

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 5, 2026  
9 a.m.



**PENTECOST VI**

Online & in Pews



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



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**Welcome!**  
**We're glad you're here!**  
**to join us in worship and fellowship today**

Everyone here at First Evangelical Lutheran Church are celebrated and welcomed just as God made them, even if that's wiggly and giggly

## **Worship Leaders Today**

President: The Reverend Jeffrey C. Johnson  
Assisting Minister: Nina Sousa  
Lay Eucharist Minister: Jeanne Govoni

## **Altar flowers**

Our altar flowers this day are given to the Greater Glory of God and to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mario & Nina Sousa.

## **Introduction to Today's Service**

At this celebration of the nation we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

**A Reconciling in Christ Church is where we fully embrace Racial Equity & Welcome Everyone Regardless of**

Ability, Special Needs, Age, Ethnicity, Languages, Right Circumstances, Gender Identity & Expression, Marital Status

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## Welcome and Gathering

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**Prelude** : Prelude on *Materna*

Martha Sobaje (b. 1948)

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Opening Hymn:

### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

## 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.

## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer*

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

## Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

<sup>7</sup> “The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup> You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> “Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup> When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. <sup>16</sup> He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup> Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.”

**Word of God, Word of Life**

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 65: 6-11



Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**<sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

**<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.**

**<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

**<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.**

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

**<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **Gospel**

**Luke 17:11-19**

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Jeff Johnson**

# Hymn of the Day: Give Me Jesus

ELW 770

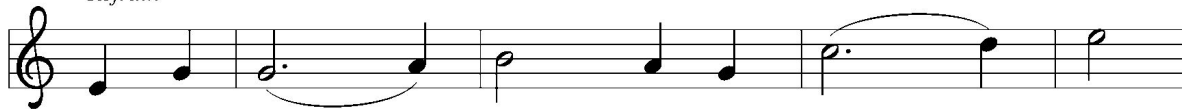


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.



## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**AMEN.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity. Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.  
**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

*The people may greet each other. The assembly is seated.*

## Announcements

- **Altar Flower Dates Available: 7/12, 7/19, 8/30–please contact Evelyn or Nina if you are interested in donating flowers**
- **SAVE THE DATE– GOLF TOURNAMENT, Monday, 8/3/26**
- **GOLF DUCKIES FOR SALE \$5/duck– 50/50 Drawing see Nina After the service**

## Offertory

### Offertory Hymn: Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

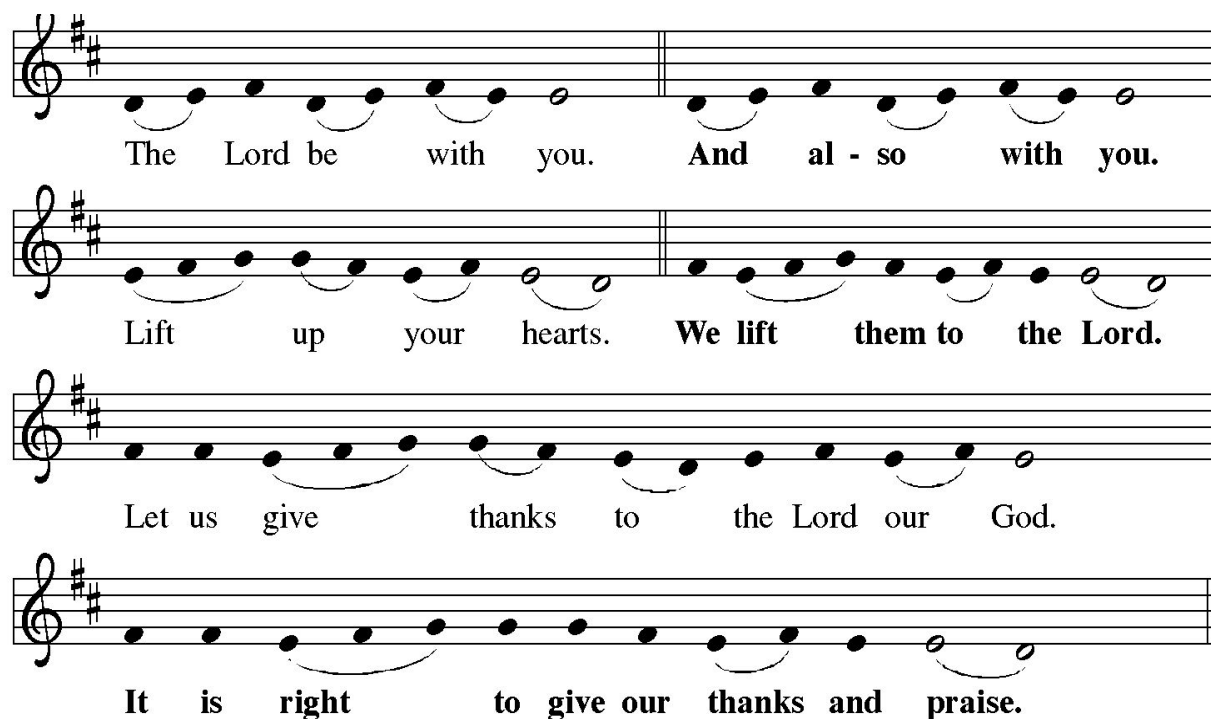
**Offering** *please stand as you are able*

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your  
love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving & Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting  
life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Holy, Holy, Holy



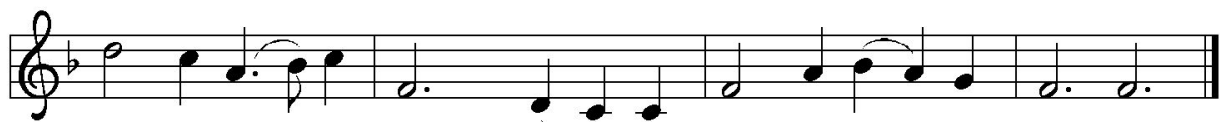
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



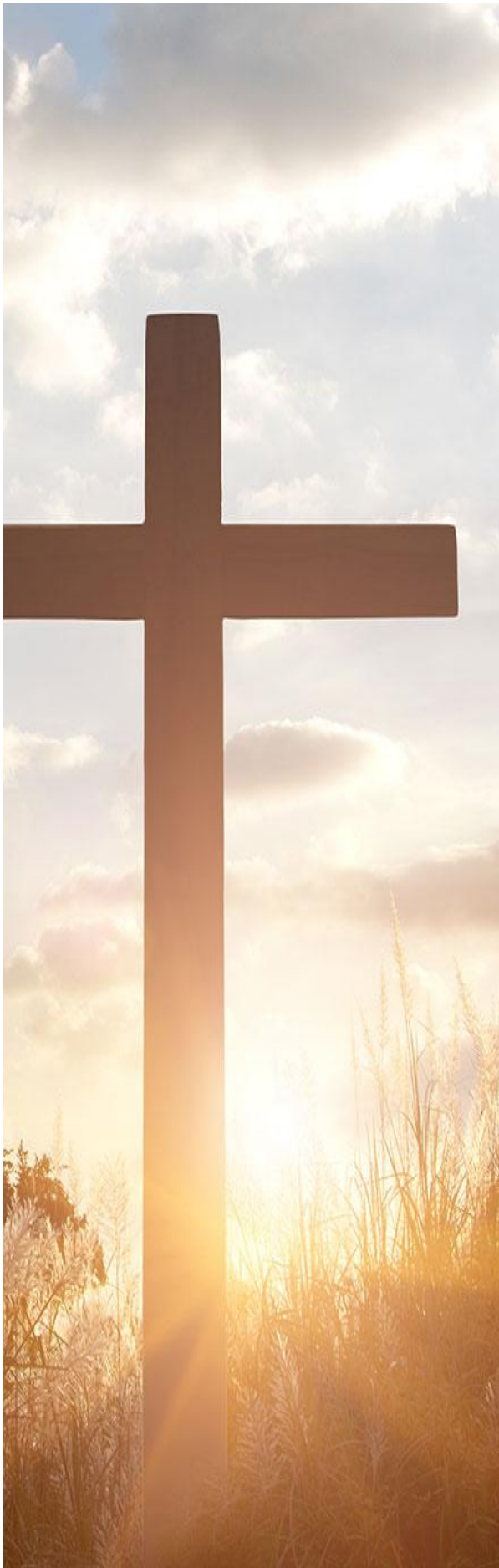
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave  
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death,  
resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O  
Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this  
heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus  
Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the  
Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

## Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

## Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond*

AMEN

## Communion Song

## Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Songs During & After Communion



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Let us Pray.

Holy God,  
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.  
You continuously seek the lost,  
bind the injured,  
and feed your people abundantly.  
Now send us out,  
awake to your presence,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING AND RESPONSE**

L: Is it true that God loves the World?

**A: AMEN, This is True.**

L: Is it true that God loves all people?

**A: AMEN. This is true.**

L: Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

**A: AMEN, This is True.**

Then let us go as those whom God has called, to bear witnesses to the love and justice of heaven, to be beacons of light, and signs of transformation, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

And the Blessing of God the Father, God the + Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us.

**AMEN**

## Sending Hymn: This is My Song

ELW 879



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

### Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Postlude: Fugue on *America*- W. Eugene Thayer (1838-1889)

# Please pray for our members, friends, and families listed here.

For additions or corrections, please request by emailing Evelyn Reuben (ereuben@firstevlutheran.org) or by contacting the church office at 508-586-9021 with the information.

## Those Homebound, ill, or in need

Deborah Goucher  
Anne & Bill Kelley  
Lynda Whittemore  
Bob Cook  
David Perry  
Arthur Braun  
Alice Carlson  
Linda Lovett

Pr. & Mrs. Hilston  
Jennie Christensen  
Bryan Bjorklund  
Birute Silvia  
Callen Pellerin  
Roberta Battaglia  
Kelly Newman-Milliken

The Bennett family  
Paul McAfee  
Sonia Pina  
Linda Pearson  
The Grabau family  
Christine Persson  
Ron & Jeanne Newman

## Our Military Friends and Family

**Lt. Jonathan Daus**-Navy-stateside  
**Aidan Burke**-private 1st class US Army-overseas  
**Zack Lauzon**-son-in-law of Nina Sousa Navy Stateside  
**Sgt. Ryan R. Casey-USMC** grandson of Carole Casey Stateside  
**Pvt. 1st Class Philipe Pinto**-son of Sonia Pinto

## Our College Students

**Evelyn Linehan**-Nichols College, Dudley, MA  
**Ashley Burke**-Brockton School of Nursing  
**Hannah Dahlgren**-Bridgewater State University  
**Briannah Lafontant Stecher**-Rhode Island College  
**Sofia Belanger**-UMass Amherst  
**Charlotte Linehan**-Simmons College, Boston MA  
**Angela Mendes**-Brockton School of Nursing  
**Abby Cruz**-Bryant University

# Please pray for members of our extended family

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## Members of our Extended Family

**Susan Miller, Stephanie Johnson, Sally & Ken Quigley**

friends of the MacNeVins

**Ted Ilsley**-Meredith Persson's next door neighbors son

**Mike Reed**-relative of Michelle Augustino & Callie Jefferson

**Elliana Mackenzie**-granddaughter of Judy Mackenzie

**Bob Thompson**-relative & good friend, **Lynne Santangelo, Rick Venti,**

**Russell Perkins, Nicky Carone**-friends of Willette & Lloyd Thompson

**Deirdra Lindo**-godmother of Julian Caffelle

**Lynn Lacy**-sister of Jan Anderson

**Liane Anderson**-friend of Pastor Jeff, **Lisa & Pam Foster**-cousins of Pastor Jeff, **Maelinda & Kristian**-sister and nephew of Pastor Jeff

**Susan Kashgajian**-friend of the Christensen family

**Pat DeRosa**-family of Jeanne Govoni

**Dominick D'Agostino**-father of Jess Burke

**Tom Bolinder**-father of Katie Sandford

**Jaymie Knox**-friend of Sara Pearson

**The McQuarrie family**-friends of the church

**Barbara Moynihan**-friend of Patti Cruz

**Eddie Silva, Barbara & Gary Lewis & Teresa Maloney**-friends of David Perry

**Brian Pitty**-husband of Laura Pitty

**Susan Groleau**-sister of Howard Holmes

**Andrea Roust**-daughter of Dennis Govoni

**Ulla Andre'**-mother of Nina Sousa,

**Olivia Lauzon, Katarina Sousa & Lillia Eliasson-Parrott**-daughters of Nina Sousa

**Maureen Keefe, John Correia, Diane Daly, Pauline Williamson,** friends of Nina Sousa,

**Dale, Kim & Gary Hermanson & Kris Manning,** cousins-of Nina Sousa

**Bob Moore**-father of Sandy Dunphy

**Mackenzie Giordano**-granddaughter of Carolyn Giordano


**Bob Whittemore**-husband of Lynda Whittemore

**Robert Newman**-brother of Donnie & Ron Newman, brother in-law of Chris Newman

**Kris Daley**-friend of the Chris & Donnie Newman

**Barbara Rich**-friend of Dianne & Gary Oman

**Robert Owen**-friend of Jean-Ellen Kenney



**First Lutheran Annual Golf Tournament  
Monday, August 3rd, 2026 1:00 pm  
shotgun start at Brockton Country Club.  
Banquet dinner 6:00 pm back at church.**

**We are looking for Volunteers, Golfers,  
Sponsors and Drawing Items! Buy your  
50/50 Drawing Duckie for \$5.00 per Duck.  
We will be selling them after church on  
Sundays and during the week as well.**

**We want everyone to be involved in the  
FUN of GOLF this year! So we are offering  
Duckie chances ahead of time. Drawing  
to be held at the banquet.**

**See Nina for details or email her at  
[nsousa@firststevlutheran.org](mailto:nsousa@firststevlutheran.org)**



# July Giving Envelopes

Giving at First Lutheran just got easier. With your cell phone please take a picture of the QR Code. This will take you to the Vanco giving page on the FLC Website. Feel free to make your financial contribution there. Or you can use the offering envelope.

Thank you!



**JUL 2026**

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# Calendar & Events

## This Sunday

Sunday with Preaching and Holy Communion

## Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday

AA MEETING- The Foxhole Group 5:30 p.m.

## Wednesday

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M.

NA THE WORK CONTINUES 7:00 P.M.

AA NEW BEGINNINGS 7:00 P.M.

## Thursday

AA MEETING- The Foxhole Group 5:30 p.m.



## Friday

## Saturday

AA MEETING- The Foxhole Group 5:30 p.m.



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## Office Hours

Mon: Closed

Tue-Thur: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fri: 9 a.m. - Noon

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