

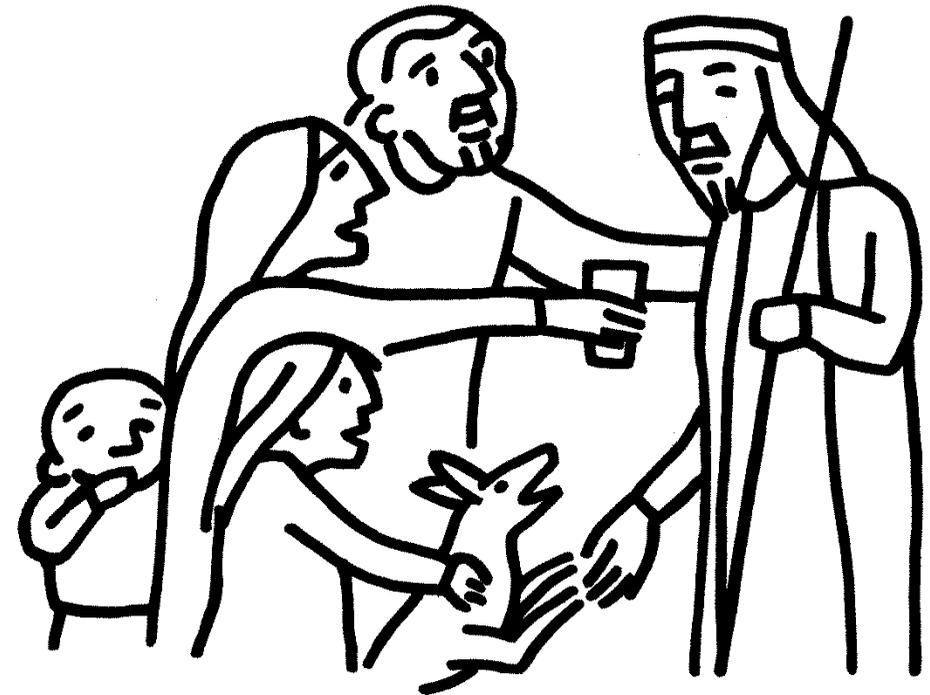
**THE LESSON Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

**GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50**

John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## September 27, 2015

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September 27, 2015  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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## ELCA Disaster Response- Refugee Crisis

(How you can help)

We may think we are a welcoming congregation to visitors. But, I wonder? Greeting shouldn't just be the job of our official greeters, those who are on "Howdy Duty" for the day. Rather, to paraphrase Moses' words in our Old Testament lesson: *"Would that all the LORD'S people were greeters, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"*

### Prelude

### Announcements

#### \*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: Steadfast and saving God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

P: In the name of +Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

C: **Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

#### \*Apostolic Greeting

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#### \*Kyrie

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#### \*Hymn of Praise

*Glory to God*

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#### \*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Blessing



A record number of refugees and migrants from the Middle East are fleeing war and poverty and making a terrifying, life-threatening journey to find a safer, better way of life in Europe. Although they come from different countries, for various reasons, they share a common goal: hope for a brighter future. As conflicts continue, especially in Syria and Iraq, the number of people seeking safety and basic necessities is on the rise.

**As a church, we are called to respond.** Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to meeting basic humanitarian needs and upholding the rights of those fleeing war and crisis. We are working with our companion churches – the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary and the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia – and The Lutheran World Federation to provide food, diapers, blankets, water, health kits, hygiene kits and psychosocial services to assist those who have fled their homes. We are also in communication with our church companions in Germany as they receive tens of thousands of refugees. Your prayers and support are needed now for immediate relief.

**Gifts designated for the Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted by this crisis.**

**Make checks out to First Lutheran Church, with "refugee crisis" on the memo line, or put cash in a pew envelope and write "refugee crisis" on it.**

**This Week at First Lutheran:**

**Today:**     **8:30 & 11 a.m.**   **Worship/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Blessing**  
                  9:45 a.m.        Sunday School  
                  10:00 a.m.        Adult Bible Study  
                  **10:00 a.m.**        **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone Class**  
                  **2:45-8 p.m.**        **SUPER FLY to Skyzone & Supper**

Monday:     9:00 a.m.        WELCA Love Days  
                  5:00 p.m.        Al-Anon  
                  7:00 p.m.        Boy Scouts

Tuesday:    9:00 a.m.        Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.        Al-Anon  
                  10:00 a.m.        AA  
                  3:45-4:30 p.m.    Children's Choir  
                  4:30-5:15 p.m.    FLY 57  
                  6:00 p.m.        Hosanna Handbells  
                  6:30 p.m.        8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class  
                  7:30 p.m.        Senior FLY  
                  7:30 p.m.        Adult Choir

Thurs.:     8:45 am        Morning Watch – Pastor Saul – KBRF AM 1250  
                  9:30 a.m.        Sr. Bible Study & Coffee

Friday:     CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Next Sunday October 4:**

                  8:30 & 11 a.m.    Worship. Holy Communion  
                  9:45 a.m.        Sunday School  
                  10:00 a.m.        Adult Bible Study

**6<sup>th</sup> Graders receiving their Milestone Blessing this morning are:**

Owen Babolian, Emilie Koch, Madison Muchow, Matt Pajari,  
Madison Puttbrese, Cole Wentworth, Morgan West

**Anthem**

***Be Thou My Vision***  
Adult Choir, Directed by Erik Vigessaa

Ferguson

**The Lesson**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**Mission Moments – Summer Youth Trips 2015**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

**\*Gospel**

Mark 9:38-50

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Sermon**

***Howdy Duty***

Pastor Saul

**Hymn of the Day**

***All Are Welcome***

**ELW 641 (V.1-2, 4-5)**

(Children come forward on last verse)

**Children's Event (8:30)**

Pastor Saul

**\*The Apostles' Creed (8:30)**

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**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)**

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**\*The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

**Offering**

**\*Offertory**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -  
 it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the  
 joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,

C hear our prayer.

C Lord, have mercy.

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

**\*Blessing**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Sending**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Built on a Rock*

ELW 652

**Postlude**

\*denotes when to stand

**Fellowship and Refreshments** this morning in the narthex between services by the families of Kyra & Koryna Loomer and Jacob & Jordan Spangler.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Dale & Laurie Whitehead in memory of Laurie's parents, Ken & Elenor (Ellie) Hanson.

**Rose on the Altar** is in celebration of the baptism of Anora Dawn Thompson, daughter of Stephanie Hanson and Cody Thompson. Sponsors are BJ Thompson and Christina Alfredson. Guardian Angel is 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Morgan West.

**Sympathy** to the friends & family of Peggy Peterson, whose funeral was held here on Friday. And sympathy to Kris & Sara Koch and family on the death of Sara's mother, Yvonne Ahles.

**Visitors!** If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

**Large Print Edition** of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

**Meals by Wheels:** November Meals by Wheels dates: November 2 thru 6 and November 9 thru 13. If you are available to help out one or more of these dates, please contact Rick West at 218-205-6963.

**PioneerCare Chaplain** Harry Olson will retire from his position at the end of September and an open house reception will be held in his honor on Monday, September 28 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the PioneerCare's Celebration Center and Garden Court at 1131 Mabelle Avenue S in Fergus Falls. A short program will be presented at 2:30 PM. Please call PioneerCare at 998-1500 for more details.

**Children's Offering** - Related to our Sunday School Theme, "Shine," our Children's offering collected during worship will be given to one of our benevolences, ELCA World Hunger. Specifically, a project to provide mosquito nets to help eliminate Malaria in Africa.

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Adult Choir Director:	Erik Vigesaa
Ushers:	8:30 – Tom & Jeani Trosvig, Bob & Karla Wynn and family 11- Larry & Ean Goos, Kristi Wentworth and family Keith Melberg
Organist:	8:30 – Missy Mattson 11- Teri Spangler
Lectors:	8:30- Matthew Oehler 11- Madeline Trosvig
Acolytes:	8:30 – Jon Gunderson 11- Steve Guttormson
Cantors:	8:30- Bob & Vonnie Baker 11- Stan & Donna Quam
Greeters:	8:30 – Teresa Shannon 11-Carolyn Sund 8:30 & 11- Margaret Ness-Ludwig
Sacristan:	
PA Operator:	