



First Lutheran Church

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

Jacob's Dream

Saturday September 23, 2017

5:30pm

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Temple Talk

Baptism

p. 227

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

Prayer of the Day

We give you thanks, O Lord, for protecting your servant Jacob from danger – and from himself. Be with us in the same way as we walk in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Reading

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, 28:10-17

pew Bible p. 22

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

Gospel Reading

John 1:50-51

pew bible p. 969

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

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

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

ELW 676

Sermon

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Prayers of the People

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

Offering

Offertory

Sing to the Lord of Harvest (v.1)

ELW 694

Benediction

Sending Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

Postlude

Today's Readings

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, 28:10-17

27 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, 'My son'; and he answered, 'Here I am.' ²He said, 'See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. ⁴Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.' ¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

18 So he went in to his father, and said, 'My father'; and he said, 'Here I am; who are you, my son?' ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.' ²⁰But Isaac said to his son, 'How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?' He answered, 'Because the Lord your God granted me success.' ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, 'Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.' ²²So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.' ²³He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the

Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

"The word of the Lord"

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

John 1:50-51

⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:



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Just Add Water

Sunday September 24, 2017
8:30am & 10:45am

Welcome/Announcements/Temple Talk

Opening Song ***Shout to the Lord***

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***My Jesus, My Savior, Lord, there is none like you,
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter; Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, All that I am, Never cease to worship you.***

***Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name
I sing for joy at the work of your hands Forever I'll love you Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.***

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Nothing compares to the promise I have, nothing compares to the promise I have
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.***

Milestone Celebration - 9th, 10th & 11th Grades

Men's Choir *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Prayer of the Day

***Good and gracious God, we celebrate your promise to be with us on our adventure called life.
Support us with your Word, mold our hearts with your Spirit, and help us be faith-filled
servants of your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen***

Reading Isaiah 43:2 pew Bible p. 658
"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Reflection Abe Jensen

Hymn ***I Lift My Eyes Up*** (Psalm 121)

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***I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.*** (repeat)

***Oh how I need You Lord. You are my only hope.
You're my only prayer. So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me. Come and give me life.*** (repeat all)

Reading Psalm 121 pew Bible p. 560
"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Reflection Lexie Dulas

Hymn ***Sanctuary***
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***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*** (repeat)

Reading 1 Corinthians 12:selected verses pew Bible p. 1048

Reflection Stacy Frost

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11 pew Bible p. 912
Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***
Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Reflection Pastor Scott
Slide Show

Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering *Light of the World*
Offertory ***We Are An Offering*** (used by permission, 1984 Word Music, LLC, CCLI #473052, Song No. 16220)
***We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you. We are an offering. Lord, use
our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives. They are yours.
We are an offering. We are an offering.***

Closing Song ***Montana Blessing***
***May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky.
May your soul have the strength of our mountains.
May your life be as peaceful as our gently falling snow,
And your days be as many as the trees.***

Today's Readings

Isaiah 43:2

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior.

“The word of the Lord”

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

Psalms 121

121 ¹⁻² I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.

³⁻⁴ He won't let you stumble, your Guardian God won't fall asleep. Not on your life! Israel's Guardian will never doze or sleep.

⁵⁻⁶ God's your Guardian, right at your side to protect you—Shielding you from sunstroke, sheltering you from moonstroke. ⁷⁻⁸ God guards you from every evil, he guards your very life. He guards you when you leave and when you return, he guards you now, he guards you always.

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I Corinthians 12: selected verses

You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and

sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink.

A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together.

But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of.

“The word of the Lord”

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

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.



Announcements

September 23 & 24, 2017

Blessings to Lauren Czeck baptized on Saturday. Her parents are Tim & Danica Czeck. Sponsors are Alex Verkinderen, Jenna Czeck, and Jasmine Zimmer.

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), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Kelly Koster (sister-in-law of Kitsi Marks), Don Nielsen, Tonya Ormberg, Al Evers, La Oeltjenbruns, Family of Marge Sorenson.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes		Keaton Maertens	Carter Gehrke
Greeters	Ross, Briana & Sawyer Williams	Montana Youth	Montana Youth
Ushers			
Lectors	Karen Murphy		
Music	Susan Jones	Praise Team: Karla Luther, Elizabeth Maxwell, Tim Tomasek, John Voit Men's Choir directed by Connie Knott	Praise Team: Karla Luther, Elizabeth Maxwell, Tim Tomasek, John Voit Men's Choir directed by Connie Knott
Coffee Servers		Doug & Dorothy Krogen	
Altar Guild	Kelly Deutz, Pam Neet, Ann Nielsen, DeAnna Zimmer		
Van Driver	Dan Marks		
Video and Projection	Jeffrey McCall	Shelly Maes Kevin Kayser	Dan Marks Kevin Kayser

Sunday September 24

9th, 10th & 11th grade Milestones in Worship
 8:30am Worship - Montana Youth
 9:30am TLC
 10:45am Worship - Montana Youth

Monday September 25

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday, September 26

9:00am Senior Coffee
 10:15am Staff Meets

Wednesday September 27

6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's Cafe
 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder
 2:30pm TLC
 5:15pm Worship
 5:45pm Light Supper - \$2/person
 5:45pm Confirmation
 6:00pm G3

7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Faith Chats HS Bible Study
7:00pm Game Changers HS Bible Study
7:00pm Junior High Alive
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday September 28

5:30pm Bible & Brew

Saturday September 30

5:30pm Worship

Sunday October 1

8:30am Worship

9:30am TLC

9:45am Stewardship Committee Meeting

10:45am Worship - Anderson Baptism

News & Notes

The following youth and adults participated in the High Adventure trip to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Kalispell, Montana last summer:

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 DeVaan, Zach DeVaan, 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.

Stewardship Principle # 2

"...you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ."

2 Corinthians 9:13

Obey responsibly to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word. We acknowledge our faith and show our faith in the gospel for the glory of God and for the building up of the body of Christ. This takes courage. It involves our lifelong obedience, including the ways we treat our families, others, and ourselves.

National "See You at the Poles" Tuesday, Sept 26 - Marshall students grades 5-12 are encouraged to come out to pray with their peers around the flagpole at 7:25am at both the Middle School and also the High School.

First Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry Fall Fundraiser The Youth and Family Ministry Committee and the youth are excited to again have their fall fundraiser the month of October. Check out the information that will be up on the bulletin board in the narthex to get “the scoop” in further detail. We are hoping that the congregation will continue to be as excited as we are to continue with this concept. Just take an envelope with the amount of a minimum donation you would like to give. It’s that simple. Return the envelope to the church office. And, incorporated with this fundraiser is our SR HIGH YOUTH’S RAKE AND ROLL scheduled for Sunday, October 29th at 1pm. As a way to give back to the church with this fundraiser, we will be raking lawns. If you would like to have your lawn raked and leaves carried away, just call Tonya. If you know of someone who could benefit by the youth raking their lawn, call Tonya and give her the information.

Shetek’s Octoberfest is Oct 20-21 - the deadline to sign up is Oct 10. (grades 3-6). Information was emailed out. Forms can also be found at the church or on the website. Checks payable to “Shetek”. Questions? Just ask Tonya.

Junior High!! Be looking for the information about Klein Ranch this next summer!! Yes! Already! (Deadline to sign up will be Wednesday, October 25)

7th and 8th Graders: Adopt a Highway service project is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 4th. More details coming soon in confirmation and via email!!

Grades 3-6....the next Little League Wild Wednesdays is Wednesday Oct 4th from 7-8pm in the Fellowship Hall! Invite your friends! See you there!

Day of Service: Sunday Oct. 15, 11:45-1:30pm It’s time for God’s Work, Our Hands Day, an ELCA-wide day of service for all ages! This year we have the opportunity of providing blankets for cancer patients at Avera as well as collecting non-perishable food for the food shelf. Sign up in the Narthex! You have a few ways you can help:

- Donate fleece fabric (at least 39” x 76,” we will cut), adult patterns/solids
- Donate food
- Donate money to help purchase fabric
- Sign up and show up to help make the blankets (it’s easy and fun!) or to take our donations to the food shelf and help there. Invite your friends! T-shirt is included for those who sign-up. We are also in need of LOTS of sharp scissors (that cut fleece well) as well as lots of yardsticks. Consider whether you might want to make a blanket or donation in honor of a loved one who has been through cancer. If you’d like us to print a name in the bulletin, be sure to let us know. These blankets will be greatly appreciated as they wrap others’ loved ones in our love and care. Those who serve will receive a free lunch after 2nd service! Talk to Pastor Julie with any questions!

First Lutheran Apparel!!! Visit www.western-printing.com to check out the new options. Click on **SHOP** tab. Click on **FIRST LUTHERAN**. Start shopping by category. Now through October 2.

Many thanks to all who delivered meals in September: Galen and Karen Bierman, Kim Christianson, Carole Kerkaert, Karl Porisch, Connie Olson, Pamela Neet, Lee Raske, Marsha Rose, Marlene Nordby, Marlin & Bev Winkelman, Donna Reaves, Marissa Kunde, Connie Kimpling, Dan Marks, Jason Peterson, Anna Stensrud, Chris Fischer. *** *Thanks to those who delivered multiple routes/days and delivering “More than just a Meal” If you missed out in September ...there will be delivering opportunities in February 2018. Please contact Dorothy Krogen for more info!*

Coats for Kids Collection barrels are currently located in the area by the office and in the Narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated in helping to provide area children with warm coats and winter items this year. Barrels will be here for you to drop off your new or gently used items until Oct 27th.

Help Victims of Hurricanes Millions have been affected by recent hurricanes, and we can help. 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 “First Lutheran Church” and write “Lutheran Disaster Response” in the memo line.

If you prefer to donate online, Thrivent is offering 3 million dollar match for all personal donations to the Hurricane Relief in Texas. This week they announced another 3 million dollars in matching funds to be expanded to Hurricane relief from Hurricane Irma in Florida and the Caribbean. Donations can be made to the following organizations through our donation management partner InFaith. Organizations eligible for this match are:

- American Red Cross of Central Texas
- Convoy of Hope
- Habitat for Humanity
- Orphan Grain Train
- Samaritan's Purse
- Lutheran Disaster Response (ELCA)
- LCMS Disaster Response
- WELS Christian Aid and Relief

With the new matching funds it brings the total amount of personal donations and matching funds available to 12 million dollars. To date 5,754 people have participated and \$1,030,000 has been raised. If anyone has questions please call the Marshall Thrivent Office 507-532-2559.

Beginning Experience of SW MN, is offering a Weekend Retreat that provides an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The

experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The weekend retreat will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries and is scheduled for Oct 6-8th. Deadline for registrations is Sept 29th. Please contact: Laurie W: 507-829-6692 or wall.laurie33@gmail.com MaryAnn S:507-828-2866 or maryannschultz83@gmail.com

Beginning Experience of Southwest Minnesota, a peer ministry support group for widowed, divorced and separated people is a "Rebuilding" series for ten weeks beginning Oct. 16, 2017 through Dec. 17th. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church. 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 fee of \$75 to cover the cost of materials. This series is designed for those who are past the initial pain of losing a partner and are working to put their lives back together. All dialogue is confidential and facilitators are individuals who have suffered a similar loss. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions concerning level participation, contact Laurie W:507-829-6692 or wall.laurie33@gmail.com MaryAnn S:507-828-2866 or maryannschultz83@gmail.com

Shetek Lutheran Ministries is holding information meetings regarding their new master site plan at the following locations:

Sept 24th - 11:30am @Christ Lutheran Church, Slayton, MN

Sept 26 - 7pm @ Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne, MN

Sept 27th - 7pm @Mitlyng Residence, 611 Kathryn, Marshall, MN