

## July 9, 2023—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around the word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

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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**

\* "Jesus Shall Reign" **#434**

\* Greeting

\* Prayer of the Day

### Word

Zechariah 9:9-12 (page 836 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 145:8-14 (on screen)

Romans 7:15-25a (page 137 NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

\* Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (page 10 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: *Judged and Critiqued*

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" **#608**

\* 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**

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

\* "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" **#697**

Dismissal and Bell

### Remember in your prayers

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*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 John Smith for leading us in worship this morning.

**Seniors on the Move** Visit Waska Village in Glenwood on Thursday, July 20th!

We will travel by van (previously advertised as carpooling) leaving the church parking lot at 12:30pm. Enjoy lunch and browsing/shopping. Sign up in the Narthex. More info in the July newsletter.

**Caregiver Support Meetings** will be held at First Lutheran on Thursday, July 13 in the Gathering Room from 1:00-2:00pm or 4:00-5:00pm. Attend the meeting time that fits your schedule and learn more about respite care, who would be appropriate for it and volunteer opportunities. All are welcome.

**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, July 9**

**Ushers:** Dick Smith, Tim & Tyson Grove

**Lector:** Ward Voorhees

**Nursery:** Kristin Grove

**Acolyte:** Ian Grove & Sawyer Fynboh

**Comm Prep:** Vicki Dalager (bread)

**Communion Servers:** Emile Brustuen, Linda Holland, Bob Dalager

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger

**TV slides:** Wes Odello

#### **Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 16**

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe

**Lector:** Dorwin Tschetter

**Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

**Acolyte:** Brenna Jergenson & Giana Feuchtenberger

**Video:** Dave Jungst

**TV slides:** Kye Suess

# welcome

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#### **TODAY: Sunday, July 9**

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

#### **Monday, July 10**

no events scheduled

#### **Tuesday, July 11**

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm Gatherings at Old #1

#### **Wednesday, July 12**

no events scheduled

#### **Thursday, July 13**

8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)

1:00-2:00pm Caregiver Support meeting

3:00-4:00pm Caregiver Support meeting

#### **Friday, July 14**

no events scheduled

#### **Saturday, July 15**

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

#### **Sunday, July 16**

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship