Order of Worship for Sunday, June 13, 2021 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Gathering

*Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

- * Confession & Forgiveness pg, 94
- * "How Small Our Span of Life" #636
- * Greeting
- * Prayer of the Day

Word

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (pg. 740 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (on screen)

- 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (pg. 159 NT in pew Bible)
- * Gospel Acclamation
- * Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 (pg. 33 NT in pew Bible)

 (after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)

(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Message

"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord" #580

* Statement of Faith

Offering/Offertory

- * Prayers
- * Sharing the Peace

Sending

Announcements
Benediction

"Build Us Up, Lord" #670

Dismissal and Bell

In today's service:

Ushering: Bob Heck,

Karen Bolling, Tim Grove Acolytes: Madelyn Grove

& Jazlynn Hilbrands

Lector: Allyn Plattner

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV Slides: Steve Wagner

Next Week's service—June 20:

Ushering: Al Harris, Paul Grove,

Scott Staples

Acolytes: Sam & Isaac Just

Lector: Lindy Ekola

Communion: Sandy Grove

Video: Dave Jungst TV Slides: Steve Just

Remember in your prayers

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

Vacation Bible School will be held from July 26-30 at Faith Lutheran Church from 8:30am to 12:00pm for Pre-school through 5th grade. Sign-up on-line at www.myvbs.org/FaithLutheran. We also need volunteers! Crew Leaders (to lead the groups from session to session), Teachers (to teach lessons), Music Leaders, Snack Preps and help decorating the church. You can sign up to volunteer on the same on-line link, or contact Jeanne Williamson for more information.

Burgers, Beverages and Blessing meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Fireside in Morris. Join us....all are welcome!

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon on TODAY at the Old #1 Southside. This venue allows for social distancing. Order lunch off the menu and enjoy an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones who are also experiencing life as a widow/widower. No need to RSVP. For questions call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home 320-589 -3220.

KMRS Radio Broadcast available dates are: August 22, October 24, November 21, December 24. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

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) or check out their website at www.venco.com.

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 lowa 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.



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this week at First

TODAY 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Mon., June 14 — No events scheduled

Tues., June 15 11:00am Pastor's Text Study

Wed., June 16 — No events scheduled

Thurs., June 17 — No events scheduled

Fri., June 18 12:00pm Friedman's Fables (in Gathering Room)

Sat., June 19 — No events scheduled

Sun., June 20 8:40am Choir Rehearsal

9:30am Worship