

July 16, 2023—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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**

* "Gather Us In" **#532**

* Greeting

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Isaiah 55:10-13 *(page 645 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalms 65:1-13 *(on screen)*

Romans 8:1-11 *(page 137 NT in pew Bible)*

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

* Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *(page 12 NT in pew Bible)*

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

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

Message

"For the Fruit of All Creation" **#679**

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

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

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

* Canticle of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

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

* The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

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

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Family & friends of Suzanne Smith on the death of her brother Bob Van Eps, 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 Allyn & Hannah Plattner 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.

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 16

Ushers: Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe

Lector: Laurie Feuchtenberger **Psalm:** Denise Odello

Nursery: Lindy Ekola **Acolyte:** Brenna Jergenson & Giana Feuchtenberger

Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Kye Suess

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, July 23

Ushers: Dennis Feuchtenberger, Tony & Magen Feuchtenberger

Lector: Sharon Ehlers **Psalm:** Vicki Dalager

Nursery: _____ **Acolyte:** Aubrey Williamson & Giana Feuchtenberger

Video: _____ **TV slides:** Jaxon Hilbrands

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, July 16

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, July 17

8:45am-3:00pm VBS at Faith Lutheran

Tuesday, July 18

8:45am-3:00pm VBS at Faith Lutheran

11:00am Pastor's Text Study

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

8:45am-3:00pm VBS at Faith Lutheran

Thursday, July 20

8:45am-3:00pm VBS at Faith Lutheran

12:30pm Seniors on the Move

2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, July 21

no events scheduled

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship