

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith with:  
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**



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*Custodian:* Chris Algren

## Check out Our Welcome Center



Under the window to the Narthex .. We have offering plates and a bin for vision and purpose giving.

Weekly newsletters are available as well.

Coffee and other refreshments are available at the Narthex Coffee Stand.

## **Strawberry Festival**

Join us Thursday, June 13th for our annual Strawberry Festival.

Serving meals from 5 PM to 7 PM, with the Monmouth Community Band playing at 6 PM in the sanctuary.

All meals are free-will donations this year.

Menu is BBQ sandwich, chips, and drink, plus our famous strawberry topped dessert.

Volunteers are being sought. Denise Mann is leading the event this year.

## Welcome to Worship

**June 2nd, 2024**

**Ordinary Time**

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

### The Word

Pastoral Greeting  
Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 130

### Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Hymn of Praise: ELW 880 O God, Beyond All Praising  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 502, The King of Love, My Shepherd Is  
Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of Intercession

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom,  
Emily Agema, Gary Eyler, Cecil Lovdahl, Janet Lowe, Brian  
Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Carol Hanson, Suzanne Lovdahl, Ron  
Rieck

### Sending

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: ELW 547 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 721 Goodness is Stronger than Evil

Dismissal

## **Ephesians 1:3-14**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## **Mark 2:23-3:6**

23 One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, 26 how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" 27 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, 28 so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." 4 Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. 5 He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.