

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activity	Location
Sunday 9/17/2023	
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation	
10:30 a.m. Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m. Bells	Music Room
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Monday 9/18/2023	
12:00 p.m. Quilt Group	Quilt Room
6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Tuesday 9/19/2023	Bulletin Deadline
9:00 a.m. SHOP Group	Gallery
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
11:00 a.m. Adult Education Class	Gallery/Zoom
11:30 a.m. Muskegon County Garden Club	Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Lisa's Tech Class	Gallery
3:00 p.m. Burnished Brass Practice	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir	Music Room
7:30 p.m. Band	Music Room
8:00 p.m. Lion's Club Board Meeting	Gallery
9:30 p.m. Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 9/20/2023	
9:00 a.m. Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Kids' Music	Music Room
6:05 p.m. Bible Study	Gallery
7:00 p.m. Confirmation	
Thursday 9/21/2023	
12:00 p.m. Bible Study	Zoom
6:00 p.m. Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Group Staying Here	
7:00 p.m. Cardio Drumming	Outside
Friday 9/22/2023	
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 9/23/2023	

"Bless the LORD,
O my soul, and all
that is within me."
(Psalm 103:1)

16 Pentecost
Thursday, September 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 17, 2023
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

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THOSE WHO SERVE 9/17

Assisting Minister	Bert Goodman
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.	Paul Becker
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mary Schoonover, Stan Daszko
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ryan Legard
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Diane Kroll, Sharon Genter
	Stan Daszko
	Laura Lucht
Junior Church	Eva Backus, Joel Westerholm
Song Leaders	Nate Johnston
Sound System	Erin Schmitz, Jean Boxer
Information Station	Diana Duell, Sandra Fluharty
Counters	Lisa Le
Communion Bread	Lisa Le
Communion Set-Up	Lisa Le
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	1st on 2nd Quilt Group
Coffee Hour Host	

THOSE WHO SERVE 9/24

Assisting Minister	21st-Steve Smith	24th-Joel Dulyea
Lector Sun 10:30 a.m.		Joe Dick
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Diane Madej, Bert Goodman	Open
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Joe Dick, Larry Bringedahl	Ben Werling
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.		Susan Besteman
		Phil Sielski, Mike Sweet
		Nate Johnston
Junior Church	Robin Policka, Joanne Johnson	
Song Leaders	Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins	
Sound System		Carl Luther
Information Station		Mary Will
Counters		Pat Westjohn
Communion Bread		Bev Uetrict, Liam
Communion Set-Up		
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.		
Coffee Hour Host		

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading	Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm	Psalm 145:1-8
Second Reading	Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel Reading	Matthew 20:1-16

Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer

Song "How Great Thou Art" #856 (red)

Benediction/Dismissal/Postlude

"Hymn of Praise" (v.1)

Refrain



[C] We live for the praise of your glo - ry, your glo - ry that fills _
_ ev - ery heav - en - ly place. _ We live for the praise of your
glo - ry, and sing to your glo - ri - ous grace. *Fine*

1. God of pow'r and glo - ry, cre - a - tor of all things, so
in - fi-nite your wis-dom and your plan be - yond im - a - gin - ing. Your
pow'r can-not be meas-ured in all of time and space, yet,
you, to us, pro - claimed your peace, the word of truth, a gift of grace.

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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Our Sunday Adult Faith Formation classes at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays focuses on "How Reading the Bible Can Change Your Life", based on Richard Rohr's book "Things Hidden". It's not too late to join us.

Our **Tuesday Adult Class** (online and in-person) starts on Tuesday September 19 at 11:00 and will be a study of The Sermon on the Mount with the assistance of Amy-Jill Levine's book "The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven."

Grow in your understanding of the Christian faith from an ELCA Lutheran perspective. Consider what it means to become a member of First. **Join us for our new members' class** on four Sundays beginning September 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Want to **do something practical** for your **marriage** or **other serious relationship**? Spend three days and two nights with us in Grand Rapids at the Drury Inn and St. Luke's Lutheran on October 20-22. Cost is \$136 per night (plus tax) for the hotel rooms.

The **"Listening for the Word"** book/Bible study group will meet for their fall get-together on Monday, September 25th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Judi Dix's home. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. **R.S.V.P. to Judi at 231-463-7886.**

Lisa Ziemelis will be leading a tech class on Tuesday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the gallery. This class is open to all and will focus on how to identify if something you received is a scam.

Wednesday night dinners have returned! John Bradfield from **Step Up** will be hosting this week and they will be serving tacos with John's wife Danielle's famous guacamole.

We have a **Red Cross Blood Drive** scheduled here for Monday, September 25 from 11:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, online at www.redcrossblood.org, or calling First's coordinator, Kim Westerholm at 712-539-8536.

The Fellowship Ministry has planned a **fall trip** for Friday, October 13th, which includes dinner and a visit to Robinette's Apple House and Winery. If you are interested, sign up at the information station near the office. Questions? Contact Deb Roest at 231-744-1936 or Diane Kroll at 231-557-4637.

Lector training will be held next Sunday after worship for those who haven't yet been trained.

Order of Service

"A Lot About Forgiveness"

Prelude

Order of Confession (screen)

Hymn "Psalm 103" (screen)

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie



[C] Lord have mer - cy; mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.



Lord have mer - cy; mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

[P] God is rich in mercy. So great is God's love for us, that even when we were dead in sin, with Christ, God has made us alive again. By grace you have been saved through faith.



[C] By grace, by grace, by grace we have been saved through faith.



By grace, by grace, by grace we have been saved through faith.



By grace, by grace, by grace we have been saved. _

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Hymn of Praise (page 6) ➡

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music "I Have Seen Jesus in You" Choir

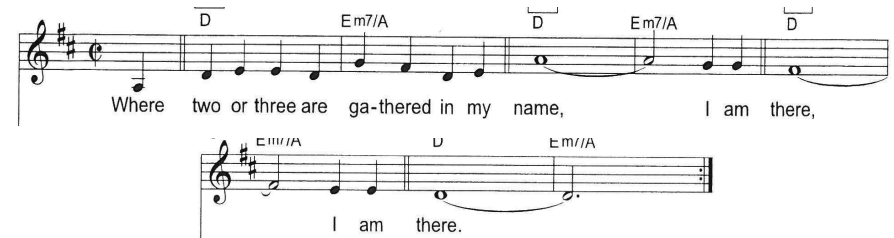
First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Verse



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Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Children's Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church

This month's noisy offering will benefit ELCA Disaster Relief for victims of the wildfires in Maui.

Song "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #34 (purple)

Sermon

Hymn "Healer of Our Every Ill" #612 (red)

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (screen)

Holy, Holy (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Communion

"God Welcomes All" (screen)

"Come to the Table" #481 (red)

"Softly and Tenderly" #608 (red)

"Change My Heart, O God" #801 (red)

"Amazing Grace" #779 (red)

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