Isaiah’s Vineyard Song
November 16 & 17, 2019

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Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW 834

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Prayer of the Day
Loving God, you have searched your people for evidence of goodness, the way that fruit is sought in a vineyard. Send your Spirit to cleanse our hearts that our lives may reflect your love and your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Chancel Choir (Sunday) Fear Not, O Land by Edward Elgar
Children’s Sermon (Sunday)
Reading Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5 pew Bible p. 621
“The word of the Lord” Response: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation Hallelujah ELW 172
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Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.
Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn Comfort, Comfort, Now My People ELW 256
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Prayers of the People
Offering
Offertory Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ELW 884
The Lord’s Supper
Lord’s Prayer (sung)
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever! Amen.

Communion Beautiful Savior ELW 838
The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502
Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW 697

Benediction
Closing Song All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! (1-3, 6) ELW 634
Postlude
Today’s radio broadcast is sponsored by John & Bonny Doyle in memory of their parents.

**Prayer List:** John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Vi Thomasson, Val Krogstad, Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Jenifer Klein’s sister, Carla, Al Evers, Oliver Navarrete (great grandson of Harlen & Dorothy Barck), Lori Folk, Jeanette Meyer (mother of Steve Meyer), Brian Brandt, Jim Abel, Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jan Maeyaert-Hansen, Lenore Haug (mother of Carolyn Fuller), Duane Larsen (father of Jeff Larsen), Beverly Willhite (mother of Judy Miller), Norm Schoephoerster, Jim Valentin’s sister, Margaret.

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**Sunday November 17**
8:30-11:30am Dad’s Belgian Waffles
8:30am & 10:45am Worship
9:30am TLC
9:45am 3 for Heaven’s Sake

**Monday November 18**
1:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Beginning Experience
Tuesday November 19
9:00am Prairie Conference Gathering - various churches
9:00am Senior Coffee

Wednesday November 20
Parish Visitor Articles Due
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
10:45am Staff Meeting
2:30pm TLC
5:15pm Worship
6:00pm G3
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm HS Bible Study
7:00pm Junior High Alive
7:00pm Little League
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday November 21
3:00pm Serve Esther’s Kitchen

Friday November 22
7:00am Grub Club at HyVee
3:00pm Junior High Youth Gathering

Saturday November 23
5:30pm Worship - Weets Baptism

Sunday November 24
Stewardship Sunday
8:30am & 10:45am Worship
9:30am TLC

News & Notes

First Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:15pm, Saturday, November 16 at 5:30pm, and Sunday, November 17 at 8:30am & 10:45am Worship Services. All 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time. Come and join us as we celebrate with the following First Lutheran 5th Grade students receiving The Lord’s Supper for the first time and/or receiving their First Communion Milestone:
Marley Alberts
Bradley Guggisberg
Jaden Padfield
Kolby Anderson
Jaylen Koster
Gage Pederson
Ethan Boeck
Madisyn Linder
Kezlyn Pinckney
Wyatt Brockberg

Jodie Sprik
Madison Gehrke
Jayden Miller
Cora Maxwell
Ahnya Schlenner
Keynan Coequyt
Jayden Meister
Jackson Siroyv
Noah Frazee
Tate Mellenthin

Dad’s Belgian Waffle Fundraiser: TODAY from 8:30 am to 11:30am
The First Lutheran Education Committee will be sponsoring this event with the proceeds going toward the First Lutheran Education Program. Tickets are $8.00 at the door. Children 5 and under eat free. Carry-out plates available. Come and enjoy these mammoth size waffles, delicious toppings, sausage, and a beverage along with wonderful fellowship and a chance to see the newly remodeled kitchen; all while supporting a great cause!
The Kitchen Committee would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped bring the kitchen-remodeling project to its completion. Whether you gave financially and/or with your time and talents, your help did not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated! The kitchen looks amazing and will serve us well for many years. Dad’s Belgian Waffles are being served today as a kick-off to show everyone the finished product – so please make sure to stop down and check it out! Thank you again to everyone!!

The Stewardship Committee would like to invite the congregation to a Time, Talents and Treasures Celebration between services on Sunday, November 24th in the Fellowship Hall. The Stewardship Committee will be serving the coffee and donuts during this time of fellowship, thanksgiving and reflection. Please join us in saying thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and talents and to reflect on our current and future financial commitments to First Lutheran Church.

Hy-Vee Cards available for Purchase! The Senior High Youth will be selling Hy-Vee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have $50 cards and $100 cards. The youth will receive 5% of the money. Everyone needs groceries or gas, and it’s money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Proceeds will go toward the 2020 High Adventures Trip to Washington. They can be purchased in the office or between services on Sunday mornings.

Those signed up for the Synod Junior High Youth Gathering in Willmar: we will leave from the church parking lot at 3pm on November 22nd. Plans are to be home on Saturday by 1pm. See you then!

ADVENT CANDLES will be available at First Lutheran again for families. This festive 12” tall taper artfully displays 24 numbers detailed in red and green to represent each day of advent. Each day your family can light the candle and watch one day melt away as visit together about your days. It’s simple, faith-filled, and easy to have this activity become a tradition in your household. The candles will be available to you Wednesday Nov 20, and the weekend of November 23/24! Questions? Just ask Tonya. Please, one per family.

Along with the Advent candles, First Lutheran will be passing out REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR BAGS. Instead of receiving a treat every day counting down through the season of Advent, we’re going to put something in a bag for people who make use of the FOOD SHELF. Every day you’re invited to add something practical for a family to use like food items or personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soaps, etc. (As part of your devotions, you could add the item to the bag after you light the advent candle?!) The month after Christmas gets very busy at the food shelf so any items will be greatly appreciated! On or after December 26th, your family can bring your bag to the Kitchen Table-Marshall Food Shelf at 1400 S Saratoga.
Think of the blessings:
- It’s a great and different way for your family to give as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.
- It will make you feel good knowing that you’re doing something for another family.
- And it will be a wonderful field trip for your kids to see what the Food Shelf is all about. If you can’t make it to the Food Shelf, simply drop off your full bag at First Lutheran and we’ll make sure that it gets delivered.

If any of your college aged sons or daughters will be home over Thanksgiving Break, please let Tonya know if they can help in some way with the services that weekend! Thanks much! It’s always so fun to see them home and reconnect!!

**First Lutheran night at Loaves & Fishes - Esther's Kitchen** will be Thursday, Nov 21st. There is a sign-up sheet on the church website - click on serving schedules on the right hand side of the page, or sign up in the Narthex. We will be volunteering every 3rd Thursday of the month at Esther’s Kitchen.

**The Marshall Ministerial Thanksgiving Service** will be at Christ United Presbyterian on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00pm. The offering goes to the MAMA Transient Fund.

**Heart to Heart Tree** is set up in the Narthex. This ministry offers children in our area the opportunity to celebrate a joyous Christmas. There are tags on the tree with either a boy or girl name along with an age bracket to purchase a gift. There are also envelopes for you make a monetary donation. You can place the envelope in the offering plate or leave at the church office. Bring your unwrapped gifts back and place under the tree by December 6th. Thank you in advance for your support for the families in our area.

**Short-term Funeral Co-Coordinator Needed** - First Lutheran Women’s Board is looking for someone interested in becoming a Funeral Co-Coordinator for January 1 to March 31, 2020. When a death in the church occurs, the co-coordinator is contacted by the family and assists them with planning for and serving the reception following a funeral service. Co-Coordinators contact the caterer, workers for serving, and assist with all reception details. If anyone has questions or is interested in this important ministry, contact Shirley Anderson-Porisch (507-828-1945) or Kim Christianson (507-530-2301).

**Many First Lutheran members are Thrivent members**: If you are, did you know that you have benefits that can be put to work for First Lutheran Church. Each year every Thrivent benefit member has access to 2 Thrivent Action Teams. Thrivent Action Teams provide $250.00 grants for each Thrivent Action Team. This money can be used for seed money for the many projects going on here at First Lutheran. The church office can be contacted for projects. If you are unsure how to apply the office staff can be of assistance. In addition to Thrivent Action Teams, some benefit Members are given Thrivent Choice dollars. In the past you only needed to designate where you would like the Choice Dollars to go once, now you are required to do so every year. You must designate the previous years
Dollars by March 31 of the following year, i.e. 2019 dollars must be designated by March 31, 2020. First Lutheran uses these dollars for worthy projects within the church. To designate dollars you can either access your account at Thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice.

**First Lutheran Women’s Annual Christmas Tea** “Come, Fill Your Cup” Saturday, December 7th at 10:30am. Tickets: $8.00 Speaker is Julie Clark Lingen - the founder of The Inspirational coffee club and will be speaking on the 12 ‘Ground Rules’ for life. John 10:10 says: “I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full.” We are called to live life to the fullest, but instead it often feels like we pour everything out to others, leaving ourselves empty. We can’t pour from an empty cup—we need to fill our own cup up or we’ll have nothing to give anyone. We can never truly be the woman God desires unless we take time to fill our own cup. Julie will help us with tips to re-fill our cups and get refreshed and re-inspired for life.

Tickets will be available for sale beginning November 13th. They will also be available from the church office. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to Come, Fill Your Cup.

**Poinsettias can be ordered through the church** again this year! If you’d like to help decorate the sanctuary, please drop off or send your payment of $12.00 along with the information below. All donations and dedications are due in the church office by December 1.

Given in honor of ________________________________

OR

Given in memory of ________________________________

By________________________________________________________


**Today’s Readings**

**Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5**

5 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

4What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

11 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

“The word of the Lord”

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

**John 15:1-11**

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. 9As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Response after the announcement: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Response after the reading: *Praise to you, O Christ.*