

† *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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, August 26, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG No. 746 "Day by Day"

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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON **Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18**

1Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2aAnd Joshua said to all the people, 14“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” 16Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” Here ends the First lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

C: The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

C: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.

C: God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

C: O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON **Ephesians 6:10-20**

10Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. Here ends the Second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL John 6:56-69

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 56 “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This 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.” 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” 66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67 So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” 68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

SONG OF THE DAY No. 702

“I Am the Bread of Life” (vs.1,2,5)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD Page 49 (WOV)

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

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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 loving memory of Kyrwood Warner by his wife, Carmen & family.

Ministers	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader	Joyce Colvin
Organist	Sandy Roemmich
Acolytes	Brandon Willey & Hudson Burnett
Ushers	Rollie Wolff, Tom Willey, Creighton Schroyer, Austin Carpenter
Sound	Mark Zinnel & Mike Straw

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, JoAnn Straw, Lorraine Johnson, Sarah & Harold 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 26 , 2018

TODAY
9:30Aam -Worship
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
<u>MONDAY Aug 27th - TUESDAY Sept 3rd</u>
Pastor Gone
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
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	\$ 7,393.00
Weekly Giving - August 26	\$
Total to Date	\$ 14,520.66

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

You can make a personal donation to assist the wildfire victims. Thirvent will pay the processing fees to ensure 100% of your donation goes directly to help those in need. In addition, Thirvent 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. To donate, go online to one of these two organizations: *Convoy of Hope Wildfire Relief* or *Lutheran Disaster Response*. * Thirvent will pay the processing fees for personal donations made through InFaith Community Foundation, up to \$100,000 or until Oct 31, 2018, whichever comes first.



**Shalom Hill Farm
Fall Festival**

Sunday, Sept. 9th · 12:00-5:00pm

- Live Music at 1pm & 3pm - Six Mile Grove
- Meal Served 12-2pm (Freewill Donation)
- Local Food & Art Vendors
- Face-painting & Farm Animals
- Door Prizes & Lawn Games

Find us on Facebook for festival updates!
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Harvest Festival Supper

Saturday, Sept. 22 4:30-6:30pm
West Nidaros Lutheran Church
3 miles north & 1 mile east of Crooks
25403 471st Ave - In the Family Life Ctr.
Bake Sale & Crafts begin @ 4pm
Carry-outs will be available.

