



First Lutheran Church

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

A Whole New World

September 2 & 3, 2017

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Blessing of the New School Year

Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, We trust in your promise to make all things new. Bring wholeness to all that is broken, and fill us with the faith to follow. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

1st Reading

Isaiah 43:18-21

pew Bible p. 659

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

2nd Reading

Revelation 21:1-6, 23-25, 22:1-4

pew Bible p. 1134

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

Gospel Acclamation

Come and Fill Our Hearts

ELW 528

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-35

pew Bible p. 892

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

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

Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

Sermon

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Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

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Postlude



Announcements

September 2 & 3, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Elizabeth & Hannah Circles of First Lutheran Women in honor of those who have served before us.

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), Pete & Carmen Zupfer and family, Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Kelly Koster (sister-in-law of Kitsi Marks), Don Nielsen, Steve Quist, Tonya Ormberg, Al Evers.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes	Abby Wendland	Isaiah Brusve Paige Christianson
Greeters	Bruce & Cathy Berg	Jill Schroeder
Ushers		Dave Taylor
Lectors	Bruce Berg	Twila Henning
Communion Assistants	Peggy Anderson	Diane Taylor, Steve Glaeser, Ed Henning
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers		
Altar Guild	Kelly Deutz, Pam Neet, Ann Nielsen, DeAnna Zimmer	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	
Video and Projection	John Marshall, Jeff McCall, Janet Landby	

Saturday September 2

5:30pm Worship

Sunday September 3

9:30am Worship

Monday September 4

Office Closed

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday September 5

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets

6:00pm Worship & Music

Committee

Wednesday September 6

ELCA Youth Gathering Registrations

due 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @

Boulder 5:15pm Women's Board

Meeting

6:00pm 7th Grade Confirmation Meeting

7:00pm 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting

Thursday September 7

5:30pm Bible & Brew

Friday September 8

12:00pm Book Group

Saturday September 9

3:30pm Vandenbosch/Getting wedding

5:30pm Worship

News & Notes

Congratulations to Susan Jones for 33 years as our faithful organist!!

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. Profit will now be going toward our 2018 Senior High Youth Gathering in Houston, TX!

Senior High! ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston TX...Summer 2018!! Registrations and deposits are due Sept 6th! Don't miss out!!! You can invite a friend if you like. Information was given at the meeting and also emailed out.

Deadline for the Junior High Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar (Nov 21-22) for grades 6-8 is WEDNESDAY SEPT 13th Info was emailed out to everyone AND we will talk about it at the confirmation parent/youth meeting (on Sept 6)! Invite your friends to join us!!! It's a blast!! Parents let me know if you are interested in chaperoning. (more forms can be found at the church too.)

Next Sunday, Sept 10th: We are inviting all 7th Grade students and their parents to celebrate the milestone of Entering Confirmation NEXT Sunday during Rally Day worship at 9:30 a.m. We will mark this Milestone with a stone marked with a symbol as well as receiving their Teen Bible. This Milestone Celebration is a time for the 7th grade youth to be reminded that they are baptized children of God, created in God's own image, and to celebrate this next step of learning on their faith journey.... and a celebration for the parents to walk with them and learn with them on this journey.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wednesday Sept 13th - Kick off night!!!

TLC 2:30pm

Wednesday Family Worship 5:15pm

Light Supper 5:45pm to 6:15pm (\$2 per person)

Confirmation Kick-off 5:45pm (will run into Junior High Alive time)

Senior High Alive KICK-OFF!!! 8pm

Wednesday Sept 20th

Junior High Alive starts 7pm in the youth room

Little League kicks off 7pm in the fellowship hall

Senior High Guys Bible Study and Girls Bible StudyWatch for details!

G3 Liturgical Dance starts up 6pm in the sanctuary

Sunday Sept 24

Montana High Adventures Worship! Join us as we share all that we experienced on our faith journey this summer

First Lutheran has the opportunity to assist in the Meals on Wheels Deliveries for 2 weeks in September - The dates are Tuesday September 5th – 8th and September 11th-15th.

What is needed? Arrive at the Senior Dining at 10:40 am (takes about 45 minutes to an hour) and make 4 to 5 scheduled deliveries in Marshall. For more details and to volunteer contact Dorothy Krogen @ 612-710-0390 or email cwkajk@hotmail.com

WE ARE DELIVERING “MORE THAN JUST A MEAL”Make a difference and brighten someone's day.

The Rejoice Bible Study will begin on Wednesday September 6th from 9:30-10:30am at Boulder Estates, 601 Village Dr. in Marshall. The study guides which will be provided, will cover the Book of Romans “Becoming New in Christ”. All are welcome!

Help Victims of Hurricane Harvey Millions have been affected by Hurricane Harvey, and we can help. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time. We are invited to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast by giving a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. This is an organization we can trust. They are collaborating with local leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Our gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Please make checks payable to “Lutheran Disaster Response,” and write “Hurricane Harvey” in the memo line.

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 43:18-21

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

“The word of the Lord”

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

Revelation 21:1-6, 23-25, 22:1-4

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And
I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a
bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a
loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his
peoples, and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying
and pain will be no more, for the first things
have passed away.’ ⁵ And the one who was
seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making

all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for
these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶ Then

he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and
the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the

thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring
of the water of life. ²³And the city has no need

of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of
God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The

nations will walk by its light, and the kings of
the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its

gates will never be shut by day—and there will
be no night there.

²² Then the angel showed me the river of the
water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the
throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the
middle of the street of the city. On either side
of the river is the tree of life with its twelve
kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month;
and the leaves of the tree are for the healing
of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be
found there any more. But the throne of God
and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants
will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and
his name will be on their foreheads.

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

Matthew 13:31-35

31 He put before them another parable: ‘The
kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that
someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the
smallest of all the seeds, but when it has
grown it is the greatest of shrubs and
becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air
come and make nests in its branches.’

33 He told them another parable: ‘The
kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman
took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all of it was leavened.’

34 Jesus told the crowds all these things in
parables; without a parable he told them
nothing. ³⁵ This was to fulfil what had been
spoken through the prophet:

‘I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I
will proclaim what has been hidden from the
foundation of the world.’

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.