

† *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 EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, July 15, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 812 "Faith of Our Fathers"

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **C: Amen**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the works of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC..... Worship Team

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PSALM 85:8-13

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.

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

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

C: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

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

C: Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON..... Ephesians 1:3-13

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Here ends the Second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

14King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 659

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (vs. 1, 2, 3)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN No. 686

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs. 1, 4)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER To Be Sung

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS 496, 494, 483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **C: Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION:

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN No. 805
"Lead on, O King Eternal" (vs. 1, 3)**

DISMISSAL:

P: God in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

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. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. *Apple juice is available upon request.*

THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is in memory of Arthur Horton's birthday by Dwight & Sheila Horton.

Ministers.	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader	Nancy Finzen
Organist	Sandy Roemmich
Acolytes	Chase Wilson & Traeten Rustad
Ushers.	Chuck Mickelson, Dave Bocher, Paul Johnson & Dan Lee
Sound	Bob Douty & Mark Zinnel
Communion Assistant	Sheila Johnson

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith and Ellie Trautman and her family, on the passing of her Mother, Phyllis Martin.

❖ **Assisted listening devices** are available from the ushers.
 ☎ **PLEASE** remember to turn off Cell Phones and Pagers during worship.

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — July 15, 2018

TODAY -

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

THURSDAY

7:00pm - A.L.I.C.E. training @ First Lutheran

NEXT SUNDAY -

9:30am - Worship

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

2018 July Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - July 1	\$ 4,825.00
Weekly Giving - July 8	\$ 1,657.00
Weekly Giving - July 15	\$
Weekly Giving - July 22	\$
Weekly Giving - July 29	\$
Total to Date	\$ 6,482.00

Thursday, July 26, 2017

8am - 2:30pm

Augustana University Elmen Center

2505 S. Grange Ave.

Tickets: \$25 through July 16;

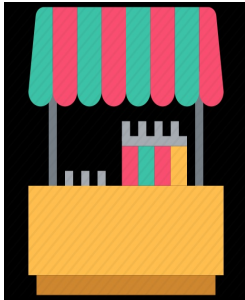
\$35 on/after July 17

"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. Please sign up by July 9th.

† **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.



NEEDED Volunteers to help clean the Fair stand

Date : Sunday, July 29, 2018

Time: 3:00pm

Place: Pipestone County Fairgrounds -
First Lutheran Church Fair stand

Supper will be provided for the workers.

Thank you - Joyce Colvin - Fair stand Mgr.

A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training

The training will be held at First Lutheran Church, Thursday, July 19, 2018 @ 7pm.

The training provides preparation and a plan for the Church on how to handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or an active shooter event. The training is free and everyone is welcome.

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