

† *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.*



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, August 25, 2019
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 314 "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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. 881 "Let All Things Now Living"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:9-14

9Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. 12Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. 13If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; 14then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C: who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

C: O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

C: Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:18-29

18You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") 21Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. 25See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." 27This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is

shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
28Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence
and awe; 29for indeed our God is a consuming fire.
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 13:10-17
P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

10Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11And
just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for
eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.
12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set
free from your ailment.” 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she
stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue,
indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd,
“There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days
and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” 15But the Lord answered him and
said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or
his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought
not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long
years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” 17When he said
this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing
at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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. 581 “You Are Mine”

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: 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. 537..... “On Our Way Rejoicing”

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 by Judy Stubbe in loving memory of her mother, Arlene Stubbe.

† **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:

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” We don’t know the exact diagnosis of the crippled woman, yet we know Jesus heals her and sets her free. Jesus desires to free us from all our dis-eases: crippling debt, misplaced priorities, mass consumerism, and all the related disordering of our lives caused by believing “the lie of more.” Are you ready and willing to be healed? Luke 13:12



Morning Prayer

God of life and love, we come to this new day refreshed from the refuge of sleep and rest. Sustain us in the coming day that we might return this evening, inspired by your witness in the world and having done your will. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Lord and keeper of our days, give us rest this night. Release from us the burdens of the day. Awaken us, refreshed for your service at the dawn, upright in our praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

This Week's Schedule - August 25, 2019

Today

9:30am - Worship

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday

6:00pm - Walking Group

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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Ministers Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor..... Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader Nelson VanderPol
Organist..... Paul Henriksen
Acolytes..... McKenzie Jansen & Jocelyn Burnett
Ushers Rollie Wolff, Mark Christensen, Mike Straw, Austin Carpenter
Sound..... Gregg Johnson, Brad Willey

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	\$	4,271.00
Weekly Offering - August 18	\$	5,126.00
Weekly Offering - August 25	\$	
Other Income	\$	2,200.00

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TAKE A WALK
A Journey for Body & Spirit



Walking as a spiritual practice invites us to enter into the lands of the Bible, bring body & spirit together, & experience greater well-being.

You are Invited to Join:
Following in the Footsteps of Jesus Walking Group

ALL ages and ALL fitness levels are WELCOME
Feel free to invite a walking partner/friend.

When: Wednesday, August 28th

Time: Meet at 6:00 PM (approximately 1 hour)

Location: First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

*Water and a snack will be provided

Walking will take different routes of varying distances. (You choose your pace & distance.) If the weather doesn't cooperate, walking will take place indoors at First Lutheran.

Questions: Call Toni Kruger (215-7397) Denise Nagel (820-2025),
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