

August 20, 2023—12th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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**

* "All Are Welcome" **#641**

* Greeting **pg. 213**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (page 645 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 67 (on screen)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (page 140 NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

* Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28 (page 14 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Message

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" **#759**

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

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

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

* Cantic of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

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

* The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

* "Rise, Shine, You People!" **#665**

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 Cari & Matt Burnett for leading us in worship this morning.

UMM Welcome! Calling all church-folk to enjoy the new UMM students at their Welcome Picnic at Eastside Park on Monday, August 21 from 5-7pm. Rain site is Morris Elementary School. Needed are people to help set-up, welcome students, and take down. To volunteer please contact Pam at 320-589-4556.

Hosts Needed! Michael & Carmen Zoughbi from Jerusalem will be visiting Morris the last week of August and will at worship on Sunday, Sept 3. We have a host that will provide them a place to stay during the week, but we are in need of people/families to provide some daytime activities for them. Please contact Emilie Brustuen for more info.

Church without Walls will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Registration can be completed on-line by visiting our website at 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, August 20

Ushers: Bob Heck, Judy & Chance Buro

Lector: Cathy Anderson

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Acolyte: Giana Feuchtenberger & Lily Nesvig

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Sawyer Fynboh

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, August 27

Ushers: Al Harris, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Denise Odello

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtenberger (wafer)

Communion Servers: Judy Buro, Liz Harris, Tim Grove

Acolyte: Wes & Jennie Odello

Video: Mike Odello

TV slides: Ian Grove

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, August 20

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, August 21

no events scheduled

Tuesday, August 22

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, August 23

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, August 24

8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)

Friday, August 25

no events scheduled

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Mission Kit update during coffee hour