



First Lutheran Church

Gathering to know Jesus, serving to make a difference!

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Outdoor Worship

Outdoor drive-in worship services have been conducted in the Iowa Great Lakes area for 76 years. This unique worship ministry began on May 22, 1949 at the Lakeland Drive-In Theatre that was located one mile north of Milford. This was considered to be the first outdoor worship service at a Drive-In Theatre in the United States! Today, we continue to provide this alternate worship experience for residents of the Lakes Area and those vacationing between Memorial Day and Labor Day.



Offering - Thank You!

The offering received at these services is used to support First Lutheran Church Ministry and the following Missions:

Hope Haven	Lutheran Services of Iowa
Habitat for Humanity	St Dysmas
Bible Camps	Back Pack Program
Upper Des Moines	Church of Damascus Road
Discovery House	Okoboji Success Program
CAASA	Feed Just One



DRIVE-IN ATTENDANCE HISTORY:

FIRST OUTDOOR WORSHIP

05/22/1949 - 22 vehicles

RECORD

08/02/2020 - 265 vehicles

LAST WEEK

06/15/2025 - 142 vehicles

RESTROOMS

are located inside the church.

Please enter the building on the NORTH side (facing the outdoor worship area).
Look for the sign on the door and follow the arrows!

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

June 22nd, 2025

LIVE BROADCAST
FM 96.3

SUNDAY - June 22nd

8:30am	Drive-In Worship
9:30am	Indoor Worship
10:30am	Fellowship
10:30am	Communication & Dementia Seminar
8:00pm	J1 Meal in Arnolds Park

MONDAY - June 23rd

6:30am	Men's group OLBC
6:00pm	RAGBRAI Meeting

TUESDAY - June 24th

9:30am	Ladies Bible Study
4:00pm	Visitation Team Mtg
5:30pm	Mission Team Mtg
6:00pm	Seaglass Workshop

WEDNESDAY - June 25th

9:30am	Staff Meeting
6:30pm	Cross Generational Outdoor Worship

THURSDAY - June 26th

8:00am	Men's Bible Study
5:30pm	Health/Wellness Mtg

FRIDAY - June 27th

Office closed

Return
to your
home,
and

Luke 8:39

declare
how much
God
has done
for you.

Order of Worship

HOUSE OF THE LORD*

Welcome and Announcements

Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Message: Pastor Perry Aalgaard

Confession and Forgiveness*

Affirmation of Faith

Offering

CHAIN BREAKER*

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY*

**Lyrics are included inside the bulletin for these titles.*

Please wait to leave until after the last song.

HOUSE OF THE LORD

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be

He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Interlude

We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way

'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away **(Chorus)**

Bridge

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise
(Repeat)

Chorus

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Lift your head weary sinner
The river's just ahead
Down the path of forgiveness
Salvation's waiting there.

You built a mighty fortress
Ten thousand burdens high
Love is here to lift you up
Here to lift you high

If you're lost and wandering
come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

If you're lost and wrecked again
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

ALL (Spoken)
God of mercy, We confess that we are captive to our sin, by things we have done, and by things we have left undone. We have clung to our own ways and resisted Yours. We have tried to break free by our own strength and failed. We have doubted Your goodness, forgotten Your promises, and feared we have been abandoned. But You are the Way Maker, You are the Chain Breaker. Forgive us, heal us, and set us free. Amen.

We believe it
We receive it
We can feel it
Amen (repeat)

If you got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

CHAIN BREAKER

Verse 1

If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

Chorus

If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

Verse 2

We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life **(Chorus)**

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Verse 1

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do

Chorus

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

Verse 2

I love to tell the story
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it
More wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story

For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

I love to tell the story
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new new song
'Twill be the old old story
That I have loved so long **(Chorus)**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Creator of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the church of God, His people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

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.

FIRST CONNECTIONS June 22nd, 2025

COMMUNICATION AND DEMENTIA

Today, June 22nd at 10:30am

Learn how to communicate with someone that struggles with Dementia and how to be a support for their care partners. Ask questions and get resources for your loved one if they have been diagnosed with Dementia. Learn how hospice can help. It will be held in the conference room or fellowship hall, depending on number of attendees. Presented by Cari Jack - Care Transition Coordinator for St. Croix Hospice.

THANK YOU FROM ELLIE & RON DICKS

Ron and I would like to humbly thank all who sent cards, well wishes, and congratulations for our 65th wedding anniversary. We were overwhelmed! I would also like to thank all who prayed for me for comfort and strength and the get well wishes during my last two hospitalizations. We are members of a wonderful congregation and are so thankful for that.

THANK YOU - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all helpers, teachers, leaders and parents for making our week of VBS a great one! There were 70 kids and 34 amazing helpers! We couldn't have done it without you!

Cross-Generational Summer Outdoor Worship Events

Join us for summer evenings of informal worship and activities in our beautiful Prayer Garden

Worship Experience campfire style worship and fellowship with others in our beautiful prayer garden this summer.	Fellowship & Snack Who doesn't like a snack! Enjoy ice cream, or other delicious treat during a time of fellowship.	Activities Participate in fun activities, for all ages, that connect to the scripture/story that you will hear during our worship time.
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June 25th & July 30th

Worship begins at 6:30pm
with a snack and activities to follow



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CONNECT

We're so glad you joined in worship today! If you're a visitor, we'd love to get to know you a little. Feel free to fill out this card and place it in the offering.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

☐ I'd like to chat with a Pastor to learn more about this church



YOU ARE INVITED...

SUMMER SONGFEST

SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 13TH
6:00PM - 8:15PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AREA
"Two hours of LIVE MUSIC that will ENTERTAIN AND INSPIRE YOU!"

FEATURING:
LEANNA CRAWFORD
Contemporary Christian singer/songwriter



"STILL WATERS" (PSALM 23)
OTHER GREAT SONGS INCLUDE:
"For Heaven's Sake" "How Can You Not?" "Mean Girls"
"The Truth I'm Standing On" "Uncool" and more!!

LEANNA TAKES THE STAGE AT 7:00PM


GATES OPEN AT 5:00PM
OPENING BAND "FIRST TO DANCE" @ 6:00PM
Youth Selling: ★ Bring Your Lawnchair!
Pop, Water, Candy, Popcorn ★ Food Truck Available!

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PRAYER



Please let us know how we can be supporting you, your loved ones, or something close to your heart in prayer.

Prayer Request:

☐ Please have a Pastor contact me

☐ This prayer request can be shared with the First Lutheran Prayer Team

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

*Janet Briggs and Jo Abens as they mourn the passing of their sister Julie Gibson. Julie passed away on June 16th.

*Greg Stafford and his family as they mourn the passing of Greg's father who passed away on June 15th .

*First Lutheran family and friends that are battling cancer and other illnesses.

*Our companion congregations of San Pablo Lutheran Church in Chile, the Southern Diocese in Tanzania, Pueblo de Dios in Argentina, St. Dysmas in Sioux Falls, and Grace Lutheran in Primghar, IA.