

A watercolor illustration of a person in a prayerful pose, with hands clasped and head bowed. The figure is rendered in warm, golden-yellow tones. The background is a mix of soft blues and yellows, with a solid blue vertical band on the left side. The overall style is soft and artistic.

*Declare
how much
God has done
for you*

LUKE 8:39

Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE WELCOME all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Gather in the Nave Lounge to enjoy refreshments, talk with fellow worshippers, greet people you don't know, make new friends, enjoy your time at First and share the love of Christ.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communicating children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

CHILDCARE: If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

WHEELCHAIR available in the north entranceway or in the church office.

EARPHONES for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.**

PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING TEN

5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.

JUNE 22 & 23, 2019

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE *Partita on "Saint Anne"*

(Manz)

Adagio

Pastorale

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

769 GATHERING SONG *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

858 SONG OF PRAISE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Stanzas 1 & 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation shall sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:19-28 (Spoken Responsively with Lector)

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

24For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

25From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

26The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

28For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation shall sit.

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Diane Dukat

611 HYMN OF THE DAY *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING AND RECOGNITION

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

A brief silence.

A: For all servants of the gospel, for the church throughout the world, and for all who sing the praise and glory of God, that through the gift of faith, all declare the wonderful name of Christ, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For the well-being of creation, for mountains and lakes, for fields and forests, and for plants and animals, that God lift up good stewards to care for the entire earth, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For the nations and their rulers, for aid workers, and for people in war-torn areas, that God raise up leaders and advocates to work for the equality of all, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For all who cry out in need: the hungry and poor, the downtrodden and outcast, the grieving and the sick (*especially - see bulletin page 10*), that all know that God is near and hears their cries, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.

A: For teachers preparing for the upcoming school year, for those who are traveling and absent from worship, and for those who visit our congregation, that God's love lead them in their daily vocations, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For all baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, including those who have died. Confident that we belong to you in life and in death, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*The ministers and the assembly may greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace,
and may say these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

Congregation shall sit.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Please place attendance form in the offering plate.*

“Saint Anne”

(Healy Willan)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

685 OFFERING SONG *“Take My Life, That I May Be”* Stanzas 1 & 4

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God,

C: for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

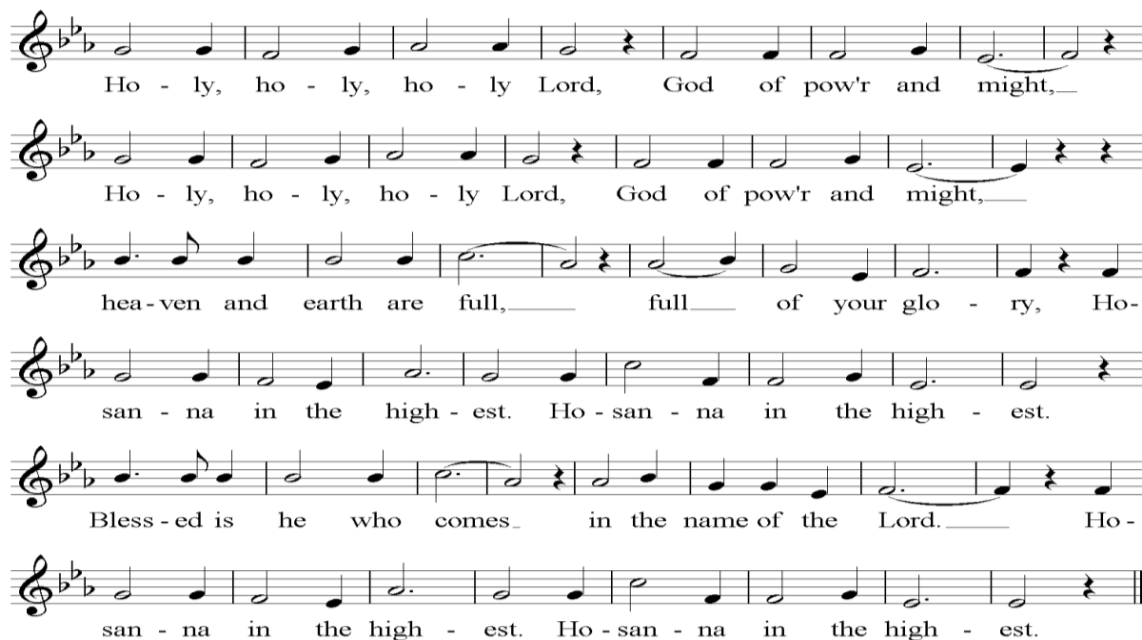
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

hymn 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___

hea - ven and earth are full,___ full___ of your glo - ry, Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord. ___ Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

Congregation shall sit.

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

494 COMMUNION HYMN "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: **Amen.**

As the cross passes, please turn and face the back of the church.

537 SENDING SONG “On Our Way Rejoicing”

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Partita on “Saint Anne” Theme*

(Manz)

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MANY THANKS to *Mark Fuller* for being Guest Organist today.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by *LaDonna Little* in June 24th birthday memories of *Daddy, Don Lilya*.

ETERNAL CANDLE FOR JUNE is given by the *Jerry Anderson Family* in honor of *Jerry's 50th Anniversary* at *First Lutheran* and in thanksgiving for our wonderful church family.

PARENTS' take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week's word: CARE.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Dick Schaeffer (home), Twila Zeigler (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Ann Sanders (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1st Director), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), Tim Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' brother), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Lubers), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Lewis Crawford (Cindy's husband), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgasts), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great-niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardts).

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of *Josephine Harkness*, who died June 9, 2019.
 OUR CONDOLENCES to *Anita Wolgast* on the death of her brother, Gary Torluemke.
 OUR CONDOLENCES to *Lisa Arndt* on the death of her father, Rick Watson.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

10:00 am

Assisting Minister	Diane Dukat
Lector	Catherine Esquibel
Acolyte	Haden Roark
Rail Communion Assistants	Dru & Kori Finney
Presenting the Gifts	The Jackson Family
Council Member Team	Bob Wollin / Ralph Krumins
Altar Guild	Elna Ensley, Jeanie Schuler
Ushers	David & Patricia Drake
North Door Greeters	Carolyn Olson, Nancy Vaughn
South Door Greeters	Scott & Barb Bangert
Coffee Hosts	Kevin Eaton & Lora Carlson
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Bryce & Judy Cripps
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Ron Bessler / Karen Wollin / Dave Krug
Stephen Minister 6/24-30/2019	Maureen "Mo" Krumins

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

June 30th – THIRD PENTECOST

10:00 am

Assisting Minister	Diane Dukat
Lector	Jennifer Carney
Acolyte	Loren Finney
Communion Assistants	Robert Hanna, Scott Schultz
Presenting the Gifts	Ruth Denno, Jeanie Schuler
Council Member Team	Joe Montague / Robert Hanna
Altar Guild	Nancy Vaughn
Ushers	Ted & Elna Ensley
North Door Greeters	Chris & Cindy Lear
South Door Greeters	Liby Family
Coffee Hosts	Ralph & Maureen Krumins
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Bryce & Judy Cripps
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Hope Krug / Nancy Sherbert / Hope Krug
Stephen Minister 7/1-7/2019	George Bales

Topeka High School Historical Society Presents

MUSIC FROM THE TOWER By Jerry Anderson (THS '67)

A CONCERT OF PATRIOTIC MUSIC

Played on the Historical THS Deagan Chimes 800 SW 10th Street

Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.



Every Boundary, Every Time

Luke's gospel offers us a frightening and beautiful glimpse of the kingdom today. Jesus takes a boat across to the other side of the sea, to a land of Gentiles, which is pretty much “the wrong side of the tracks” for a Jewish teacher. But Jesus knows that God's healing love reaches across seas, over religious boundaries, and past political divisions.

The first person Jesus encounters in this foreign land is a man possessed by demons. The man's community has resorted to shackling him for the sake of safety, and his naked and “wild” body imprisons him, ostracizing him from all relationships. But these boundaries are not a hindrance for God: Jesus shows that God's freeing love stands with those on the margins, touches the untouchable, and reaches in where danger lurks.

As we gather for worship today, we bring with us all the labels and boundaries that shackle us. We know just where we fit and, even more so, where we do not fit. We are tired of carrying our demons around, exhausted by the power they have over us and the ways they keep us apart from others. God calls us together to confess this captivity and then to watch as our Lord frees a man who is captive to demons. We confess that Jesus is Lord and trust in the promise that Christ will reach across every boundary, every time, to restore the untouchable, dangerous, and unlovable parts of us.

At the close of worship, someone will invite us to “Go in peace. Share the good news.” Today, after receiving forgiveness, a nourishing word, and a meal of healing and strength for the journey, let us leave here freed once again from that which imprisons us, joyfully declaring how much God has done.

✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

Caring For Kids 1st Summer School Age Childcare Program Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TODAY SECOND OF PENTECOST
STEPHEN MINISTRY RECOGNITION
ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
1:00-5:00 p.m. – Eagle Scout Ceremony (N & PH)

Monday, June 24

PJ at Kansas Interfaith Advocacy Meeting - Lawrence

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. – FLC Book Group Dinner at
Char Taggart's home

6:00-9:00 p.m. – Nave and Lounge in Use

Tuesday, June 25

PJ at Kansas Interfaith Advocacy Meeting - Lawrence

7:00 p.m. – Topeka Lutheran Home Association

Wednesday, June 26

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

6:00 p.m. – Grace Worship (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 27

Pastor Jenny's Day of Reflection

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study at Thornton Place

Friday, June 28 Pastor Jenny's Day Off

Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

Youth Group at Rasmussen Home for cook-out & fun

Sunday, June 30

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

OUTREACH SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. – Patriotic Chimes at THS by Jerry

LESSONS JUNE 29 & 30

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalms 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

USHERS: To provide consistency, a list of usher responsibilities have been developed. Please review and follow the laminated list of usher responsibilities placed on top of the bulletins and/or in the drawer of the table at the back of the sanctuary where the bulletins are placed.

To continue our efforts to increase security at church, the **SECURITY COMMITTEE** has recommended and the **Council** has approved the policy to **lock the outside doors 10 minutes after worship starts and unlock them 10 minutes before worship ends.** The doors are not locked for someone exiting, just to someone entering. The council team members will be in the narthex during worship to recognize if someone needs entrance during worship. This change will take effect **July 7, 2019.**

PARISH NOTICES

The FLC Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that the 2019-2020 **ENDOWMENT FUND \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS** are being awarded to *Madison Liby, Adam Schultz, and Adam Crawford.*

Adam S. is an Eagle Scout, a National Honor Society and Kansas Honor Scholar. He graduated from Seaman High School this spring and plans to attend K-State. **Madison** graduated from Shawnee Heights High School this spring, was active in sports and school clubs, and was selected for the National Honor Society. She plans to attend K-State in the fall. **Adam C.** graduated from Topeka West High School this spring, and plans to attend Washburn University. He has been very active at Doorstep and Harvesters, and has accumulated many credits at Washburn Tech in computer science, which will transfer to Washburn U. All three of our recipients are active in the life and ministry of our church. Please give your congratulations to these fine young members of our church family.

We celebrate **Lydia Peterson**, who has finished her Stephen Ministry training and who we commission in worship this weekend. We also lift up the continued ministry and care offered by all of our **STEPHEN MINISTERS**: Jean Abbe, George Bales, Lowell Chellberg, Diane Dukat, Judy Hedeem, Maureen Krumins, Joyce Mark, Carolyn Olson, Vera Pearce, Carren Reed, Dick Schaeffer, JoAnn Stanley, Sara Welch, and Evelyn Wilson.

What is Stephen Ministry?

STEPHEN MINISTRY is a lay care-giving **ministry** that offers spiritual support and pastoral care. The program teaches laypersons to provide one-on-one care for individuals who request support. The confidential care-giver and care-receiver relationship, usually conducted by weekly visits, may continue for months or years. Stephen Ministers are compassionate listeners who create trusting relationships with their care receivers.

Our congregation has had Stephen Ministry as a vital part of our pastoral care for almost 4 decades.

Training for new Stephen Ministers happens every year. Our Stephen Ministry leaders are Diane Dukat and Pastor Jenny. Leaders recruit and train new Stephen Ministers.

We ask that you pray for this ministry of our congregation. Please pray for our Stephen Ministers that provide Christ-centered care. Please pray for those in our church in need of care, that they welcome a Stephen Minister into their time of trial. And, please pray for those who are considering if training to become a Stephen Minister is for them.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY GRACE WORSHIP

ALL ARE INVITED to Come and Worship Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This is a service unique from our weekend worship and provides a different atmosphere. This worship is a wonderful service for folks busy on the weekends, for folks wanting to bring friends to church for the first time, for families with wiggly kids, and for all who need to stop mid-week to pray, worship, and be renewed by God's promises and community. Invite your friends as we look forward to this new opportunity to reach more in our community.



SUMMER MUSICAL OFFERINGS



We have so many in our congregation with musical gifts to share. Please consider sharing your gifts during worship, especially during the summer **10:00 a.m. worship services**. Please contact **Mark Fuller** (554-3849) or the church office (272-5302) with the **NEEDED INFORMATION**: your name, if playing an instrument or singing, and the date(s) you'd like to share your God given talents. ***"Music is a fair and glorious gift from God" - Martin Luther***



2020 ESTES PARK TRIP



Wowzers!!! Over 50 (!) friends are going to Estes Park in July 2020! If you have any interest in joining us, please contact LaVerne Engelhardt ASAP at 785-845-7110.

A NEWSLETTER FROM OUR **MISSIONARY IN RUSSIA, REV. BRADN BUERKLE**
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