



# First Lutheran Church

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Pr. Maribeth McGoven

## **Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 1, 2023**

### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Barb Hanson

BELLS

GATHERING HYMN

*I Love to Tell The Story*

*Danny Lecy*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

*LBW 409*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **WORD**

PSALM 25:1-9

*GOSPEL*

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

Pastor Maribeth McGoven

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

*LBW #423*

*APOSTLES' CREED*

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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:

Headwater's Animal Shelter

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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## MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
LORD'S PRAYER (sung)  
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION  
COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC  
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Danny Lecy, Barb Hanson

## SENDING

BLESSING  
BELLS

CLOSING HYMN      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*      *LBW #526*

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 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14](#)  
**Tue**      [Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21](#)  
**Wed**      [Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8](#)  
**Thu**      [Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23](#)  
**Fri**      [Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a](#)  
**Sat**      [Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52](#)  
**Sun**      [Psalm 80:7-15; Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46](#)

## SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Wayne & Heather Lenander	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bernie Beck	Bernie Beck
<b>Reader</b>	Billie Marie Larson	Danny Lecy
	Communion Assistants: Billie Marie Larson & Addy Weckwerth	Communion Assistants: Cindy Lecy & Brady Weckwerth

*Prayer Concerns: The people of the Ukraine, The ARCC Emergency Shelter, Headwater's Animal Shelter; 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), 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 Nepl (friend of Peg Davies), Mike O'Rourke (friend of Peg Davies), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones, 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, 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), Hannah Gass (granddaughter of Larry Gass and Carol Lenander), Matthew Lane (Carl Anderson's step grandson)*

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#### Opportunities This Week

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<b>Today</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00 AM
<b>Sun</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00 AM
	Church council meeting	11:30 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On Sunday, October 15, Pr. Maribeth will be blessing our pets inside. If your pet is not socially inclined, please bring a photo.
- If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out a time and talent slip, there are extras on the table in the narthex. We have a new one for this week involving music and prayer. We really need everyone to let us know in what you'd like to be involved.
- 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.
- 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. .

## ***October Mission of the Month Headwater's Animal Shelter***

***The Headwaters Animal Shelter is a non-profit 501c(3) organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for abandoned, surrendered, neglected, abused and stray animals. We rely almost 100% on the donations and generosity of our community to fund the expenses associated with operating the Shelter. Our members and volunteers provide us with the helping hands we need to care for the animals, and to help raise funding and awareness of our needs and mission. On behalf of the animals, we thank you for your support and invite you to visit us often!***

***Our pets will be blessed on October 15 in the church sanctuary. If your pet is not the social kind, please bring photos.***

***Mission At Headwaters Animal Shelter, our mission is: To improve the quality of life for companion animals. Location/Directions  
Headwaters Animal Shelter is located at: 901  
Western Ave. S, Park Rapids, MN 56470***

***If you wish to make a donation, please make your check to FLC with Headwaters Animal Shelter on the memo line.***