

† *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 ELEVENTH
SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, August 5, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 638 "Blessed Assurance"

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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

2The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." 9Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" 10And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" 13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Here ends the First lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:23-29

So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

C: raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

C: The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

C: letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16

1I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6one God and Father of all, who is above all

and through all and in all. 7But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore it is said "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." 9(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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: John 6:24-35

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. 25When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: 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. 480
“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

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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 **487, 496, 481**

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. 536
“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (vs. 1,2)

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 Karl Arthur Henriksen by Paul & Kristy Henriksen.

Ministers	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader	Julie Colvin
Organist	Paul Henriksen
Acolytes	Mason Musch & Rysley Borman
Ushers. Rollie Wolff, Tom Willey, Creighton Schroyer, Austin Carpenter	
Sound	Bob Douty & Mark Zinnel
Communion Assistant	Tami Stevens

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

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

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

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — August 5, 2018

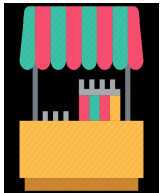
<u>TODAY -</u> 9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
<u>TUESDAY</u> 6:00pm - Worship Committee meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 6:00pm - Confirmation - 8 th Graders 8:00pm - Council
<u>SATURDAY</u> 11:00am - Funeral - Marjorie Moll
<u>NEXT SUNDAY -</u> 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 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	\$ 3,930.00
Weekly Giving - July 22	\$ 6,489.37
Weekly Giving - July 29	\$ 2,131.58
Total	\$ 19,032.55
Net Revenue	\$ 1,232.55



The Noisy Offering collected on Sunday, July 29th was a total of \$199.58. It 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.



Thank you to all of the adults and youth who helped clean the Fair stand and for volunteering your time to make the Fair a success. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Women's Retreat on Prayer

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 15 6:30-8:30PM

Where: The Parsonage - 843 6th St. SW

It will be led by Pastor Joyce. Bring a "**Snack to Share and a Heart for Prayer.**" Beverages will be provided. Bring your June and July/August *Gather* magazine - if you so choose. Some information will be used from it.



Family Connection & Grill -Out

Date/Time: Thursday, August 9th - 5:00pm

Where: Southwest Park (across from the Church)

Who: All families of Sunday School aged children. *** Burgers and hot dogs will be provided - bring a dish to pass. *Child care will be provided.*