



# First Lutheran Church

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

**The Heart of God**  
Saturday June 23, 2018  
5:30pm

Prelude  
Welcome/Announcements

Hymn                                      **For All the Faithful Women** (v. 1, 2, Last)                                      ELW 419

## Prayer of the Day

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## **Dedication of In-Kind Offerings**

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**Many: Amen.**

One: Lord, to you we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us. We know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being; draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

**Many: *To you we renew our Christian promise to help those in need — to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, and be a loving neighbor to all people of the earth.***

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**Many: *There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life—how you can use something as small as a quilt, shoes, socks to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them. We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor, the whole work of Lutheran World Relief and Soles 4 Souls that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.***

One: To you be all glory and honor, now and forever, through Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen**

Reading                                      1 Kings 17:1-24                                      pew Bible p. 320  
"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

**Gospel Acclamation                      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*                                      ELW 172**

Gospel Reading                              Luke 9:12-17                                      pew Bible p. 945  
Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***  
Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn    ***How Firm a Foundation***                                      ELW 796





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Sunday June 24, 2018

9:30am

### **Call to Worship**

#### ***Blessed Be Your Name***

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***Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.***

Chorus: ***Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.***

***Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be. Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.*** (Chorus)

Welcome/Announcements

Faith Chest Presentation

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### **Opening Song**

#### ***Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)***

(written by Brian Doerksen & Brenton Brown, Song #3091812, CCLI 473052)

***Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, your love carries me***

Chorus:

***Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, your love makes me sing  
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***Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see you, all your goodness shines through  
And I can feel this God song, rising up in me.*** (Chorus)

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Gospel Acclamation ***Lord Listen to Your Children Praying***  
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***Lord listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord listen to your children praying; Send us love send us pow'r send us grace.***

Gospel Reading Luke 9:12-17 pew Bible p. 945  
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Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn ***Abba, I Belong To You***  
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Chorus: ***Abba I belong to You. I belong to You  
Abba Father. Abba I belong to You  
I belong to You. Abba Father God***

***I kneel now, and feel how I've felt here before.  
This pausing is causing my heart to explore  
Why when I'm weary so often You seem far away  
Still I will say*** (Chorus)

***What I feel is less real Than all that You say  
You told me you'd hold me Through all of my days  
So though my spirit is tossing and turning about  
Still there's no doubt*** (Chorus)

Sermon

Hymn

**Good Good Father**

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***I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone***

Chorus: ***You're a Good Good Father***

***It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are, And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am***

***I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need Before we say a word*** (Chorus)

***You are perfect in all of Your ways, You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us***

***Love so undeniable I can hardly speak, Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still, Into love love love*** (Chorus)

***Love so undeniable I can hardly speak.***

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

Prayers of the People

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

Offering

*Breathing the Breath*

**Offertory**

***All I Have*** (used by permission, 1986 Abundant Life Music Company, CCLI 473052)

***All I have belongs to You, for all I have has come from You.***

***Nothing I own, nothing I possess is by my own hand; It's by Your faithfulness.***

***So please take this offering from a heart of thanksgiving, for you've given all I have.***

***You've given all I have.***

Benediction

**Closing Song**

**Everlasting God**

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***Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.***

***Our God You reign forever. Our hope our strong Deliv'rer.  
You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God,  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary,  
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.*** (repeat all)

***Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.***



# Announcements

June 23 & 24, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Paul, Tanya and Taylor Freeburg.

Blessings to Hazel Rigge receiving her Faith Chest Milestone today. Her parents are Adam & Katie Rigge. Hazel was baptized on June 25, 2017.

**Prayer List:** John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Vi Thomasson, Lennis Miller, Brian Gelster & Family (deployment), Val Krogstad, La Oeltjenbruns, David Valentin (son of Jim & Joanne), Barb Kienbaum (sister of Janet Landby), Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Marilyn Green (sister of Shirley Anderson-Porisch), Jenifer Klein's sister, Carla.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes		Annabel Coudron, Avery Fahl
Greeters	Dale & Carol Anderson	Steve & Barb Sandquist
Ushers		Sue DeSaer, Pam Russell Doug & Peggy Anderson
Lectors		Peggy Anderson
Music	John Ward	Praise Team: Jane Hartman, Karla Luther, Matt Pedersen, Anna Rose, Tim Tomasek, John Voit
Coffee Servers		Denise Myhrberg
Video and Projection	Trey Weber	Larry Murphy, Dan Marks
Altar Guild	Lori Bell, Ashley Eick, Corlys Knudson, Jan Mann	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	

**Sunday June 24**

9:30am Worship

**Monday June 25**

1:00pm Quilting

6:30pm Beginning Experience

**Tuesday June 26**

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets

**Friday June 29**

12:00pm Office Closes

**Saturday June 30**

5:30pm Worship

**Sunday July 1**

9:30am Worship

## **News & Notes**

**Please keep the following 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering participants** from First Lutheran Church in your prayers as they travel to and experience the gathering in Houston TX: Avery Anderson, Mason Anderson, Sophie Anderson, Addison Arndt, Aubrey Bjella, Malia Bloemker, Tonya Tomasek, Jack Bly, Maia Brooks, Eli Cole, Stacy Frost, Michael DeVaan, Krista Bjella, Zach DeVaan, Kathy Bloemker, Brennan DeVos, Sara Larson, Chase Douglas, Eric Luther, Rebecca Downing, Karen Meister, Spencer Ehlers, Steve Meister, Makenzie Enderson, Ryne Myhrberg, Tanner Fales, Karen Peterson, Trevor Fales, Bill Weber, Landon Frost, Hans Zahrbock, Skylar Gilbertson, Taylor Gilbertson, Izach Harris, Eli Houseman, Izabella Hunsley, Allie Kock, Megan Kock, Bensen Kuecker, Regan Luther, Sydney Meister, Orion Morrow, Jenna Mortier, Courtni Nielsen, Samantha Nielsen, Jack Pedersen, Olivia Peterson, Gabby Reese, Dawson Reese, Natasha Reinsma, Cole Remme, Kelli Remme, Brevin Runia, Madi Schumacher, Austin Sommervold, Liz Stucker, Kaia Sueker, Brooklyn Sukalski, Rachel Thomsen, Trey Weber, Peyton Whitesitt, Simon Zahrbock.

The theme is "This Changes Everything" based from the bible verse Ephesians 2:8..... "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God." Daily themes are:

God's Call Changes Everything

God's Love Changes Everything

God's Grace Changes Everything

God's Hope Changes Everything

Jesus Changes Everything!

Other sites they will be experiencing is Oceans and Worlds of Fun; Oklahoma City National Museum and Symbolic Memorial; NASA Space Center; the Gulf Coast in Galveston; Hard Rock Café; and a Guided Dallas City Tour with the JFK route. Here's the address for the blog if people want to follow it: [www.FLYhouston.blogspot.com](http://www.FLYhouston.blogspot.com)

**Hy-Vee Cards will now be available** for purchase in the church office! Proceeds go to the 2019 Senior High Mission Trip.

**Join us at Wild Water West!** Grades 3-6 (completed). Mark it down! Bring all your friends! Wednesday July 11. We will leave the church at 9am and return home by 8:30pm or so. Cost will be \$25 for those 48" and over. Plans will be to bring a sack lunch to eat before we get into the water park and then eat a supper provided by the park. Please sign up with money by Tuesday July 3. Registration forms were emailed out or are at the church or on the website. Any parents who would like to join us—just let me know!

**New First Lutheran Church Directory** We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.

A new directory:

- Preserves this special time in the life our church

- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online at our church website at [www.1stlutheran.org](http://www.1stlutheran.org) or look for our signup table at upcoming services or call our office or call Lifetouch at 1.866.756.0281.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY DATES**

**Wednesday, July 18th thru Tuesday, July 24th**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY HOURS:**

**Weekdays 2PM to 9PM – Saturdays 10AM to 5PM – Sunday 11AM – 6PM**

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those would like them prior to photography.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory. We are encouraging 100% participation!

Your First Lutheran Outreach Committee

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

**Women's Summer Bible Study Retreat** At Shalom Hill Farm July 25th. We will carpool from the church at 8am returning by 6 pm Cost: \$8.00 for the lunch

Shalom Hill Farm is located on a rolling hillside, overlooking a peaceful valley near Windom. The farm offers many ways in which we can gather for retreat and renewal.

The day will consist of studying the 3 summer bible study lessons from the Women of the ELCA magazine, Gather.

June: Session one- The paradoxes of prayer (1 Samuel 12:16-23)

July/August: Session two- The practices of prayer (Psalm 19:14)

Session Three- The products of prayer (Romans 8:26-28)

Copies of the lessons will be available in the church office or they may be downloaded from the Gather website, [gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org)

The staff at Shalom Hill will lead the 3 lessons throughout the day. There will also be lunch served and a chance to explore the Farm as they share with us this piece of prairie and wooded grove with many of God's creatures, wild and domestic. Watch for a signup sheet in the narthex. Hope you can join us for a relaxing day as we study the importance of prayer in our daily lives.

**Seasonal Decorating opportunity** Do you enjoy decorating for the holidays? If so, we could use the help of a few staff that would like to co-coordinate the seasonal decorating in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact Tami Dahl at (507) 828-9559 or [bdtddahl@gmail.com](mailto:bdtddahl@gmail.com).

# Today's Readings

## 1 Kings 17:1-24

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, 'As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.' <sup>2</sup>The word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>3</sup>'Go from here and turn eastwards, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.' <sup>5</sup>So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. <sup>7</sup>But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.'<sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' <sup>12</sup>But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.'<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil

will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.'<sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>She then said to Elijah, 'What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!' <sup>19</sup>But he said to her, 'Give me your son.' He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>He cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?' <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.'

<sup>22</sup>The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, 'See, your son is alive.' <sup>24</sup>So the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.'

"The word of the Lord"

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

## Luke 9:12-17

<sup>12</sup> The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to

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lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.' <sup>13</sup>But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' <sup>14</sup>For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' <sup>15</sup>They did so and made them all sit down. <sup>16</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Response after the announcement:

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

Response after the reading:

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

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