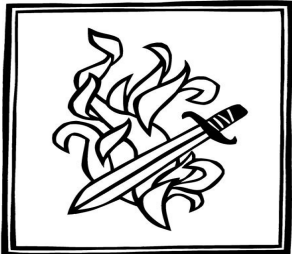


† *Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We invite you to journey with us as we explore the life of faith together. At First Lutheran all are welcome in every aspect of our congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together. God empowers us to live out our purpose which is to share his word and the promise of salvation.*



**TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, August 18, 2019
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 812 "Faith of Our Fathers"

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. 149 "This is the Feast"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalm 82

God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON..... Hebrews 11:29-12:2

29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—38of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 49'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what

stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” 54He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”
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. 763
“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

CREED

C: We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life. We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally. We believe in God’s resurrection created world, Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies. We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, We believe in God. Amen.

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: God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

At one meal, Jesus and his friends talked about many important things. They had a chance to take the time to remember all the things that God had done in the world – in the beauty of creation and in relationship with people. They had time to say thanks to God. And at this meal, Jesus talked about how much God loves people and how sad it is when people don’t live the way

God wants us to live. Jesus showed us by example how we should live in a way that pleases God. And then he took some bread from the table. Ordinary bread - bread much like we have on our table - bread that fills hungry stomachs! Jesus took this bread, and gave thanks to God. Then he did a surprising thing - He ripped the bread apart, and he talked to his friends about the way his own body would be broken.

And later, after the meal had finished, Jesus took a cup with some wine in it. He lifted the cup to give thanks to God who provides for our needs. Jesus spoke about the way that his own life would be poured out, like the wine from the cup, for the sake of others.

And Jesus said to his friends: every time you eat this bread, and every time you drink from this cup, remember me. Jesus wanted his friends to remember the way Jesus had lived his life, and to copy his way of living. The ordinary things – bread and wine– that we have almost every day of our lives; will always be a reminder to us to live our lives in the way Jesus showed us.

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break the bread. Even though there are many pieces of the bread it is all one loaf. This reminds us that even though there are many of us we are all one community. We share this wine It reminds us that God’s love is poured out for us.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS 481, (repeat twice), 471, 465

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: God of Communion and Community, Bind us together as a people. May our differences enrich, not divide us. May we share our brokenness with patience, grace and forgiveness, that we may be a community that brings healing and wholeness. This is asked in unity with Christ. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION

P: Worship is almost over but the week is just beginning. God goes with us into our week –wherever we are. Go out into the world, loving each other, and looking after the beautiful creation God has given us. Remember, God made you and loves you. May we become more like Jesus and show God’s love to all people. May God’s Spirit grant us courage to follow Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN No. 669. “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” (vs. 1,2,5)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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

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 sponsored in memory of Arthur Horton's birthday by Dwight & Sheila Horton.

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Our Homebound members; Dean Dickerson, son of Joyce Kunz & brother of Cristy Appel; those grieving the loss of a loved one and those suffering the consequences from the gun shootings.

Stewardship Quote:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. The insatiable desire for more clouds our vision and impedes faithful and fruitful living. Who has modeled faithful resource management in your life? May the witness of others provide hope and encouragement for you to "stay the course" and say NO to "the lie of more." Hebrews 12:1



This Week's Schedule - August 18, 2019

Today

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Thursday

9:30am - Quilting
2:00pm - Sunrise Village Worship - Jasper

Friday

4:00pm - "Young at Heart" Retreat at Shetek

Saturday

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NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Ministers Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor..... Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader Dale Roemmich
Organist..... Sandy Roemmich
Acolytes..... Chase Wilson & Kaden Mastbergen
Ushers Rollie Wolff, Mark Christensen, Mike Straw, Austin Carpenter
Sound..... Jason Weber & Neil Johnson
Communion Assistant..... Dale Roemmich

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Operating	\$	17,800.00
Mortgage Principal	\$	4,400.00
Income Needed	\$	22,200.00
Weekly Offering - Aug 4	\$	3,360.00
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Weekly Offering - Aug 18	\$	
Weekly Offering - Aug 25	\$	
Other Income	\$	2,200.00

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Morning Prayer

On this new day Lord make me watchful for all that you are doing in the world; keep me faithful; that I may do your will in all things; and hold me in your grace, as I seek to do the same for all I meet. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Here at the end of the day, O Lord, help to entrust my cares to you. Grant me grace for my failings and rest for my weary soul, that I may be strengthened to do your will and share your love when a new day dawns. Amen.