

November 12, 2023—24th Sunday in Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory; the marriage feast of the lamb.

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**

* "My Lord, What a Morning" **#438**

* Greeting **pg. 138**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Amos 5:18-24 (page 807 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 70 (on screen)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (page 181 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 (page 24 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

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" **#488**

* Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed **pg. 105**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Meal

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

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**

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

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

* "Be Thou My Vision" **#793** vs 3 & 4

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

"Blessed Assurance" **#638**

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 Rick Hoyme for leading us in worship this morning.

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats.

FALL FESTIVAL at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 19th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. On the menu: grilled pork chop, baked potato, candied carrots, assorted salads and desserts, rolls, pickles, coffee and milk. Adults \$15 and Children 10 and under \$10. Also a Bake Sale and Raffle.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP at FAITH Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00pm. Pie and fellowship after the service.

OLIVEWOOD FOR SALE a wide selection of Olivewood will be on display and for sale in the lower Narthex area on the following dates: Wed., November 15 (5:30-8:30pm) and Sundays, November 19 & December 5 (8:00am-11:30am). These make great Christmas gifts, or for other special occasions. All sales are given directly to the Palestinian Christian carvers for their economic support

ELEMENT meets on Wednesday, November 15th 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, November 19th and December 3rd from 8:30--9:30am. Students are encouraged to attend worship on the Sundays that classes do not meet.

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!

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, November 12

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dave Jungst, Kellie Hentges

Lector: LeAnn Dean **Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Aaden Schultz

Communion Prep: Vicki Dalager (bread)

Communion Servers: Bob Dalager, Emilie Brustuen, Judy Buro

Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Connor Siegel

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, November 19

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Denise Odello **Nursery:** Michelle Just

Acolyte: Wes & Jennie Odello

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Nov 12

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

2:00-4:00pm: Girl Scouts

Monday, Nov 13

6:30pm: Worship & Music Committee meeting

Tuesday, Nov 14

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm: Gatherings at Old #1

Wednesday, Nov 15

5:30-8:00pm: Olivewood Sales (lower Narthex)

6:00-7:30pm: Element Classes at First

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

Thursday, Nov 16

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, Nov 17

no events scheduled

Saturday, Nov 18

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

Sunday, Nov 19

8:00-11:30am: Olivewood Sales (lower Narthex)

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship