

† *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.*



**TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, September 1, 2019
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 533 "Gather Us In"

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 25:6-7

6Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great; 7for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God’s commandments!

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

The word of the Lord. **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 14:1, 7-14

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” 12He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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HYMN OF THE DAY No. 732 “Borning Cry”

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. 720 “We Are Called” (vs. 1)

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 484, 487, 483

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. 796..... "How Firm A Foundation"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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📵 *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 Ike Madsen, Bill Kunz & Scott Baerenwald.

We welcome into our church family Zavion Marcus Johnson, Maya Michell-Ree Johnson and Lorelai Kanani-Keegan Johnson

Zavion, Maya & Lorelai are the children of Julie Colvin & Michelle Johnson. The Sponsors for Zavion, Maya & Lorelai are Joyce Colvin, Joyce Kunz & Cynthia Portz. May God's blessings be upon Zavion, Maya & Lorelai and may God guide their days and deeds.

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

Stewardship Quote: Jesus was a radical in his teachings about what is needed to maintain life. He repeatedly called for a simplification in lifestyle that is not driven by materialism. When the disciples responded to Christ’s call to follow, they abandoned everything. Luke 5:11



This Week’s Schedule - September 1, 2019
Today
 9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion/Johnson Baptism
 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
 Noon - 5pm - Shalom Hill Fall Festival
Wednesday
 Adult Ed Comm. meeting
NEXT SUNDAY
 9:30am - **Rally Sunday**

Ministers Members of First Lutheran Church
 Pastor..... Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
 Reader Cynthia Portz
 Organist..... Jeanine Olson
 Acolytes..... Madison Gunnk & Merrick Heidebrink
 Ushers .. Ed Gustafson Jerry Brockberg Eric Brockberg Jason Weber
 Sound..... Jason Weber & Neil Johnson
 Communion Assistant..... Cynthia Portz



Book Study: “The Christian Faith from a Lutheran Perspective” By Peter W. Marty. Please join us for a Book Study on **Monday, September 30th from 6:30-8:00 PM** in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran Church. The Study will be divided into 3 sessions with the final 2 dates to be determined at the first meeting. *Dessert and coffee will be served.



92 School kits were completed this year, last year 61 were completed. Thank you for your generous support!!

2019 August Offering

Operating	\$	17,800.00
Mortgage Principal	\$	4,400.00
Income Needed	\$	22,200.00
Weekly Offering - Aug 4	\$	3,360.00
Weekly Offering - Aug 11	\$	4,271.00
Weekly Offering - Aug 18	\$	5,126.00
Weekly Offering - Aug 25	\$	3,382.00
Other Income	\$	2,250.00
Total Monthly Offering	\$	18,389.00

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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.

**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

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