

† *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.*



**NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, August 11, 2019
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 641 "All Are Welcome" (vs. 1-3)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Page 227

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

God of mercy,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against one another and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news. **C: AMEN.**

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 641 "All Are Welcome" (vs. 4-5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

1After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1-3, 8-16

1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” 13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Page 151

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 32“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38If he comes during the

middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 764 “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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, 2)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION

P: May God, who began the good work within you continue to be at work in your life, bringing everything to completion on the day when Christ Jesus comes back again. May almighty God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and forever. C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN No. 705.....

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (vs. 1-2)

POSTLUDE

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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 Benjamin Ryan Lee

Benjamin is the son of Kristen & Dan Lee. The Sponsors for Benjamin are Todd and Amber Letcher. May God’s blessings be upon Benjamin and may God guide his days and deeds.

2019 August Offering

Operating	\$	17,800.00
Mortgage Principal	\$	4,400.00
Income Needed	\$	22,200.00
Weekly Offering - August 4	\$	3,360.00
Weekly Offering - August 11	\$	
Weekly Offering - August 18	\$	
Weekly Offering - August 25	\$	
Other Income	\$	22,000.00

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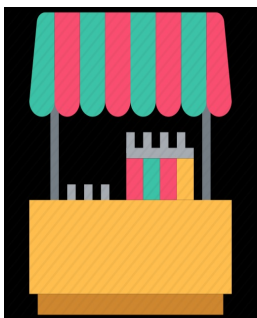
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Morning Prayer:

Holy God, at your word the sun rises to greet us and we are new each morning. Be with me as I begin this day, that your presence will lead and guide me and may my work find favor in your sight. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Holy god at the setting of the sun your love brings rest and peace. Help me to know of my need for your grace. Help me to be more faithful to just more truthful in love, and ever mindful of your mercy. Amen.



Thank you to all of the adults and youth

who helped clean & work at the 2019 Fair stand, you helped to make the sales a huge success! For those that helped for the first time - you all did a great job! The sales were up everyday from last year, so we were able to sell out of everything, but a few cases of burgers. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. Hope to see you all again next year!

Joyce Colvin