

June 25, 2023—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God does not promise that the path of the disciples will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Liturgy and hymns are in the Blue Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering **Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 10**

* "Here in This Place" **#718**

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

* Hymn of Praise **pg. 29**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Jeremiah 20:7-13 *(page 681 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalm 69:7-18 *(on screen)*

Romans 6:1b-11 *(page 136 NT in pew Bible)*

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

* Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39 *(page 9 NT in pew Bible)*

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

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

Message

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" **#784**

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed **pg. 33**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offertory/Offertory "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" **pg. 35**

* Offertory Prayer

* The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

"Soon and Very Soon" **#744**

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

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 Steve Just and family for leading us in worship this morning.

Representative Needed! Vacation Bible School is in need of a volunteer to be the First Lutheran representative. This includes attending monthly meetings with the consortium of churches involved in VBS, securing First's financial contribution, and volunteering each day during the VBS experience. Please contact the church office for more information.

Church without Walls will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Registration can be completed on-line at <https://forms.gle/54fQATWEAAeWoCadA>

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.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 17 through Thursday, July 20 8:45am to 3:00pm

VBS will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Morris and is open to all students that have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration forms are available in the church Narthex, or registration can be done on Luther Crest website. At the list of programs, scroll down to 2023 July 16-20 Off-Site Day Camp and select Faith Morris Day Camp.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, June 25

Ushers: Bob Heck, Linda Holland, Judy Buro **Lector:** Lindy Ekola
Nursery: Bobbie Siegel **Acolytes:** Chance Buro & Grant Anderson
Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Wes Odello

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 2

Ushers: Al Harris, Doug & Sharon Ehlers **Lector:** LeAnn Dean
Nursery: Jone Anderson **Acolyte:** Lilly & Owen Nesvig
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV slides:** Connor Siegel

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Sunday, June 25

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, June 26

no events scheduled

Tuesday, June 27

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, June 28

no events scheduled

Thursday, June 29

no events scheduled

Friday, June 30

no events scheduled

Saturday, July 2

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

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10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship