

September 3, 2023—14th Sunday after Pentecost

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associated with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering 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. 211**

* "For the Beauty of the Earth" **#879**

* Greeting **pg. 213**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Jeremiah 15:15-21 (page 676 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 26:1-8 (on screen)

Romans 12:9-21 (page 142 NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

* Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 (page 16 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Message

"Will You Come and Follow Me" **#798**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 217**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#188**

* Cantic of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

* Thanksgiving for the Word **pg. 220**

* The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

* "Bind Us Together" **#748** (blue hymnal)

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Jo Solvie, 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 Steve Just for leading us in worship and Michael Zoughbi for the message this morning.

Fall Dinner Meeting Please join us on Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30pm in the church fellowship hall to discuss/decide options of the upcoming Fall Dinner on November 1st. Anyone who is willing to help at the dinner, or be a co-chair or join the fall dinner committee, or have an opinion on what direction we should go is encouraged to attend. **Your help is very much needed!**

Lunch Bunch meets on Wed., September 6th at 11:30am at DeToy's in Morris.

NEXT SUNDAY is Church without Walls! Registration can be completed on-line by visiting our website at www.flcmorris.org, or by paper form that are located in the Narthex.

Element (confirmation) **Parent/Student Info Meeting!** 6th, 7th and 8th graders and at least one parent must attend the Informational Meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00pm at First Lutheran. Element classes will resume on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00-7:30pm.

Sr. Fusion is now meeting on Wednesday nights! Kickoff gathering on Wed., September 20th from 7:00-8:30pm.

Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 17. Sunday school classes will be held from 8:30-9:30am for Preschool thru 5th grade. At the 9:30am worship service, Bibles will be presented to the Preschoolers (new students only), 3rd graders and 6th graders, along with installation of the Sunday school teachers.

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 Worship Servants: Sunday, Sept 3

Ushers: Dick Smith, Michael Bjorklund, Dennis Feuchtenberger

Lector: Allyn Plattner

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Acolyte: Lily Nesvig & Brenna Jergenson

Video: Kyle Dougherty

TV slides: Owen Nesvig

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, Sept 10

Ushers: Steve Just family

Video: Steve Wagner

TV slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Sept 3

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, Sept 4

no events scheduled

Tuesday, Sept 5

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

5:30pm Fall Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 6

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DeToy's

Thursday, Sept 7

no events scheduled

Friday, Sept 8

no events scheduled

Saturday, Sept 9

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

Sunday, Sept 10

9:30am: Kickoff service

9:45--11:30am Service Projects

11:45--12:15pm Lunch served at Eastside Park