

September 3, 2023—Church without Walls

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Prayer

Let us pray....

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this new day. Awaken us to your abiding presence; open our eyes to your creation; open our ears to your promises; open our hearts to the needs of others. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us this day in works of kindness, justice and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the light and life of the world. Amen.

* “This Little Light of Mine” #677

* Prayers

*Set free by God’s grace we are bold to pray for the needs of the church, the world, and all those in need. God of unity and diversity, heal the divisions in your church. Empower us to come together to serve our neighbor and share your good news. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*God of creation, renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth’s thriving. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*God of peace, reconcile nations at odds with one another. Make us your hands of peace, extending to our neighbors near and far. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*God of humble service, strengthen the outreach and social justice work of our congregation, and move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*Your Son Jesus came to serve and not to be served. Now you send us forth in the power of your Spirit to serve as Jesus served. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, our life. Reveal your life-giving work, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. **Amen.***

Offering

* Offertory Prayer

*Generous Giver, you provide each of us with gifts to offer back to you and in service to others. Bless this offering which we return to you, open our hands to serve and turn our hearts to all in need, trusting in your ever-present abundance for us and for all the world, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

* Blessing

*The Creator who forms you anew, the Christ who sets you free, the Spirit who draws you to one another, One God, bless you in your service to others, bless you in your rest and renewal, bless you today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.***

*In Christ there is a new creation! Go forth to love and serve in Christ’s name. **Thanks be to God.***

* “Go, my Children, with My Blessing” #543

All come forward to the altar area for a group photo before we “go forth to serve.”

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

Today is Church without Walls!

9:30am Sending Service

9:45--11:30am Service Projects

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

Luther's Eatery needs your help! Sign-up sheets located in the Narthex.

Please check it out and sign up today!

Element Parent/Student Info Meeting! This meeting is for all 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.

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.

Sr. Fusion (grades 9th--12th) is now meeting on Wednesday nights! Kickoff gathering on Wed., September 20th from 7:00-8:30pm.

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 10

Ushers: Steve Just family

Video: Steve Wagner

TV slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, Sept 17

Ushers: Al Harris, Ray & Robi Bowman

Lector: Jennie Odello

Acolyte: Wes Odello & Ian Grove

Communion Servers: Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Emilie Brustuen

Video: Mike Odello

Nursery: Kristin Grove

Communion: Linda Holland (silver tray)

TV slides: Tyson Grove

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Sept 10

9:30am: Kickoff service

9:45--11:30am Service Projects

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

Monday, Sept 11

no events scheduled

Tuesday, Sept 12

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm Gatherings at Old #1

Wednesday, Sept 13

6:00pm Element Student and Parent Meeting at First

7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Thursday, Sept 14

8:30am Share & Care (quilting)

Friday, Sept 15

no events scheduled

Saturday, Sept 16

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

RALLY Sunday, Sept 17

8:30am Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am Coffee/Fellowship