

† *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 THIRTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, August 19, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG No. 857 "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PSALM 34:9-14

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

C: Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

C: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20

15Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 6:51-58

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 51“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” 52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” 53So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which

your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.
C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON **Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

SONG OF THE DAY No. 821 **“Shout To The Lord”**

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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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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 SONG **“This Little Light of Mine”**

DISMISSAL:

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

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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 loving memory of Judy Stubbe’s mother, Arlene Stubbe by Judy Stubbe.

Ministers.	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader	Lori Ilse
Acolytes	Kaden Musch & Alex Willey
Ushers. Rollie Wolff, Tom Willey, Creighton Schroyer, Austin Carpenter	
Sound	Bob Douty & Neil Johnson
Communion Assistant	Cristy Appel

† ***Continuing Prayer Concerns:*** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, JoAnn Straw, Lorraine Johnson, Sarah & Harlod Meyer’s daughter, Crystal, as she undergoes cancer treatment and Sarah Meyer’s sister, Mary, as she recovers from a stroke.

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

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — August 19, 2018

TODAY

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

THURSDAY

9:30am - Quilting

10:00am - Chapel Service @ Good Samaritan

2:00pm - Sunrise Village Worship - Jasper

FRIDAY

2:00pm - Rivera wedding

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

"Young at Heart" Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am - Worship

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

2018 August Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - August 5	\$ 4,674.66
Weekly Giving - August 12	\$ 2,453.00
Weekly Giving - August 19	\$
Weekly Giving - August 26	\$
Total to Date	\$ 7,127.66

The Outreach & Mission's 3rd Quarter

project will be a Coat Drive to help those we serve at 'The Banquet' in October. We are now collecting new or gently used coats, hats, and gloves as well as monetary donations which will be used to purchase additional coats, hats and gloves. We will be collecting these items until Sunday October 7th. A box will be located in the Narthax for the coats, hats, and gloves and the noisy offering bucket will be located in the Narthax on Sundays for donations.



The Outreach & Mission Committee would like to Thank you for all of your donations this year to our worthy projects. This generosity has helped us give in so many ways to those in need.



Rally Sunday – “From Generation to Generation - honoring family and education.” Sept. 9, 2018 @ 9:30am. The day will consist of Worship Service with the “blessing of backpacks” and the 3rd-grade Bible presentation. Sunday School youth are

encouraged to invite grandparents or those who love you to be part of the blessing service. Congregational grandparents talk will be sharing their experiences during their early years of school. The Worship Committee will provide a meal after the Service. Free willing offering to be taken. Plan to attend!

Make a Personal Donation
Thrivent Financial

You can make a personal donation to assist the wildfire victims. Thrivent will pay the processing fees to ensure 100% of your donation goes directly to help those in need.



In addition, Thrivent Member Network-Pacific Sierra Region will match your donation dollar for dollar - up to \$100,000. This matching opportunity will run until the \$100,000 match is met or until Oct 31, 2018, whichever comes first. The 2 organizations below have been selected to receive matching dollars. To donate, go online to the organization to which you wish to personally donate:

- Convoy of Hope Wildfire Relief
- Lutheran Disaster Response

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