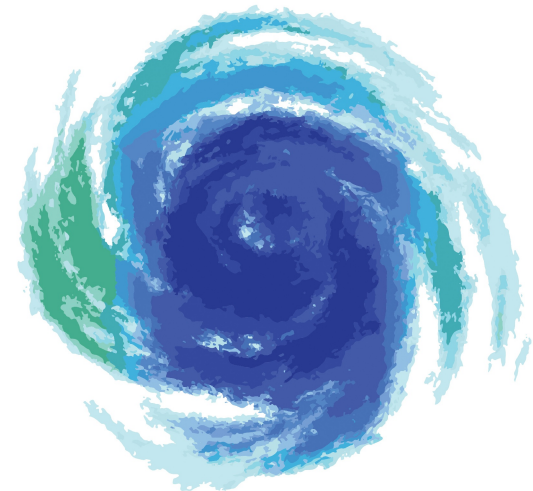


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Storm Surge

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude

Choral Prelude
Devotion
Amazing Grace
Every Valley

Jack Brooks

Th. Forehammer
John Ness Beck
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Chimes

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“Majesty”

Blue Hymnal #10

Musical Invitation to Prayer

Lord of All, to Thee We Pray

Chancel Choir

Edvard Grieg

Prayer of Confession

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River

Chancel Choir

Story Bell

The Wise and Foolish Builders

(Following the Story Bell children are invited to Sunday School)

Guy Redinger & Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God” (verse 2)

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Blue Hymnal #389

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7

76N.T.

Message

“Storm Surge”

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“The Church is One Foundation”

Blue Hymnal #401

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

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 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.

Offertory

Ezekiel Saw the Wheel

Chancel Choir

Gilbert M. Martin

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Choral Benediction**

Irish Blessing

Chancel Choir

Bob Chilcott

***Benediction**

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

***Postlude**

Postlude

Jack Brooks

Ebenezer Prout

Welcome as we worship, learn and fellowship together. May all who gather here know God's love.

***Visitors ~ Welcome!** There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

***Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins** are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

***Families with young nursery age children** are welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

***Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop.** Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

***The Deacons invite you** to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Jim Rynberg
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Guy Redinger(today) Shirley Brooks(next week)
Ushers:	Gary Deuling, Georgia Paxton, Barb Veldman(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Steve & Karla Johnson, Guy Redinger
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Gary Deuling(today) (next week)
Towel Washer:	Yvonne Lee

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Troy St. Peter (16), Betty Dougan (19), Brad Church, John Cooper, Doug Jeannero (20)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Christ & Sarah Huizenga (19)

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Van Nadeau - hospitalized at St. Mary's

Guy & Raene` Redinger - Guy's father passed away on Thursday, Sept 6

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
5:30 p.m. ConGoEnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 17

7:30 p.m. Trustees' Meeting - Library

Tuesday, September 18 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Book Circle - Fremont Public Library
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, September 20 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

Friday, September 21

Saturday, September 22

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, September 23

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

Our Church News

The Assignment Boards are in the narthex and the office window. Please fill in some empty spaces for the coming months.

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Crafters are invited to a lunch on the porch at Bev Williams' home on Thursday, September 13 at 12:15 p.m. Please bring a salad to share. All else will be provided.

Trustees ask that your pledge cards be returned by Sunday, September 23 so they can begin work on a budget for 2019.

Book Circle will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 18 at the Fremont Public Library to hear about new books. Loretta VanDuzen will be our hostess.

The CROP Walk needs YOU! Walkers, financial supporters and prayer partners. How will YOU make a difference?

Flu Shots will be given in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Flu shots are usually covered by insurance. Cost without insurance is \$38. This is a walk-in flu clinic - no appointment needed.

Requested Announcements

St Mark's 15th Annual Pig Roast - St. Mark's Episcopal Church, today, Sunday September 16, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 Children. Live music performed by Pryer Times, Raffle, Bake Sale, Market of Fleas. Drive up takeout available.

Announcing "ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Events

We are "ConGo" (Christians on the Go) and **meant to go and enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10

"Go and enjoy":

TONIGHT, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Call it "Macaronirama" and

Hymn Sing- We have a great variety of types of macaroni dishes- mac and cheese, chili mac, goulash, tuna casserole, tuna mac salad, chicken mac salad and more along with rolls and dessert! Afterwords we'll again gather by the piano for an old-fashioned and uplifting hymn sing. Please come and be with us and bring a friend or two!



SATURDAY OCT 6 - 2nd Annual "Congo-Que" with Professional

Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- A "Just for Fun" competition will be held for bar-b-quers and grillers. The winner will receive the coveted "Congo-Q" statue. But others who come can partake of some delicious pulled pork bar-b-que prepared expertly by Mark. A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meat. All extra will go to the church's outreach ministry (Benevolence Committee) to help those in need. Mark will begin the day with a bar-b-que tutorial for all interested. This event is open to the community. Those that would like to compete will need to bring your own grill and meat. Tutorial begins at 9:00am. Grilling begins at 10:00am. Eating starts at 1:00pm. For more info or **to register** call Mat Emerick at 231-414-7501.

