



First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

The Immeasurable Gifts of God

July 15 & 16, 2017

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the gifts you give are more wonderful than we can comprehend. Remind us that we are yours, and transform our lives to reflect your will of justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

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"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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Gospel Reading

John 3:1-8, 16-17

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Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn

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Oh, for A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Announcements

July 15 & 16, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Chad, Joan, and Evan Estebro.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Kathy Riemer (sister of Bob Schrupp), Linda Nelson (sister of Marlene Erickson), Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), John Planting (father of Dave Planting), Pete & Carmen Zupfer and family, Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Kelly Koster (sister-in-law of Kitsi Marks), Don Nielsen, Shirley Anderson-Porsch, Randy Bahn family, Kevin Hemish (brother of Kathy Pollock).

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes	Gavin Peterson	Carter Gherke, Riely Gilbertson
Greeters	Russ & Deidre Sanow	Doug & Dorothy Krogen
Ushers		David and Janet Landby
Lectors	Deidre Sanow	John Marshall
Communion Assistants	Deidre Sanow	Pamela Neet, Steve Glaeser
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers		Doug & Dorothy Krogen
Altar Guild	Jo Blomme, Kathy Engler, Linda Konn, Lori Lerohl	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	
Video and Projection	Jeffrey McCall, Dan Marks, Kevin Kayser	

Saturday July 15

5:30pm Worship
Women ELCA Triennial Convention-Mpls

Sunday July 16

9:30am Worship
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Monday July 17

1:00pm Quilting

Tuesday July 18

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets

5:30pm Outreach Committee

Thursday, July 20

Parish Visitor Articles due

Saturday, July 22

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, July 23

9:30 am Worship

News & Notes

Montana Youth Trip: Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers starting July 15th as the travel by Amtrak to experience a week of God's creation at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Kalispell, Montana. They are:

Alexa Amundson, Mason Anderson, Sophie Anderson, Lexis Arnold, Cole Beech, Bill Bell, Jonathon Bell, Kathy Bloemker, Malia Bloemker, Zach Bloemker, Sarah Bucher, Ysabel Castenada, Michael DeVaen, Zach DeVaen, Brennan DeVos, Mattea Dobrenski, Carson Douglas, Amber Downing, Rebecca Downing, Dylan Dulas, Lexie Dulas, Makenzie Enderson, Tanner Fales, Trevor Fales, Zach Fischer, Landon Frost, Stacy Frost, Pastor Scott Fuller, Carolyn Fuller, Billy Giannelli, Skylar Gilbertson, Damon Giefer, Melodee Grant, Brandon Groenewold, Izach Harris, Amira Hasch, Eli Houseman, Alec Jahn, Abe Jensen, Allie Kock, Megan Kock, Elizabeth Louwagie, Eric Luther, Jackson Luther, Maddie Marks, Karen Meister, Steve Meister, Sydney Meister, Orion Morrow, Jenna Mortier, Ryne Myhrberg, Samantha Nielsen, Brittney Ormberg, Bryce Paulsen, Thad Pease, Olivia Peterson, Sam Rademacher, Gabby Reese, Cole Remme, Beth Roelfsema, Crista Schultze, Denise Schumacher, Madi Schumacher, Whitney Schwartz, Logan Sherman, Austin Sommervold, Carrie Sueker, Erik Sueker, Kaia Sueker, Mitchell Sueker, Brooklyn Sukalski, Rachel Thomsen, Logan Tomasek, Tonya Tomasek, Alex Verkinderen, Noah Versaevel, Bill Weber, Trey Weber, Hans Zahrbock and Simon Zahrbock.

If you would like to follow along with us on our "High Adventures in Montana", you can do so on our blog. Go to: www.flyhighadventuresmontana.blogspot.com We will hopefully be highlighting every day..... WiFi/internet permitting.

HyVee Cards will still be available for purchase over the summer months. However, we will not be selling at a table every Sunday. Please come to the church office to get them. Starting in June, profit will now be going toward our 2018 Senior High National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX!

Just a friendly reminder to be signing up for our exciting summer opportunities:

Day Play: August 8.....grades 1-2 (completed)

Info was or is being emailed out, is on the bulletin board, and forms are on the website or on the table by the office entrance. Invite your friends to join us!

Once again our beautiful sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of ringing bells

starting this fall. It is the hope of the present ringers and director that you would join the bell choir to fill those vacant spots. The thought is that we would ring 4 times during the school year so we would not be practicing every Wednesday evening. Times and dates to be determined. The Bell Choir adds to worship where no other music can. Please think about giving your musical talent to this worthy cause.

Call Steve Meyer at 507-530-3256 or the church office if you are interested.

SOMALI RELIEF EFFORT: More than 20 million people in the Horn of Africa are at risk in what the United Nations is calling the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. Our Somali neighbors have family members affected by this crisis and consistently send portions of their earnings every month to Africa, but it is not covering the vast need.

A diverse group of Marshall area neighbors are raising funds to help alleviate some of the suffering, and we invite you to help address this need. You may direct your donation to any of four needs:

*water wells

*emergency food baskets

*solar-powered lamps

*undesignated (wherever needed)

Simply write your check to FIRST LUTHERAN – SOMALI RELIEF and then specify which of the four needs you want to support. Check out the display in the narthex.

Beginning Experience of SW MN/Marshall, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" Series for ten weeks beginning July 17, 2017. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration is held the first two Monday nights starting at 6:30 P.M. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a \$75 fee to cover the cost of materials. This series is designed for those wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions, contact:

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Today's Readings

Ephesians 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

John 3:1-8, 16-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**