Office closed for Labor Day
 Tue., 09/08 @ 5:30 PM – Day School
 Tue., 09/08 @ 7 PM – Trustees (This is a change.)
 Wed., 09/09 @ 7 PM – Mandatory Catechism Information Meeting
 Wed., 09/16 – First Day of Catechism classes
 Wed., 09/16 @ 6 PM – FLS Parent Information Night
 Sat., 09/19 – First Lutheran School Golf Tournament
 Fri., 09/25 – First Lutheran Women in Mission Salad Luncheon
 Sun., 09/27 @ 6 PM – Future Flames Fishing Contest meeting



MAT-MAKERS

Tuesday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Devotions: Put On Some Name-Brand Clothes! Galatians 3:27.
Discussion topic: Tell something about a zucchini.
 We are amassing more and more mats for delivery this Fall to people in the Twin City area who need a warm place to lay down. *Guests are always welcome to see how it's done.* Drop in at the fellowship center any time before 3:30 p.m.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 30, at both services

This year, in addition to the school children at both the public school and at First Lutheran, we are specifically encouraging all our members and friends who are going back to "school" with maybe a briefcase or crossbody or a teacher bag, etc. ... to join us! You can bring a briefcase or bag if you want, or you can just come up for a blessing AND we have a special "older" gift for you, in addition to the backpack tag. The children always love seeing their teachers at church and you will receive a blessing for the new school year!



DRIVE-THRU LIVING NATIVITY

Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe on Saturday, December 12, from 5 - 7 PM.

The committee is *seeking additional help* from Glencoe-area churches and organizations to help plan this bi-annual event. We will also need volunteers to portray Biblical characters (angels, shepherds, wisemen, Holy Family), as well as help with food/beverages, costumes, scene set-up and take-down, traffic control, straw bales, and live animals.

This event is a wonderful blessing, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the true Christmas Story right here in our own community. We hope you'll consider being a part of this meaningful and special evening! Contact Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 to get involved! More details will follow.



AUGUST ABUNDANT BLESSINGS Do you have old EYE GLASSES that you no longer need? Your gently-used glasses will be given to the local Lions' Club to support sight initiatives. We are collecting through the end of August. Please drop them off at church.

From Pastor Dan Welch



NEW CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Mondays in September and October from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining First Lutheran Church, we are beginning new membership classes soon. "Basic Bible Teachings: An Introduction to the Lutheran Faith" is the name of the new, easy-to-understand, and highly visual resource we will be using for this class.



Our schedule is as follows:

Mon., Sept. 21	Ch. 1 Living with Expectations
Mon., Sept. 28	Ch. 2 Living with Jesus as Savior
Mon., Oct. 5	Ch. 3 Living as God's Child
Mon., Oct. 12	Ch. 4 Living the Christian Life
Mon., Oct. 19	Ch. 5 Living Forever with Jesus
Mon., Oct. 26	Summary and Looking Ahead



If interested, please call or email the church office (864-5522 or office@1stglencoe.org).

COMING SOON...

Your New Money Mindset

This series of sermons and Bible classes lays out a countercultural and biblical approach to managing our relationship with money. It makes a compelling case that being wise and generous with money leads to greater joy, less worry, and a world more the way God intends it. Our New Money Mindset will help us break the persistent desire for more in our consumer-driven society and ask us to reach for something better - a peace that we have enough, enough for ourselves and enough to share.

If you find yourself wrestling with credit-card debt you can't pay off, or a car you can't afford, or a house worth less than you owe on it - you'll find help over the next few weeks. If you long to feel more satisfied at the end of each day, if you want more out of life than the fleeting gratification of another purchase - this series is for you. If you want to help family and friends break free from debt and consumerism Our New Money Mindset will help.

The sermon lineup is as follows:

Week one (September 20th): A Satisfied Mindset
 Week two (September 27th): A Steward's Mindset
 Week three (October 4th): A Servant's Mindset

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study plans are as follows:

Week one (September 20th): Overcoming Consumerism
 Week two (September 27th): Why Does God Give Money?
 Week three (October 4th): Biblical Truths about Managing Money

Plan to be a part of these very practical sermons and classes. You'll be glad you did!