

† *Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We invite you to journey with us as we explore the life of faith together. At First Lutheran all are welcome in every aspect of our congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together. God empowers us to live out our purpose which is to share his word and the promise of salvation.*



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, July 8, 2018  
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG No. 755 (WOV) .....**  
**“We Are All One in Mission”**

**SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER Page 46 (WOV)**

**GREETING:**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

**P:** Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

**P:** One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

**SCRIPTURE SONG Page 47 (WOV) .....**  
**“Salvation Belongs to Our God”**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON . . . . . Ezekiel 2:1-5**

1[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.2And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” 5Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Here ends the First lesson.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON . . . . . 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

2I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—4was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Here ends the Second lesson.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Page 48 (WOV) . . . . . “Word of Life”**

**GOSPEL . . . . . Mark 6:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

1[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.2On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” 5And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people

and cured them. 6And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON..... Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp**

**HYMN OF THE DAY No. 756 (WOV).....  
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD..... Page 49 (WOV)**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** (Ephesians 1:13-14)

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** (Jude 20)

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (Jude 21)

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness and remission of all our sins. **C: Amen**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SONG (WOV) ..... Page 50 Vs. 3**  
**“Glory to you, God”**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

**C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender care. Help is to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

P: God of mercy.

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who dies and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. **C: Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER ..... To Be Sung**

**GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH**

**BLESSING**

P: May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN No. 712 (WOV) ..... “Listen, God Is Calling”**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: God in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**WELCOME!** Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

**THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST** today is sponsored in honor of Morgan’s Taubert’s 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.

Ministers.....	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor .....	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader .....	Wendi Weber
Organist .....	Paul Henriksen
Acolytes .....	Maddox Biever & Kaden Musch
Ushers .....	Chuck Mickelson, Dave Boucher, Paul Johnson & Dan Lee
Sound .....	Bob Douty & Neil Johnson

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim and Deb Smith

❖ **Assisted listening devices are available from the Ushers.**

☎ **PLEASE remember to turn off Cell Phones and Pagers during worship.**

**THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — July 8, 2018**

**TODAY**

9:30Aam -Worship  
10:30am- Coffee Fellowship

**TUESDAY**

8:30am - Ministerial Assoc.  
10:30am - Good Samaritan

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00pm - Council meeting

**THURSDAY**

9:30am - Quilting  
4- 5:00pm - Second Harvest

**FRIDAY**

6:00pm - Fritz/Erickson Rehearsal

**SATURDAY**

4:00pm - Fritz/Erickson Wedding

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion  
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

**2018 July Giving**

<b>Monthly Income Required to Operate</b>	<b>\$ 17,800.00</b>
Weekly Giving - July 1	\$ 4,825.00
Weekly Giving - July 8	\$
Weekly Giving - July 15	\$
Weekly Giving - July 22	\$
Weekly Giving - July 29	

**Thursday, July 26, 2017**

8am - 2:30pm Augustana University Elmen Center 2505 S. Grange Ave.

Tickets: \$25 thru July 16; \$35 on/after July 17

*“Spirituality and well-being in the second half of life.”*





***Join us for a night of fun & fellowship*** at the “***FLY*** Night at the Birdcage”! Monday, July 16, 2018 @ 7:00pm. Sioux Falls ‘Canaries’ vs. the Fargo-Moorhead ‘Redhawks’. Tickets - \$6 Sign up on the ***FLY*** board or contact the Church office @ 825-5837.



† ***If anyone would be willing to be a Volunteer*** to drive fellow congregational members to medical appointments - Please speak with Pastor, Mark Zinnel or call the Church office. You will be reimbursed for mileage.



**Thank you Steve Werner for driving me to my doctors appointment on Tuesday in Sioux Falls. I appreciate your time and care.**  
- Mary Kuiper

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