

Do you  
think that  
I have  
come to  
bring peace  
to the  
earth?

LUKE 12:51

**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

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HOLY COMMUNION, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING TEN

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

AUGUST 17 & 18, 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** “Trumpet Voluntary”

*(J. Travers, 1703-1758)*

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

## CHIMES

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**C: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and father of all.** (Ephesians 4:4)

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for Lake Shawnee and Lake Sherwood, the Kansas River and various water ways.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

**C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

## 812 GATHERING SONG "Faith of Our Fathers"

### 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.**

### SONG OF PRAISE "Come, Let Us Join"

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- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Congregation shall sit.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORIAL

See Bulletin Page 12

### (5:00) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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(5:00) **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.*

# WORD

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

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 82**      *(Spoken Responsively with Lector)*

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**<sup>2</sup>"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

**<sup>4</sup>rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**<sup>6</sup>Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

**<sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-35**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

<sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

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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P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.     C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.     C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation shall sit.

## NOISY OFFERING

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## 666 HYMN OF THE DAY "What Wondrous Love Is This"

## HERITAGE MEMBER RECOGNITION – Gary & Jeani Anderson

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**(10:00) 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: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: O God, you have given us your word. Like a fire, kindle its flame within and among us. Empower us for the work of breaking down walls, reconciling the divided, and building faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You formed the furthest reaches of the universe, yet your spirit dwells within each life. Be the companion and keeper of every creature, and redeem all your creation in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You rise up to rule the nations. Bless grassroots movements and guide elected officials. Teach the nations to be good neighbors to each other. Inspire us all to share food, land, knowledge, and our arts for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You rescue those in any need. Be with surgeons, nurses, and all medical personnel who care for the sick (*especially - see bulletin page 11*). Shelter all who need homes and feed all who are hungry. Comfort those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.*

A: We thank you for the friendship, community, and witness of those gathered here today. Send us out to welcome those estranged from family or experiencing difficult separations. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Be with us in the tragedies and troubles of this world, and join us and all the saints with Christ in perfect joy. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**(10:00) 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.*

**OFFERING VOLUNTARY** *"Toccatina for Flutes"*

*(C. Tambling)*

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

## 182 OFFERING SONG "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

### 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 - ered 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

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY “*What Wondrous Love Is This?*”

(arr. A.C. Whitworth)

**759** COMMUNION HYMN “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

*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.**

**669** SENDING SONG “*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*”

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on “Festal Song”*

(M. Burkhardt)

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## WELCOMED INTO THE CHURCH FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM ON SATURDAY:

*Tyson Ryan Hunley* his parents are **Travis & Brandi** and his sponsors are his great-grandparents,  
Tom & Mary Bulkley.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by *Arnie Mueller* in memory of *Lisa*, daughter and sister.

**ETERNAL CANDLE FOR AUGUST** is given by *Cindy Crawford* in memory of her dad, *John Blattner*.

**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: EARTH.**

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

Tahira Schmidt & baby Ryland (Stormont-Vail Hospital), Phillip Sanders (home), Martha Donohoe (home), Betty Nelson (Lexington Park Rehab), Mark Fuller (home), Pat Wild (home), Twila Zeigler (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Ann Sanders (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (Kelly House), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Director), Susan Berry (co-worker of Dick Schaeffer), Shirley Taylor (Linda Harold's cousin), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), 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), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgasts), 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 *Tom Remmel*, who passed away August 1, 2019. A private family service was held last week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Alan & Tahira Schmidt*, on the August 13<sup>th</sup> birth of their son, *Ryland Curtis Schmidt*.

**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 took effect July 7, 2019.





## **TRANSFERRED TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

**THOMAS DAVID REMMEL**

**February 6, 1929 – August 1, 2019**

P: May our Lord be praised, who gave his life on Calvary that we might live forever.

**C: We offer our thanks to Jesus Christ, who has prepared a place for Thomas.**

P: And now He has taken him to be with Him.

**C: Our faithful God, we thank you.**

P: "Come to me," said Jesus, "and I will give you rest."

**C: Let these words be a help to those who mourn.**

P: Remind us all of your gracious promises.

**C: Assure us of your concern for us, and your power to help in every need.**

**Hymn 619: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" Stanzas 1 and 8**

P: Thank you, Lord, for Tom Rimmel, for his baptism into your family.

Thank you for giving him strength to handle the pains and problems of life.

Thank you for the example of Christ-like love and service he set for his family, for his friends, and for us at First Lutheran.

Lord, help us to appreciate what you have done for him and also for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

May Jesus always be a comfort to us.

**C: Amen.**

**LAY MINISTERS TODAY****10:00 am**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Ralph Krumins
<b>Lector</b>	Robert Hanna
<b>Acolyte</b>	Madison Price
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Ruth Denno, Maureen Krumins
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Byron & Sara Welch
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Ted Ensley / Anita Wolgast
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen & Bob Wollin
<b>Ushers</b>	Marvin & Penny Boleski
<b>North Door Greeters</b>	Alan & Anne Hageman
<b>South Door Greeters</b>	Byron & Sara Welch
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	John & Kim Rasmussen
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Joe Montague, Leslie Malone
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Sherrie Petersen / Dawn Graham / Sherrie Petersen
<b>Stephen Minister 8/19-25/2019</b>	Sara Welch

**LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK****August 25<sup>th</sup> – Eleventh Pentecost****10:00 am**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jeff Montague
<b>Lector</b>	Denny Payne
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Schultz
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	David & Patricia Drake
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Ted & Elna Ensley
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Eileen Caspers / Allison Hitch
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elna Ensley, Jeanie Schuler
<b>Ushers</b>	Chris & Cindy Lear
<b>North Door / South Door Greeters</b>	Carolyn Olson / Ruth Denno, Anita Nelson
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Montague Family
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Leon & Lisa Arndt
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Ron Bessler / Nancy Sherbert / Ron Bessler
<b>Stephen Minister 8/26-9/1/2019</b>	Jean Abbe

**Pastor Bob Dealey** is offering a six-session class entitled “**AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**” on **Monday mornings**, from 10:00–11:30 a.m., beginning **September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Class participants will receive a general overview of the Old Testament and some Bible study resources to encourage more in-depth study.

If you are interested in exploring your sense of vocation as a Christian, you are invited to attend an eight-session class entitled “**ON A MISSION FROM GOD**”, which will be offered on **Tuesday nights**, beginning **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Class members will also explore different ways in which they can live out their faith throughout their daily lives.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER**, please contact Pastor Bob Dealey by phone at (785) 272-5302 or by email at [Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net). Thank you.

## † IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK †

**TODAY TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
HERITAGE MEMBER SUNDAY**

**8:30 a-2:30 p. -RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

**Monday, August 19**

CDO Staff Returns

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Troop 175 (PH)

**Tuesday, August 20**

6:30-7:30 p.m. – CDO Parent Orientation (PH)

**Wednesday, August 21**

First Volunteers at Let's Help

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

6:00 p.m. – WELCA Picnic (PH)

6:00 p.m. – Read, Pray, Sing Gathering (Chapel)

**Thursday, August 22**

Pastor Jenny's Day of Reflection

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

**Friday, August 23**

Pastor Jenny's Day Off

Time TBD - Toy Story 4 Movie at Theater

8:30-11:00 p.m. – Youth Painting Party (YR)

**Saturday, August 24**

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

**Sunday, August 25**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. – Sunday School Teacher Training

### *LESSONS AUGUST 24 & 25*

Isaiah 58:9b-14    Psalm 103:1-8    Hebrews 12:18-29    Luke 13:10-17

## PARISH NOTICES



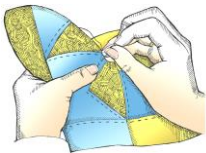
**Women of First Lutheran Church join your WELCA friends  
for a SUMMER PICNIC & SOCIAL**

to celebrate the success of our past year and prepare for the next year!

Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.

Invite a friend to enjoy the event with you!

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**



**WHAT-SEW-EVER** has work sessions **EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING (9:00 a.m. to Noon)** to increase **PRODUCTION OF THE QUILTS** created for Lutheran World Relief (shipped out in November) and other service agencies in Topeka. You are welcome to join in the fun while providing warmth for those in need. If you have questions, call Carolyn Olson at 272-6428.

**FRIENDLY FACES NEEDED TO WELCOME OUR CDO KIDS**

Our **Children's Day Out** will have their annual **VISITING DAY** on **August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 - 3:00 p.m.** this is the day before classes start. As a ministry of our church, we support the children, parents, and staff in various ways. We will welcome families and distribute snacks in the Parish Hall on this day. **If you would like to sign up for a 2 hour time to welcome families, contact Julie Lamott at 272-5999.**



# September 8<sup>th</sup> is RALLY DAY



## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:40 Adult Education

10:00 Worship

11:15 RALLY DAY POTLUCK!

Following the worship service, Let's Eat!!! and celebrate the start of another year of Faith Formation in the church. **People with last names A - G bring a salad, H - P bring a dessert, and Q - Z bring a protein dish to share.** There will be games for kids AND adults.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We will meet at 11:15, following worship for faith formation and fun.

**Classes will begin September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Sunday School is offered for children in Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

On the first Sunday of each month, we will have **ALPHA**, Children's Worship. Children and youth will gather in their regular class and then go to our indoor or outdoor chapel, weather permitting. **Our first Alpha will be October 6<sup>th</sup> with a stuffed animal blessing.** Kids can bring their favorite stuffed animal and one (or more) to give away to kids in our community.



## NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>



Starting on Rally Sunday, George Bales will lead an adult Bible study called **"Responding to God's Grace"**. The goals of this study are to help participants reflect on God's intentions in creating the world, human beings, and the human community and to consider what it means to be created "in the image of God". **Classes will be held in Room 204 starting at 8:40 a.m.**

On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, a second class will start using the book **"WHY? Making Sense Of God's Will"** by Adam Hamilton. It will be **offered at 8:40** and the location is TBD.

## We look forward to another year of growing together in faith!



Blooms of red, orange, yellow, white, pink, and violet **MUMS** will be available for pickup on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 and 11:30 AM** in the Parish Hall at FLC. The price per pot will be **\$6.50**. **Place your order with Cindy Lear** at [cwlear@prodigy.net](mailto:cwlear@prodigy.net) or call 271-0140 by **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you for your continued support of the **BETHANY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**.

## A Gospel of Division

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! . . . Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!” (Luke 12:49, 51). Jesus’ words in today’s gospel seem far different from the message of compassion and love we expect from him. Jesus shows us God’s boundless love, but this is a message that provoked conflict. The message of Jesus led to his death at the hands of the religious and political authorities. His disciples feared the same fate—not without reason.

By choosing to become followers of Jesus, early Christians might have found themselves going against their own parents, siblings, or children. The Christian community became a new family, united as adopted children of God and siblings of Christ. Today, although faith and familial relationships exist in harmony for a large number of Christians in North America, the message of Jesus is still a source of division and conflict because of what the gospel calls us to do.

Jesus calls us into a kingdom unlike any of the kingdoms of this world. We are called to pursue justice for all people, to care for those on the margins, to seek God’s will before our own. Jesus’ message conflicts with our common cultural messages, which tell us to seek our own profit at others’ expense, to look out for our own but not for those who are different. In a world that glorifies self-promotion and self-sufficiency, our Lord calls us to love.

Jesus did not come to bring a comfortable gospel. He came to bring a challenging gospel, one that calls us to oppose the powers of this world that harm, exclude, and instill hate. Following this gospel might even set us in opposition to our own friends and family. But the message Jesus brings is a message of salvation and of love for all people—and sometimes that requires taking a stand.

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