

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Today**                    **September 3**  
9:30am –Worship w-communion - Sanctuary

**Monday**                **September 4**                **Labor Day**  
**Church Office Closed today**  
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

**Tuesday**              **September 5**  
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room  
9:45am – Deborah Circle – Community Room  
10:00am – Caregiver Support/Respite @ HOH  
1:00pm – Esther Circle – Community Room  
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
7:00pm – Altar Guild – Sacristy & Sanctuary  
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW  
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

**Wednesday September 6**  
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room  
12:00pm – Pr.'s Text Study – Courtyard / Conference Room  
6:00pm – Bell Choir – Chapel & Music Room  
6:30pm – Garden Club - Courtyard  
7:00pm – Chancel Choir – Music Room

**Thursday**             **September 7**  
9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room  
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH

**Friday**                **September 8**  
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

**Saturday**            **September 9**  
9:00am – SDA  
10:00am – Crafters – Community Room

### PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

#### **Please pray for:**

Linda Van Ryn	Myrtle Keniston	Bruce Vratisovsky
Don Bakke	Lauretta Welter	Barb Babine
Rennel Rice	Mary Fickling	Jan Johnson
Kay Fuglie	Juanita Hanson	Jared Kubly
Ron Townsend		

Have you remembered First Lutheran Church in your will? Do you have living will or health care directive?  
Consider discussing these questions with your family and family attorney.

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## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CRYSTAL**

7708 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

**September 3, 2017**

9:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### A NOTE OF WELCOME TO VISITORS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Visitors, we are happy you are here today! If you are a first time visitor, please visit the Welcome Center in the entry way of the church. Pastor Folkerts or another member would be happy to follow-up with you on any questions you have about First Lutheran Church of Crystal. You may also find us on the web at: [www.firstlucoc.org](http://www.firstlucoc.org)

ASL (American Sign Language) translation is available two Sundays each month. Please call the church office for more information.

#### **Today's theme:**

Veterans of WWII were known for understating their service. When asked how they dealt with the difficulties they often replied, "We simply had a job to do." These times also have presented us with 'a job to do' and the task ahead can seem daunting and often impossible. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus sees the task ahead and refuses to back away from what is required. His faith changed the course of history. Our task may not be as great as his, but calling is the same. Faith will lead us to accomplish what God hopes for.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH**

Romans 12:9-21 pgs. 922, 923 pew Bible

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*right column*) p. 94

**OPENING HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" (Vs. 1 & 4) ELW # 864

**GREETING AND KYRIE** p. 184

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This is the Feast" pg. 187

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** "The Lord be with you" "And also with you."

*Let us pray, God of hope, Lord of faith,*

**Bring forth in us the faith to accept the challenges of our time as a holy calling. Grant us wisdom for the choices we must make, courage to face our fears, and grace to live beyond our prejudices. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "We Are Marching in the Light" ELW # 866

(*We sing vs.1 & 2 before the message and vs.3 & 4 after the message*)

#### **MISSION MINUTE**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

pg. 798 pew Bible

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Come Down, O Love Divine"  
(Vs. 1, 2, 4)

ELW # 804

## APOSTLES' CREED

## PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE

## WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERING** "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutte

Mike Hazledine

**SONG OF THANKSGIVING** "Let the Whole Creation Cry"  
(Vs. 1 & 3)

ELW # 876

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION** "Lamb of God"

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ELW # 597 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW # 733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW # 744 "Lord, Be Glorified"

## BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SENDING SONG** "Bring Forth the Kingdom"  
(Vs. 1 & 4)

Gather # 658

## DISMISSAL

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### Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants

Deacon	Kirsten Kessel
Music Director	Martha Otto Honer, M.S.
Organist	Dr. Desiderius Klempay
Cantor	Mike Hazledine
Lector	Gloria Kubly
Ushers	Lyn Sanderson, Adam & Zach Hogenson, Andy & Shelly Hogenson
Sound	Jean Brannick
Projectionist	Karen Hogenson
Announcer	Marcia Callender

First Lutheran Church of Crystal and the Minneapolis Area Synod  
work together so that all experience:  
Gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community  
and live in just and healthy neighborhoods.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given today by Gene & Molly Enfield in celebration of their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Our ministry leads the congregation in uplifting and heartfelt music at the 9:30am worship services twice a month. The Chancel Choir rehearses in the music room at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings beginning this **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Handbells will also begin on **September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the Chapel. All are welcome no matter your skill level. We will teach you. Come have some fun! If you have questions, please contact Janet Howe (763) 420-9101.

### FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

There is a sign-up sheet for Families Moving Forward on the Welcome Desk. The scheduled days for FLCC are: **Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. We need 3 or 4 evening hosts and 1 or 2 overnight hosts for these days. For more details about this important program, please see Deacon Kirsten.

### ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual "Fall Festival Classic" golf tournament is at the New Hope Golf Course on **Saturday, September 30, 2017**. Sign-up to play golf. Tee Times are 10:00am & 12:30pm. Cost is \$30 per golfer/\$120 per team of four. Raffle tickets for this event are \$5 each. Proceeds will support missions of the church. Please email Alida Adams at [alida\\_adams@rdale.org](mailto:alida_adams@rdale.org) or call Barry Dickson at 763-442-7362 for details. Thanks.

### SENIOR MINISTRY

The Senior Ministry will be going to the Plymouth Playhouse on **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** to see "The Looney Lutherans in: Livin' La Vida Lutheran!" We will meet at FLCC at 11:00am to carpool. Cost is \$31.00 per person and includes lunch and play. Make checks payable to House of Hope. Payment and sign-up is **due by September 18<sup>th</sup>**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

### A SPECIAL FUNDRAISER

As most of you know, Bruce Vratisovsky (*a member of our church family*) has been ill for quite some time and is unable to work and do daily tasks we all take for granted. A fundraiser for Bruce will be held on **September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 6:00pm** at the Crystal VFW on Bass Lake Road. Stop in for a meal & beverage. A portion of the funds collected will help with Bruce's medical expenses. Thank you.

### WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathies to Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt whose father passed away recently. If you would like to send a sympathy card to the family, please send it to: Pr. Nirmala Reinschmidt, 5251 – 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

### NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers and to those who worked so hard to make the Celebration of Life service for Carol Pettis so beautiful. Our family has received many compliments about how warm and wonderful our "church family" has been to us during this difficult time. We are so blessed!

*Earl Pettis, Jean Brannick & Linda Sullivan*