

September 17, 2023—16th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgement of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation 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. 94**

* "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" **#452**

* Greeting **pg. 138**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

Genesis 50:15-21 (page 45 OT in pew Bible)

Psalms 103:1-13 (on screen)

Romans 14:1-12 (page 142 NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 (page 17 NT in pew Bible)

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

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

Presentation of Bibles

Installation of Sunday school teachers

Message

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace" **#716**

* 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**

* "You Are Holy" **#525**

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn "Eat This Bread" **#472** (sing 2x)

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

* "In Thee is Gladness" **#867**

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 Pastor Rick Hoyme for leading us in worship this morning.

Fall Dinner Volunteers Needed! We are in need of a few Team Leaders for our upcoming Fall Dinner. Check out the sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex!

Luther's Eatery needs your help! Check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Element meets on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00--7:30pm at First Lutheran.

Sr. Fusion is now meeting on Wednesday nights! Kickoff gathering on Wed., September 20th from 7:00-8:30pm.

Sunday school upcoming classes will be held on Sundays, October 1st and 15th 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.

FREE Community Meal at First Lutheran on Monday, Sept 25 with serving from 5:30-7:30pm. Volunteers are also needed to help prep, cook, serve and clean up. If you can help out, please contact the church office.

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, Sept 17

Ushers: Al Harris, Ray & Robi Bowman

Lector: Jennie Odello

Acolyte: Wes Odello & Ian Grove

Communion Servers: Tim Grove, Mille Tschetter, Judy Buro

Video: Mike Odello

Nursery: Kristin Grove

Communion Prep: Liz Harris (bread)

TV slides: Tyson Grove

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, Sept 24

Ushers: Bob Heck, Karen Bolling, Scott Staples

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Aaden Schultz

Communion Prep: Linda Holland (silver tray)

Communion Servers: Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Emilie Brustuen

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Aubrey Williamson

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, Sept 17

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, Sept 18

no events scheduled

Tuesday, Sept 19

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

7:00pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 20

10am-12pm: REST Training at First

12:00pm: Newsletter Articles Due

6:00-7:30pm: Element (confirmation)

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion

Thursday, Sept 21

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, Sept 22

10am-12pm: REST Training at First

Saturday, Sept 23

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

Sunday, Sept 24

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

4:00-7:00pm: 9th grade Confirmation at Faith Lutheran