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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 3, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE		Barb Hanson
BELLS		
GATHERING HYMN	<i>Let the Whole Creation Cry</i>	<i>LBW 242</i>
	<i>(vs. 1,3</i>	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		pg.# 56 & screen
OPENING HYMN	<i>Praise and Thanksgiving</i>	<i>LBW 409</i>
GREETING		pg. # 57-58 & screen
HYMN OF PRAISE		pg. # 59 & screen
PRAYER OF THE DAY		screen
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		

WORD

<i>PSALM 26:1-8</i>		
<i>NEW TESTAMENT READING</i>		<i>Romans 12:9-21</i>
<i>GOSPEL</i>		<i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>
SERMON		Pastor Kirsten Frantsvog
HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	<i>LBW 294</i>
<i>APOSTLES' CREED</i>		screen
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		
P: Lord, in your mercy,		
C: hear our prayer.		
SHARING THE PEACE		
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.		
C: And also with you.		

OFFERING

MISSION FOCUS: MN Adult & Teen Challenge

OFFERTORY PRAYER

screen

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS *Blessed Assurance*

WOV 699

Spirit of Gentleness

WOV 684

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

BELLS

CLOSING HYMN *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

WOV 781

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Barb Hanson

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6
Tue	Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13
Wed	Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32
Thu	Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
Fri	Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21
Sat	Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36
Sun	Psalm 119:33-40; Exekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Everyone	Everyone
Ushers	Dave & De Carlson	Dave & De Carlson
Reader	Billie Marie Larson	Bernie Beck
	Communion Assistants: Billie Marie Larson & Addy Weckwerth	NO Communion

*Prayer Concerns: **The people of the Ukraine, The ARCC Emergency Shelter, MN Adult & Teen Challenge; Marlys Stainbrook, Dorothy Pohl, Amanda Semmler, Kristine Schlagel** (Carl Anderson's niece), **Carl & Linda Anderson, Sharon Arvik, Billie Marie Larson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater** (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), **Susan K.** (friend of Violet Sundermeyer), **Johanna Jones**, (niece of Mike Jones), **Jean** (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), **Emily** (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), **Elaine Kelsey** (friend of Peg Davies), **Lori, Rose & Don** (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), **Jerry Johnson** (brother of Jay Johnson), **Ryan Lau, Suzanne Dock** (friend of Carol Lenander & Larry Gass), **Larry Gass, Vi Sundermeyer, Don** (Corina Bronczyk's brother-in-law), **Carla & Scott** (friends of Corina Bronczyk), **Ryan Wood** (Darrin & Corina Bronczyk's nephew), **Ron Neppi** (friend of Peg Davies), **Mike O'Rourke** (friend of Peg Davies), **Karen Rich** (sister of Mike Jones), **The Evenson family, Bonnie & George Lueck, Peggy Lindstrom** (friend of Cina Pidde), **Kelly Wosika** (Bobbie Wosika's sister-in-law), **Carole Olafson** (friend of Peg Davies & Aunt of Wayne Lenander), **Tina Riggs** (friend of Bobbie Wosika), **Susan Nyhusmoen, Jerry Leverson** (Resurrection Band singer), **Jim Thomsen, Sylvan Gerdts** (friend of Jay & Heather Johnson), **Lee Johnson** (husband of Denice Johnson), **Deb Britton** (friend of Cina Pidde), **Gail Buck, Mark Hiene** (Linda Anderson's brother-in-law), **Boyd Nelson** (son of the late Catherine Nelson), **Danny Husby** (friend of Cindy Lecy), **Mike Husby** (friend of Peg Davies)*

Opportunities This Week

Today	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00 AM
Sun	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	10:30 AM
	God's Work. Our Hands	10:40 AM
	Lunch at the Red River Event Center	1:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The term of our treasurer, Bernie Beck, concludes Dec. 31. We're hoping someone will be led by God to take this position. Contact someone from the council if you're interested or have questions.
- Next Sunday is God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday – sign-up sheets in the narthex. **Wear your yellow t-shirts.** There's an XL t-shirt and a cap in the office if you need one.
- September 17 the choir from MN Adult/Teen Challenge will be with us. We will have a potluck lunch after worship. There's a sign-up sheet for that.

- Bethany Lutheran of Nevis is open to the community on Tuesday mornings from 6:30 – 8:00 and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:00 for silent prayer and meditation. No commitment, sign-in or time limit.
- Monday, September 25, the NWMN Synod Road Trip '23 will be coming to Bethany Lutheran in Nevis. It starts at 5:15 with registration and the meal is served at 5:30. See the flier on the bulletin board by the office for more info.

September Mission of the Month MN Adult/Teen Challenge

This organization is our September Mission Focus and is dear to several First members. MNTC provides programs throughout Minnesota for those seeking freedom from addictions. On September 17, their choir will be joining us for worship to provide music and share personal stories.

Check out this link to learn more:

<https://vimeo.com/533219490/1ce7830c0e>