

September 24, 2023—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

Gathering *Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 10** (blue)

* "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" **#687**

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

* Hymn of Praise **pg. 29**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Jonah 3:10–4:11 (page 814 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 145:1-8 (on screen)

Philippians 1:21-30 (page 174 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

* Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 (page 19 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Children's Message

Message

"As the Grains of Wheat" **#705**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 33**

* Prayers of the Church

Meal

* Sharing the Peace

* Offering/Offertory "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" **pg. 35**

* Offertory Prayer

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 36**

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" **pg. 36**

* Words of Institution

* Lamb of God **pg. 39**

Communion Distribution *You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

* Canticle **pg. 40**

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

* "In The Morning When I Rise" **#777**

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

Thank you to Pastor Seyward Ask for leading us in worship this morning.

Fall Dinner Volunteers Needed! We are in need of a few Team Leaders for our upcoming Fall Dinner. Check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!

Element meets on Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00--7:30pm at First Lutheran and **Sr. Fusion** meets from 7:00-8:30pm.

Sunday school upcoming classes will be held on Sundays, October 1st and 15th from 8:30--9:30am. Students are encouraged to attend worship on the Sundays that classes do not meet. Attention Parents! We are looking for volunteers to be on a substitute teacher list. Even if you are only able to sub one time or have limited availability, it would be greatly appreciated! Contact Cari Burnett or the church office if you can help out.

Help Needed! First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or video recorder, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

FREE Community Meal at First Lutheran on Monday, Sept 25 with serving from 5:30-7:30pm. Volunteers are also needed to help prep, cook, serve and clean up. If you can help out, please contact the church office.

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, Sept 24

Ushers: Bob Heck, Karen Bolling, Scott Staples

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter **Nursery:** Michelle Just

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Aaden Schultz

Communion Prep: Linda Holland (silver tray)

Communion Servers: Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Emilie Brustuen

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV slides:** Aubrey Williamson

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, October 1

Ushers: Al Harris, Kyle & Amy Dougherty family

Lector: Ward Voorhees **Nursery:** Vicki Dalager

Acolyte: Chance Buro & Aubrey Williamson

Communion Prep: Judy Buro (bread)

Communion Servers: Ward Voorhees, Emilie Brustuen, Liz Harris

Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Sarah Dougherty

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Sept 24

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

4:00-7:00pm: 9th grade Confirmation at Faith Lutheran

Monday, Sept 25

5:30-7:30pm: FREE Community Meal at First Lutheran

Tuesday, Sept 26

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, Sept 27

6:00-7:30pm: Element (confirmation)

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion

Thursday, Sept 28

8:30am: Share & Care (quilting)

Friday, Sept 29

no events scheduled

Saturday, Sept 30

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, Oct 1

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship