

October 15, 2023—20th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Gathering *Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 94**

* "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" **#553**

* Greeting **pg. 183**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Isaiah 25:1-9 (page 611 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 23 (on screen)

Philippians 4:1-9 (page 175 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 (page 21 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: *You Are Invited*

Message: *What Shall We Wear?*

"Now We Join in Celebration" **#462**

* 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**

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

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

"Just As I Am, without One Plea" **#592** (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

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" **#547**

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 Wayne Kopitzke for leading us in worship this morning.

Lefse for Sale grab an order form in the Narthex, fill it out and turn it in to the church office. 4 rounds for \$14! Stock up for Christmas and Thanksgiving!

Silent Auction Items Needed! Please consider donating an item for our Silent Auction! Items will need to be at the church by Monday, October 16th.

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!

Element meets on Wednesday, October 25th 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, October 15th and November 5th from 8:30--9:30am. Students are encouraged to attend worship on the Sundays that classes do not meet. Attention Parents! We are looking for volunteers to be on a substitute teacher list. Even if you are only able to sub one time or have limited availability, it would be greatly appreciated! Contact Cari Burnett or the church office if you can help out.

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, Oct 15

Ushers: Steve Just family, Ray & Robi Bowman

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter **Nursery:** Michelle Just

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Aaden Schultz

Communion Prep: Linda Holland (bread)

Communion Servers: Millie Tschetter, Laurie Feuchtenberger, Robi Bowman

Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Brenna Jergenson

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, October 22

Ushers: Bob Heck, Jon Ulrich, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Allyn Platter **Nursery:** Pam Wiese

Acolyte: Ian Grove & Connor Siegel

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Micah Ulrich

welcome

First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Chosen by Christ - Empowered to Serve

200 East 5th Street, Morris, MN 56267

Phone: 320-589-3242

Website: www.flcmorris.org

Facebook: *Morris-First Lutheran Church*

YouTube: *First Lutheran Church - Morris MN*

(all services are live streamed via Facebook and YouTube)

Office email: office@flcmorris.org

TODAY: Sunday, Oct 15

8:30am: Sunday school (Pre-5th grade)

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, Oct 16

Silent Auction items due

Tuesday, Oct 17

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, Oct 18

No Element or Sr. Fusion

Thursday, Oct 19

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, Oct 20

no events scheduled

Saturday, Oct 21

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

Sunday, Oct 22

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

2:00-4:00pm: Girl Scouts at First

Lefse Orders Due