

July 9, 2023—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around the word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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**

* "Jesus Shall Reign" **#434**

* Greeting

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Zechariah 9:9-12 *(page 836 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalm 145:8-14 *(on screen)*

Romans 7:15-25a *(page 137 NT in pew Bible)*

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

* Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *(page 10 NT in pew Bible)*

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

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

Message

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" **#608**

* 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**

* Proper Preface

* "You Are Holy" **#525**

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn "Eat This Bread" **#472**

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

* "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" **#697**

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Braxton Beyer, 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 John Smith for leading us in worship this morning.

Representative Needed! Vacation Bible School is in need of a volunteer to be the First Lutheran representative. This includes attending monthly meetings with the consortium of churches involved in VBS, securing First's financial contribution, and volunteering each day during the VBS experience. Please contact the church office for more information.

Church without Walls will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Registration can be completed on-line at <https://forms.gle/54fQATWEAAeWoCadA>

2023 KMRS Radio Broadcast the last available date is November 12. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

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.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 17 through Thursday, July 20 8:45am to 3:00pm

VBS will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Morris and is open to all students that have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration forms are available in the church Narthex, or registration can be done on Luther Crest website. At the list of programs, scroll down to 2023 July 16-20 Off-Site Day Camp and select Faith Morris Day Camp.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 9

Ushers: Dick Smith, Tim & Tyson Grove

Lector: Ward Voorhees

Nursery: Kristin Grove

Acolyte: Ian Grove & Sawyer Fynboh

Comm Prep: Vicki Dalager (bread)

Communion Servers: Emile Brustuen, Linda Holland, Bob Dalager

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Wes Odello

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 16

Ushers: Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter

Nursery: Lindy Ekola

Acolyte: Brenna Jergenson & Giana Feuchtenberger

Video: Dave Jungst

TV slides: Kye Suess

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, July 9

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, July 10

no events scheduled

Tuesday, July 11

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm Gatherings at Old #1

Wednesday, July 12

no events scheduled

Thursday, July 13

8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)

1:00-2:00pm Caregivers meeting

3:00-4:00pm Caregivers meeting

Friday, July 14

no events scheduled

Saturday, July 15

8:30am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, July 16

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship