

† *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.*



## LIVING OUR BAPTISM

Sunday, September 8, 2019  
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 451 . . . . . “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 445 . . . . .

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” (vs. 1,3)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON/ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

P: Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here. We also have school kits for Lutheran Disaster Response that will be sent to school children throughout the world.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, and tools to complete homework. Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for school work will find their way in and out of these backpacks and school kits. Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent work required of the students gathered here. And, as in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time. Let us pray:

**C: Gracious God, we lift to you today these students and their backpack and the school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The students stand here ready to carry these backpacks to and from school. As these students carry these backpacks may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day. We pray as well for teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. We pray in the name of Jesus who calls to seek him, and to follow him each day. Amen.**

#### HEARING GOD'S WORD

##### **FIRST LESSON ..... I Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

##### **SECOND LESSON ..... Ephesians 4:11-16**

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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 ..... Matthew 28:16-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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. 656 ..... “Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us”**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**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. 643 ..... “We Are All One in Christ”**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH**

**BENEDICTION**

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted in you, with the help of the Holy Spirit within us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy and peace, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN No. 576.....**

**“We Are All in One Mission” (vs. 1,3)**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are a child of God Live your baptism.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

- ❖ *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.

**THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST** today is sponsored in memory of Scott Baerenwald from Scott & Gail Barduson.

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

**Stewardship Quote: "Giving is true loving."**  
-Charles Haddon Spurgeon,  
English Baptist Preacher

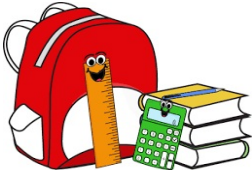


<b>This Week's Schedule - September 8, 2019</b>	
<b>Today</b>	
9:30am - Worship	10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
Ministers: J.A.M. Sunday School "Kiddos" at 10:45am. Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp	
<b>Friday</b> .....	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
8:00am - Ministerial meeting	10:30am - Pastor's Office
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	Paul Henriksen
5:30pm - J.A.M. First Presby. Board	Eric Brockberg Jason Weber
8:00pm - Confirmation	Mike Straw & Brad Willey
8:00pm - Council	
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:30am - Quilting	
4-5:00pm - Second Harvest	
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:30am - Shetek Fall Conference - WELCA	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	
9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion	10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



**Book Study: "The Christian Faith from a Lutheran**

**Perspective"** By Peter W. Marty. Please join us for a Book Study on **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 September Offering**

Operating	\$	17,800.00
Mortgage Principal	\$	4,400.00
Income Needed	\$	22,200.00
Weekly Offering - Sept 1	\$	2,586.00
Weekly Offering - Sept 8	\$	
Weekly Offering - Sept 15	\$	
Weekly Offering - Sept 22	\$	
Weekly Offering - Sept 29	\$	

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**Morning Prayer:**

Good morning God of creation and God who calls us each day to live our baptism. Lord whatever I encounter today help me to be bold and say, "I am baptized, and nothing can separate me from God's love."

Equip me to live among your faithful people. May my words build up others, may my hands serve others, and may your Holy Spirit lead me in the way of truth and love. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:**

Lord, you bring down the curtain of night on a weary world.

Help me to commit our unfinished tasks into your hands and lay our burdens at your feet. Grant me refreshing sleep that we may rise in the power of Christ, to greet another day. Amen.

**"Little Arrows" 2019-2020**

**Preschool** will continue to be located in First Lutheran Church.

The church will be locked during the Preschool hours. To enter the church - press & speak into the buzzer system located on the outside of either the East or West doors & the Church Staff will let you in.



**J.A.M. Sunday School**  
**"Kickoff" Event TODAY**  
**Time:** 5-7:00pm  
**Where:** Peace United Methodist Church

**J.A.M. 2019-20 Sunday School**  
**classes will be held each Wednesday**  
**First Date:** Wed. Sept. 11  
**Time:** 5:45-7pm  
**Where:** First Presbyterian Church





2019-2020 Confirmation classes  
will be held on Wednesdays

6:15pm - 7:15pm

The first Confirmation class will  
be for students and parents &  
will be held on Wed, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>,  
6:15pm - 7:15pm.