

† *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 NINTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, July 22, 2018  
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

*Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG No. 750 (WOV) .....**  
**"Oh Praise the Gracious Power" vs. 1,4,5,6**

**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: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON . . . . . Ephesians 2:11-22**

11Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—12remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. Here ends the Second lesson.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**GOSPEL . . . . . Mark 6:30-56**

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

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

30The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. 5When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; 36send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for

themselves to eat." 37But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" 38And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. 41Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. 42And all ate and were filled; 43and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.45Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.47When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. 49But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; 50for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." 51Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. 53When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**SONG OF THE DAY No. 776 (WOV)..... “Be Thou My Vision”**

**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 SONG No. 723 (WOV). ....**  
**“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” (vs.1,3,4)**

**DISMISSAL:**

P: God in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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

**THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST** today is sponsored in memory of Arlis & Don Werner by Lynette, David, Steven & Families.

Ministers . . . . .	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor . . . . .	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader . . . . .	Joyce Colvin
Organist . . . . .	Jeanine Olson
Acolytes . . . . .	Kennedy & Kaitlyn Maschino
Ushers . . . . .	Chuck Mickelson, Dave Boucher, Paul Johnson & Dan Lee
Sound . . . . .	Neil Johnson & Jason Weber

† ***Continuing Prayer Concerns:*** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith and Larry & Janice Harkema as Janice recovers from surgery.

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

***THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — July 22, 2018***

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>
9:30Aam -Worship
10:30am- Coffee Fellowship
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>
2:00pm - Sunrise Village Worship - Jasper
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>
1-7:00pm - Bloodmobile in the Fellowship hall
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>
8:00AM - 2:30pm "Aging Faithfully" 2018 Conference
9:30am - Quilting
<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>
9:30am - Worship/Noisy Offering
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	\$ 1,657.00
Weekly Giving - July 15	\$ 3,930.00
Weekly Giving - July 22	\$
Weekly Giving - July 29	
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$ 10,412.00</b>

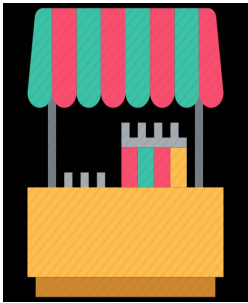
**Thursday, July 26, 2017**

8am - 2:30pm Augustana University Elmen  
Center 2505 S. Grange Ave. Tickets: \$35  
"Spirituality and well-being in the second half of  
life."



**The Noisy Offering** that will be collected next Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the Lutheran Disaster Response. The Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States & around the world. When the dust settles & the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

† **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.

**Michael W. Smith Concert**

**Date**: Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 4:00pm

**Place**: Preservation Plaza, Arnolds Park, Iowa

**Tickets**: \$25

**Call** (507) 841-0474 to purchase tickets



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