

October 1, 2023—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Liturgy and hymns are in the Red Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering **Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 94**

* "God is Here!" **#526**

* Greeting **pg. 138**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (page 710 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 25:1-9 (on screen)

Philippians 2:1-13 (page 174 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 (page 20 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Message

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" **#772**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 105**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Meal

* Offering/Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#188**

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" **pg. 144**

* Words of Institution

* "Just As I Am, without One Plea" **#592** vs 1-2

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.*

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

* "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" **#773**

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 Art Wiese for leading us in worship this morning.

Lunch Bunch meets on Wed., Oct 4 at 11:30am at China Panda. All welcome!

Silent Auction Items Needed! Please consider donating an item for our Silent Auction! Items will need to be at the church by Monday, October 16th.

Lefse for Sale grab an order form in the Narthex, fill it out and turn it in to the church office. 4 rounds for \$14! Stock up for Christmas and Thanksgiving!

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 an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

Seniors on the Move Join us on Monday, October 9th and take a trip to Rolling Forks Vineyard overlooking Lake Minnewaska. We will enjoy a meal together, tour the vineyard, and see the process of making wine. Wine samples included! Cost is \$20 per person. Leaving the church parking lot at 11:00am.

Element meets on Wednesday, October 4th 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 15th and November 5th 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.

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.

Today's Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, Oct 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

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, October 8

Ushers: Dick Smith, Lindy Ekola, Kent Swenson

Lector: Lindy Ekola **Nursery:** Bobbi Siegel

Acolyte: Sawyer Fynboh & Dane Dybdahl

Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Jaxon Hilbrands

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Oct 1

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, Oct 2

no events scheduled

Tuesday, Oct 3

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

6:00pm Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 4

1:30am Lunch Bunch at China Panda

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

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

Thursday, Oct 5

no events scheduled

Friday, Oct 6

no events scheduled

Saturday, Oct 7

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

Sunday, Oct 8

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship