




Sunday, June 16, 2024 · 10:30 AM · 4th Sunday of Pentecost

 *The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG *House of the Lord*

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is. We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea. Our God, He holds the victory.

Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet.

**We shout out Your praise! There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise!
Oh,oh, oh, we shout out Your praise!**

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves. We sing to the God who always makes a way. 'Cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave. My God's still rolling stones away.

**Chorus 2: There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise! There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise!**

We were the beggars, now we're royalty. We were the pris'ners, now we're running free. We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

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Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise! (Repeat Chorus 2)**

Oh,oh, oh, we shout out Your praise!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: Merciful God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Luther Crest Counselors

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

²² Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender shoot from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will transplant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will transplant it, and it will produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree; I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

RESPONSIVE PSALM*Psalm 92:1-4*

R: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

C: to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

R: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

C: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL*Mark 4:26-34*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come." ³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

SONG OF THE DAY*Praise and Thanksgiving*

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Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread. Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

STATEMENT OF FAITH*Apostles' Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING

ELCA Seminary Support

ELCA Seminary is a wonderful place for those who will become leaders of congregations in the ELCA to learn and grow in their understanding of God, leadership formation, and spirituality.

(May Noisy Total: \$521.65 to Lutheran Disaster Response)

OFFERING & OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

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- 1 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P/C: Loving God, receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

River of Life

Chorus: Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river. Guaranteed you'll never be the same.

There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior. Bring your sins and all your guilty stains.

Let that river of life wash it all away.

If you've been searching, carrying burdens, If you've been lost and looking for a home. If you've been drifting, if something is missing, You should know that you are not alone.

Chorus

Bridge 2 times: Come as you are. No time to waste. Open your heart, don't be afraid.

Jump on in, the water is fine. There's healing in the River of Life.

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There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior. Bring your sins and all your guilty stains.

Let that river of life wash it all away. By the blood of Jesus, everything will change.

Let that river of life wash it all away.

Woh. Come on down to the river. Woh. Come on down to the river.

Woh. Come on down to the river. Woh. Let that river of life wash it all away.

SENDING

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

CREATION CARE NOTE

Spend less time and energy watering your lawn by making smart plant purchases. Drought-resistant plants can survive with less rainfall and watering. Native plants are already accustomed to the climate and natural rainfall. While you'll still need to maintain them, they should require a lot less work than exotic plant species.



The special flowers for this Sunday are given in memory of our fathers, Duane Berg and Ron Sasteen.
Given by Dean & Sue Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND WORSHIP TIMES: Summer worship times have now begun! Join us each Sunday at 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM. Our summer office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM and Friday 8:30 AM - Noon. Please plan your church business accordingly.

OUTDOOR SERVICES DELAYED: Due to ongoing construction on the patio and lawn, the outdoor services will be held indoors until further notice. We know the outdoor services are beloved by many so we are sorry for the inconvenience. Unfortunately we can only do these projects in the summer so we will all have patient.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE: The FLC office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in recognition of the Juneteenth Holiday.

VBS THIS WEEK: Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow! Pray for the more than 30 kids who will be learning who they are "Created to Be".

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE: The FLC office will be closed on Monday, June 24 for Staff Development Day. In addition, the office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 & Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR: We welcome you to join us down in the Fellowship Hall for Fellowship Hour 9:30—10:30 AM for coffee, tea, water, treat, cheese and crackers. Please sign-up at the volunteer table to serve and/or make treats. Donations can be given the of in the black donation bin or checks can be made out to First Lutheran Church, with Hospitality Fund in the memo line.

SUMMER MUSICAL GUESTS: Do you have a musical message you would like to share this summer or know of someone that would? Perhaps you have a relative visiting that would like to share their talents with us. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the office or Karen Bimberg at karen@firstlutheranchurch.com.

HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRE: On Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 PM in the FLC Parking Lot, FLC will host a bonfire for our high school youth. The evening will include yard games, a bonfire, s'mores, and fellowship! This event is open to youth entering 9th grade through graduating seniors.

Prayers for God's People

- Brent Blake
- Joe Morrison
- Bill Wegscheid
- Dave Nustad
- Cole Woltjer
- Arlis Beto
- Nyah Visker
- Addison
- Torey Neison

Prayers of comfort for the family of Earl Lisful

Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office if you wish to remain on the list longer.

Join us for Worship!

RADIO: Broadcast on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

WEBCAST: Services are live streamed on the FLC YouTube channel.

TELEVISION: Saturdays at 9:00 AM on Arvig Cable channel

Ways to Give



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TEXT: 218-228-3228—Text your donation amount to the number listed above & follow instructions that are texted to you. (We suggest you add the phone number above as a contact in your phone for future use.)

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