



First Lutheran Church

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

Let there be...LIFE!

Saturday September 9, 2017

5:30pm

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn

Earth and All Stars

ELW 731

Prayer of the Day

O Lord our God, we praise you for your spoken Word that creates life, for your living Word who saves life, and for your guiding Word who sustains life. Speak to us in ways that we can hear, believe and serve, so that all people might know of your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

1st Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4

pew Bible p. 1

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

2nd Reading

Psalms 139:1-14a

pew Bible p. 566

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

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-5

pew bible p. 968

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

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

Hymn

Borning Cry

ELW 732

Sermon

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Postlude



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Sunday September 10, 2017
9:30am

Call to Worship

This Is the Day (CCLI Song # 32754 Les Garrett © 1967, 1980 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson

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***This is the day, This is the day
That the Lord hath made, That the Lord hath made
We will rejoice, We will rejoice
And be glad in it, And be glad in it
This is the day That the Lord hath made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, This is the day
That the Lord hath made (repeat)***

Welcome/Announcements
Teacher Installation

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Opening Song

I Am a C(-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N)

(Text and tune: traditional; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.)

***I am a C, I am a C-H, I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N;
And I have C-H-R-I-S-T, In my H-E-A-R-T,
And I will L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y. (repeat)***

Kindergarten & 7th Grade Milestones

1st Reading	Genesis 1:1-2:4	pew Bible p. 1
	"The word of the Lord" Response: <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	
2nd Reading	Psalms 139:1-14a	pew Bible p. 566
	"The word of the Lord" Response: <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>The B-I-B-L-E</i> (Text and tune: traditional; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.) <i>The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the book for me.</i> <i>I stand alone on the Word of God. The B-I-B-L-E!</i> (repeat)	
Gospel Reading	John 1:1-5	pew Bible p. 968
	Response after the announcement: <i>Glory to you, O Lord.</i>	
	Response after the reading: <i>Praise to you, O Christ.</i>	

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

(Tune: traditional. Text: Verses 1-2 traditional, Verse 3 Sandra Anderson; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.)

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, he who died, Heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, Let his little child come in. (Chorus)**

**Jesus loves me! This I'll shout,
Tell the world, his love rings out.
Clap your hands and make some noise!
Jesus loves all girls and boys. (Chorus)**

Sermon
Interlude

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

Offering *How Great is our God*
Offertory ***This Little Light of Mine***

(Text and tune: traditional; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.)

***This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

Benediction

Closing Song *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy*
(Text and tune: traditional; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.)

***I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.***

***Chorus: And I'm so happy, So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.***

***I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. (Chorus)***

***I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. (Chorus)***



Announcements

September 9 & 10, 2017

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Karen Murphy & Pat Leary in thankfulness for their 7th wedding anniversary.

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, Vic Mears.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes		Ella Cole
Greeters	Chuck & Rolly Muller	Kathy & Malia Bloemker
Ushers		Doug & Peggy Anderson Dave & Diane Taylor
Lectors	Jeffrey McCall	Stacy Frost
Music	Helen Pedersen	Praise Team: Jim Christianson, Kim Christianson, Annie Deutz, Doug Krogen, Vicki Lamprecht, Jennifer Lundberg, Wes Myers, Mark Pedersen
Coffee Servers		First Lutheran Women
Altar Guild	Kelly Deutz, Pam Neet, Ann Nielsen, DeAnna Zimmer	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	
Video and Projection	Larry Murphy, Jeff McCall, Shelly Maes	

Sunday September 10

9:30am Worship
Kindergarten & 7th Grade Milestones
Teacher Installation

Monday September 11

1:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Beginning Experience
7:00pm Esther Circle

Tuesday September 12

9:00am Senior Coffee
10:15am Staff Meets
6:00pm Education Committee

Thursday September 14

5:30pm Bible & Brew
6:30pm Social Ministries
6:30pm Youth Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Wednesday September 13

6:00am Deborah Circle - Fellowship
Hall 9:00am Hannah/Elizabeth Circle
2:30pm TLC
5:15pm Worship
5:45pm Light Supper - \$2/person
5:45pm Confirmation
6:30pm New Member Orientation
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Saturday September 16

5:30pm Worship

Sunday September 17

8:30am Worship

9:45am New Member

Orientation 9:45am TLC

10:45am Worship

Monday September 18

1:00pm Quilting

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday September 19

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets

5:30pm Outreach Committee

Wednesday September 20

Parish Visitors Articles Due

6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's

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 Game Changers HS Bible Study

7:00pm Faith Chats HS Bible Study

7:00pm Junior High Alive

7:00pm Little League

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

8:00pm Senior High Alive

News & Notes

Today:

We invite all 7th Grade students and their parents to celebrate the milestone of Entering Confirmation. During worship, 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.

Kindergarten youth and their parents are invited to join us as we celebrate with them starting school! They will be receiving their milestone bowl and a few different stones to remind them of their baptism and all of the learning they and their parents have already done in their few years!

There are pens available today that the youth made last year during Lent.....please feel free to take one! And take one for a friend!!

Senior High Youth---did you get your registration form in to go to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next summer?

Deadline for the Junior High Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar (Nov 17-18) for grades 6-8 is WEDNESDAY SEPT 13th Info was emailed out to everyone AND we talked about it at the confirmation parent/youth meeting! 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 on the website or at the church too.)

Sept 24th: Montana High Adventures Trip Worships! Join the senior high youth and the adults leaders for the 8:30am or 10:45am worship services as we recap the highlights of our

High Adventures trip to Montana and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer!

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 "First Lutheran Church" and write "Lutheran Disaster Response" in the memo line.

If you prefer to donate online, Thrivent will match \$3 million on personal donations made through Thrivent.com. Thrivent is offering to match up to a combined total of \$3 million in personal donations made through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations responding to those areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. The dollar-for-dollar match, which is open to our workforce, our members and our clients, will run until the \$3 million match is met or until Dec. 31, 2017, whichever comes first. It can lead to a total combined impact of up to \$6 million.

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

PBS to feature Luther film: The dramatic story of Martin Luther's life comes alive in a new feature-length movie that's in theaters now and will air nationally on PBS in September. Thrivent Financial is the exclusive sponsor of the film, which was created to recognize the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The PBS broadcast is set for Tuesday September 12th at 7pm.

Today's Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:4

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and

to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything

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that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ² Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

"The word of the Lord"

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

Psalm 139:1-14a

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

"The word of the Lord"

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

John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

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