Order of Worship for Sunday, August 22, 2021 13th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

Gathering

*Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness (on screen)

"You Are the Way" #758

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (page 199 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 34:15-22 (on screen)

Ephesians 6:10-20 (page 172 NT in pew Bible)

- * Gospel Acclamation pg. 142
 - * Gospel: John 6:56-69 (page 86 NT in pew Bible)
 (after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)
 (response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Message

- "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" #492
- * Statement of Faith—Apostles' Creed pg. 105

- * Offering/Offertory
- * Prayers
- * Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace

Sending

Benediction
"On Our Way Rejoicing" #537
Dismissal and Bell

In today's service:

Ushering: Al Harris, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Acolytes: Isabel & Lydia Fynboh Lector: Elizabeth Harris

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV Slides: Steve Just

Next Week's service—August 29:

Ushering: Dick Smith, Linda Holland

& Karen Bolling

Acolytes: Sarah & Shannon Dougherty

Lector: Mike Odello Video: Kyle Dougherty TV Slides: Ward Voorhees

Remember in your prayers

Family and friends of Lauretta Andreasen, June Reynolds on the death of her mother, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, terrorism and violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Pastor Alex LaChappelle serving as a pastor of Nairobi International Lutheran in Kenya, Africa. Note: you may honor a loved one and support Pastor LaChapelle in Kenya. Contact the church office for information.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- **Coffee Hour** will be serving each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you can help out, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.
- **Pre-Order Pie Sale Deadline** is Wednesday, September 1st. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex and in our August newsletter.
- **School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief** are being collected. Donations can be dropped off in the collection box located in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office. A list of supplies needed is printed in the August newsletter.
- **Burgers, Beverages and Blessings** meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Fireside in Morris. Join us....all are welcome!
- **KMRS Radio Broadcast** available date is November 21. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one.
- **Baby Blanket Ministry** There is a need for more baby blankets for our baptismal baby blanket ministry. Blankets can be sewn or crocheted, and are needed for both boys and girls (gender neutral blankets work great too!) Blankets can be dropped off at the church office.
- **Donate with Venmo!** You can quickly and easily make donations to First Lutheran through Venmo. Not familiar with Venmo? (it's a safe and easy way to transfer money) Check out and download the app on your smart phone (available for Android and Apple) and then search for "FirstLutheranChurch MorrisMN".
- **Stevens County Food Shelf** supplies a 5-day emergency or supplemental food package to residents of Stevens County. There is no fee for this service, but clients must provide proof of residency. The food shelf welcomes people's donations of food to support our community. Monetary donations are also very helpful in purchasing food supplies. The Food Shelf is located on the corner of 7th Street and Iowa Ave. and their hours are: Mondays: 2:30-3:30pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:30-11:30am, Thursdays: 5:30-6:30pm. You can reach the food shelf at 320.589.7436.
- **Soap Drive—Lutheran World Relief** Commercially wrapped soap needed! This soap is used over-seas for schools, hospitals, clinics, households and refugee camps. This is an ongoing drive, so please continue to donate. A collection basket is located on the table in the lower Narthex area.



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this week at First

TODAY, Aug 22		Worship Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
Mon., Aug 23	_	No events scheduled
Tues., Aug 24		Pastor's Text Study Newsletter Articles Due
Wed., Aug 25	6:30pm	Burgers, Beverages & Blessings at Fireside
Thurs., Aug 26	8:30am	Share & Care (Quilting group)
Fri., Aug 27	12:00pm	Friedman's Fables Study (Gathering Room)
Sat., Aug 28	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Aug 29	9:30am	Worship

10:30am Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall