

Sunday, September 1, 2024 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us, "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Liturgy and hymns are located in the red hymnal unless noted otherwise.

GATHERING

Prelude and Bell

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #879

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

on screen

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day (sing 2x)

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" #512

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God... receive our prayer.

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering/Offertory

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" #188

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God" #801

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing and Prayer

Sending Hymn

"Take My Life That I May Be" #583

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Tim Stoker, Anita Stoker, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

Today's Worship Servants: Sept 1

Ushers: Dick Smith, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Lector: Emilie Brustuen

Communion: Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Judy Buro

Communion Prep: Vicki Dalager (bread)

Nursery: Michelle Just

Acolyte: Brenna Jergenson & Sawyer Fynboh

Video: Mike Odello

TV Slides: Skott Anderson

Accompanist: Jennie Odello

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, Sept 8

Ushers: Steve & Michell Just family

Video: Kyle Dougherty

TV slides: Jaxon Hilbrands

Accompanist: Deb Mahoney

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9/1/2024

(place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am....

Member

Visitor

Returning Visitor

Non-Member/Regular Attender

I would like....

to learn more about First

to become a member of First

to have the pastor contact me

receive the monthly newsletter

Prayer requests or comments _____

Coffee Hour

Join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning prior to worship at 10:00am for coffee and treats. All are welcome! If you are able to help serve a coffee hour, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Lunch Bunch

Join us for lunch at Buddie's in Hancock on Wednesday, September 4 at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY is Church without Walls

Church without Walls is planned for Sunday, September 8! Registration for this event is now open and available on our website at www.flcmorris.org or by filling out the paper form in the September newsletter.

Women of the Church

Do you need some time for yourself? Come to the 2024 Glacial Ridge Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering. You will not be disappointed by the experience of worship, speaker, and a light meal at 4:30pm. The Gathering will take place on Monday, September 16, at Glenwood Lutheran Church, 206 Minnewaska Ave E, Glenwood, MN. \$10 Registration at the door beginning at 4:00pm. Contact Emilie Brustuen for more information.

UMM Welcome Picnic

The Mission & Evangelism Committee seeks volunteers to be the face of First Lutheran Church by volunteering at our table for the Welcome Picnic organized by the Chamber. This year it will be held on September 4th from 4:30-7:30pm at East Side Park. Come out to enjoy all UMM students this year, as it is being held during Homecoming Week, instead of Orientation Week. Sign up link on our website at www.flcmorris.org

Daily Grace

Do you need an on-the-go companion for your faith journey? Check out "Daily Grace" on the Women of the ELCA website at www.womenoftheelca.org.

Music Scholarship

The Worship & Music Committee will once again be offering a Music Scholarship this fall. One scholarship in the amount of \$200 will be awarded. Applications are available in the church Narthex or can be emailed if requested. Deadline to apply is Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Pastoral Visits

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.

Online Giving Options

Using your iPhone or Android phone's camera, point it at one of the QR codes like your focusing to take a photo. When it shows a web address, click on the address for online giving options.



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(all services are live streamed via Facebook and YouTube)

TODAY: Sunday, Sept 1

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, Sept 2

Church office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept 3

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, Sept 4

11:30am: Lunch Bunch at Buddie's in Hancock

6:00pm: Adult Leader training for Element

Thursday, Sept 5

no events scheduled

Friday, Sept 6

no events scheduled

Saturday, Sept 7

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

Sunday, Sept 8

8:30am: Breakfast

9:30am: Kick-off Service

9:45 - 10:45am: Service Projects

6:00 - 8:00pm: Fusion Youth @ First