

† *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 NINETEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**Sunday, September 30, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Grace in the midst of difficulties.

Families are indeed God's gift of grace and love. A place to call home and be accepted. Yet we know that family life is not easy. Jack and Esau remind us that jealousy causes pain, suffering and hurt in families. Yet God keeps coming in our lives with the promise that difficulties can be healed and family life restored.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **C: Amen**

P: *Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, +God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen**

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HYMN OF PRAISE Page 148
"Glory to God in the Highest"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 27:41-46

41Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." 42But the words of her elder son Esau were told to Rebekah; so she sent and called her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. 43Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran, 44and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away — 45until your brother's anger against you turns away, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send, and bring you back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?" 46Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women such as these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Genesis 33:1-11

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. 2He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. 3He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. 4But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. 5When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." 6Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; 7Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. 8Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." 9But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." 10Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God — since you have received me with such favor. 11Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it.

Here ends the second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 732
“**B orning Cry**”

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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 HYMN No. 686
“**We Give Thee but Thine Own**” (vs. 1,4)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN No. 597.....
“**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**” (vs. 1,4)

DISMISSAL:

P: God in peace. Sound the good news.

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 welcome into our church family Anna Kateryna Clark . Anna is the daughter of Tom & Kateryna Clark. The Sponsors for Anna are Audra Wade and Ihor Khalimovskiyi. May God’s blessings be upon Anna and may God guide her days and deeds.

THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is in loving memory of my husband & son, Roger & Michael Johnson from Betty Johnson.

Ministers	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader	Lori Ilse
Organist	Sandy Roemmich
Acolytes	Mason Musch & Marli Taubert
Ushers	Ed Gustafson, Jerry Brockberg, Eric Brockberg, Jason Weber
Sound	Bob Douty & Neil Johnson

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, JoAnn Straw, Lorraine Johnson, Sarah & Harold Meyer’s daughter, Crystal, as she undergoes cancer treatment, Sarah Meyer’s sister, Mary, as she recovers from a stroke , Sharon Blom’s brother, Leo, as he copes with health issues and Wade & Deb Smith’s Grandson, Gavin, as he undergoes cancer treatment.

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

THIS WEEKS’ SCHEDULE — September 30, 2018

<u>TODAY</u>
9:30am - Worship/Clark Baptism
9:45am - Sunday school
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
1:00pm - Good Samaritan Worship Service
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
6:00pm - Worship Comm. Meeting
7:00pm - Confirmation
7:00pm - Property Management
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

2018 September Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - Sept. 2	\$ 4,577.00
Weekly Giving - Sept. 9	\$ 4,841.30
Weekly Giving - Sept. 16	\$ 3,201.22
Weekly Giving - Sept. 23	\$ 3,670.05
Weekly Giving - Sept. 30	\$
Total to Date	\$ 16,289.57



Stewardship Quote

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Roman Catholic bishop

The Outreach & Mission's 3rd Quarter project will be a Coat Drive to help those we serve at 'The Banquet' in October. We 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 is located in the Narthex for the coats, hats, and gloves and the Noisy offering buckets will be available also for donations.



The total monetary amount donated to this date is \$113.07.

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.



Shetek Lutheran Ministries "OCTOBER FEST"

Who: 3rd - 6th Graders

When: Friday Oct 19, 6pm & Saturday, Oct 20, 6pm **Cost:** \$50

Register online at www.shetek.org or pick up a registration form at the Church

office. Must be sent in with a \$20 deposit by Oct 5, 2018.

Invite your friends, All are Welcome !

Due to the "Little Arrows" Preschool being

located in First Lutheran Church - the church will be locked during the Preschool hours. To enter the church - press the buzzer & the Church Staff will let you in.



A very special 'thank you' to Mark Zinnel, Steve Werner, Karen Hellie and Joyce & Bill Kunz for driving me to my appointments in Sioux Falls !

- Mary Kuiper



The Annual 'Banquet Ministry'

First Lutheran Church is scheduled to serve Dinner at the Banquet Ministry in Sioux Falls, on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018. They need volunteers to go to arrive at the Banquet in Sioux Falls by 2pm to help prepare the meals. And those helping to serve the meals will be leaving the Church at 4pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting the Banquet ministry to serve those in need !

Junior High Youth Mark Your Calendars

All confirmation students, Grades 6-9, should mark their calendars for the 2018 Junior High Youth Gathering to be held on November 16-17 and 17-18. Youth have the option to choose either session. Youth Gathering will be held in Willmar. Early bird registration begins October 9th and runs until October 19th. Regular registration will continue until November 5th. Youth will need to complete medical information permission forms. **Chaperones are needed - please call the Church office if interested.**



This is an excellent opportunity for junior high youth to meet new friends and enhance their religious learning and faith experience. Please consider attending. The FLCW will cover registration costs.



Quilt Raffle:

The loving and talented church women have made a Halloween themed quilt for the youth to raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. Funds from this raffle will go towards the youth attending the Youth Gathering in Willmar in November. **Let's work together to make this a super fund raiser.**

Parents of 9th grade Confirmands.... we need an electronic Baptism or Baby picture of your child to the Church office by Monday, Oct. 15th, 2018. The picture will be used during the Confirmation service Oct 28th.

