



# First Lutheran Church

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

## The Body of Christ

July 29 & 30, 2017

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn

***Lord, You Give the Great Commission***

ELW 579

### Prayer of the Day

***We praise you, O Lord, for bringing us together as your body in this world. Fill us with your Spirit that we might speak your Word, serve our neighbors, and demonstrate your gift of love for all creation. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

pew bible p. 1068

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Psalm 65

pew bible p. 516

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

Gospel Acclamation

***Celtic Alleluia***

ELW 174

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-4

pew bible p. 985

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

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

Hymn

***Baptized in Water***

ELW 456

Sermon

Hymn

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

ELW 697

**Apostles' Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Offertory

***We Give Thee but Thine Own*** (v. 1)

ELW 686

Benediction

Sending Hymn

***O Christ, Our Hope***

ELW 604

Postlude



# Announcements

July 29 & 30, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Lee & Holly Sorum in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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-Porisch, Kevin Hemish (brother of Kathy Pollock), Jeff Larsen.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes		Joseph Voit
Greeters	Ryan Wendland & Marcy Olson	Paul & Tanya Freeburg & Taylor
Ushers		Pam Russell, Paul Freeburg Ron Halgerson
Lectors	Gary Koosmann	Pam Russell
Music	John Ward	John Ward
Coffee Servers		Doug & Dorothy Krogen
Altar Guild	Jo Blomme, Kathy Engler, Linda Konn, Lori Lerohl	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	
Video and Projection	Ernie Moe, Jeffrey McCall, Dan Marks	

## Monday July 31

6:30pm Beginning Experience

## Tuesday August 1

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets

## Wednesday August 2

5:15pm Women's Board Meeting

## Saturday August 5

5:30pm Worship

## Sunday August 6

9:30am Worship

10:30am Germany Meeting

## Monday August 7

1:00pm Quilting

6:30pm Beginning Experience

## Tuesday August 8

8:30am Day Play @ Shetek

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets

12:00pm Executive Committee

6:00pm Education Committee

6:00pm Foundation Meeting

6:30pm Social Ministries

6:30pm Youth Committee

7:30pm Church Council

## Wednesday August 9

9:00am Summer Bible Study Gathering

## News & Notes

**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!

**National Night Out will be held August 1st** from 3:30-7:30PM at Independence Park! Don't forget to come on out as a family to the Annual National Night Out on August 1st. Activities, food, music, and great information on keeping our community safe. Visit with law enforcement. You never know what other special events they will have there! AND.....FLY will be popping popcorn there for the whole event.

**Summer Bible Study Opportunity** August 9<sup>th</sup> 9-3 in the Fellowship Hall  
Using the lessons from *Gather*, the magazine of the Women of the ELCA- "All Anew". Giving birth is a beautiful thing and essential to life, but there is nothing nice about it. Birthing new life is a violent process that produces pain, requires sacrifice and makes a really big mess. That's what we are asking for when we plead with God for renewal. Are you ready?  
\* For those who do not subscribe to the Gather magazine, copies of the lessons are available in the church office or will be available the day of the bible study. Copies may also be downloaded from the web site: [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

\*\* A light lunch will be served with a suggested donation of \$5.00

Registering is recommended but not required.

Any questions may be directed to Dawn Planting 507-828-8157 [loving\\_mom\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:loving_mom_3@hotmail.com)

**For a limited time Thrivent Financial has organized** a "Summer of Impact" campaign. They are giving each eligible Thrivent member who logs in to their online account \$50 in Thrivent Choice Dollars to designate to their favorite charity! This is in addition to any other Choice Dollars you may have accumulated. All you have to do is log in to your Thrivent online account and designate the Choice Dollars however you wish. Get online and donate today! If you don't know if you qualify, have questions about what organizations you can donate to or need help designating your dollars please go online to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com), call 1-800-847-4836 or contact your local Thrivent representative.

**Thrivent Financial in conjunction with the businesses located** in our complex are doing a Block Party Customer Appreciation. The businesses located in the Toni's Plaza (Thrivent Financial Ridgestone Team , Healthsource Chiropractic of Marshall, American Family Insurance Robert Gaalswyk Agency, and Legal Estate Planning Solutions) are planning a summer Block Party/Customer Appreciation August 8, 2017, from 4 to 7 p.m. Activities will include a bouncy house, Turkey Federation inflatable target range, and prize drawings. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

# Today's Readings

## Ephesians 4:1-16

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'<sup>9</sup>(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.<sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

## Psalms 65

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,  
<sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.  
<sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.  
<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.  
<sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.  
<sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.  
<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.  
<sup>10</sup> You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.  
<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,  
<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

# Today's Readings

## John 15:1-4

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

Response after the announcement:

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response after the reading:

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

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