

## July 30, 2023—Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

*As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*

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**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**

\* "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" **#533**

\* Greeting

\* Prayer of the Day

### Word

1 Kings 3:5-12 (page 283 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 119:129-136 (on screen)

Romans 8:26-39 (page 138 NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

\* Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (page 13 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

"Be Thou My Vision" **#793**

\* 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** (sing 2x)

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

\* "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" **#547**

Dismissal and Bell

### Remember in your prayers

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*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 Pastor Ingrid Skilbred for leading us in worship this morning.

**Church without Walls** will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Registration can be completed on-line by visiting our website at [www.flcmorris.org](http://www.flcmorris.org), or by paper form that are located in the Narthex.

**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.

### Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 30

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Karen Bolling, Dave Jungst

**Lector:** Steve Just

**Psalm:** Ward Voorhees

**Nursery:** Pam Wiese

**Acolyte:** Aaden Schultz & \_\_\_\_\_

**Comm Prep:** Judy Buro (wafer)

**Communion Servers:** Liz Harris, Millie Tschetter, Tim Grove

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger

**TV slides:** Abigail Anderson

### Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, August 6

**Ushers:** Dick Smith, Tom & Heather Schneider family

**Lector:** Amy Dougherty

**Nursery:** Vicki Dalager

**Acolyte:** Connor Siegel & Abigail Anderson

**Communion:** Sharon Ehlers (bread)

**Comm Servers:** Judy Buro, Doug Ehlers, Hannah Schneider

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty

**TV slides:** Sarah Dougherty

# welcome

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### **TODAY: Sunday, July 30**

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

### **Monday, July 31**

no events scheduled

### **Tuesday, August 1**

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

### **Wednesday, August 2**

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

### **Thursday, August 3**

no events scheduled

### **Friday, August 4**

no events scheduled

### **Saturday, August 5**

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

### **Sunday, August 6**

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship