



# First Lutheran Church

*Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!*

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## Sunday, February 16, 2025 · 10:45 AM 6th Sunday after Epiphany



Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ones" and the "woe to's" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an Invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

### GATHERING SONG

*Beautiful Savior*

*ELW #838*

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: 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.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

*vs. 1-3 ELW #689*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Living God, **C: in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalm 1*

R: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

**C: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

R: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**C: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

R: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

**C: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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

## GOSPEL

*Luke 6:17-26*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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

## SERMON

*Pr. Joe Skogmo*

## SONG OF THE DAY

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

*ELW #712*

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Apostle's 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

*February: Global Health Ministries*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*ELW #473*

1 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God.  
**(Sing 2x)**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: 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

#### Post Communion 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**

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*vs. 1-3 ELW #807*

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 234 FELLOWSHIP

Join us **TODAY, from 3:30-6pm** at Boys & Girls Club for open gym — and bring the kids! Pizza will be served! The cost is free! Watch for the sign up link, coming soon.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Hey 6th-8th graders, get ready for a night to remember. Join us for an epic filled Lock-in here at FLC, with tons of activities, games, fellowship, and pizza! The lock-in will be on **March 8th/9th, from 8pm-8am.**

### HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT

Lights, Camera, Action! Join us on **February 23 at 4:30pm** for a popcorn and a movie on the big screen in the sanctuary.

### HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

The next pizza with the pastors will be on **February 20 @ 11:30am** at Pizza Ranch.

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering to set-up, serve and clean up, make bars/treats or donate cheese and crackers for the new fellowship hour time **10:30am-11:30am.** Let's make it a success as we come together following our one Sunday service time. Sign-up is on the volunteer table outside the office.

### WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday Lenten service & lunch will begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 12:05pm.** And will run weekly, through April 16. A lunch will be served following the service. Cost of the lunch is a freewill donation.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap meets at Bucks Mill on the first & third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Our next gathering will be on **February 18.**

### LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK

Last call! We are seeking people to contribute to our upcoming Lenten Devotion Book, which will be distributed to the congregation. Please consider being one of the authors of the booklet to inspire others as they read a daily devotion from it during the Lenten season and beyond. This year's Lenten theme is "How Does Your Faith and Play interact in Your Life." Submit your reflection to Gary Goreham, by **Feb 20** via email: garygoreham@outlook.com

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Women of FLCW are currently hosting a drive to collect items for Health Care Kits, that will be shipped this spring & distributed to people in need. Items needed include: dark colored bath towels, bath sized soap bars (in original packaging), toothbrushes, combs, metal nail clippers. Items can be dropped off in the box outside the office.

### DANIEL BIBLE STUDY

The final Daniel Bible Study has been rescheduled to 2/20@ 2pm.

The **altar flowers** are given by Sue & Dean Berg

In memory of Sue's mother **Helen Fasteen** who is celebrating her 100th birthday in heaven, and in honor of our granddaughter **Kate Frank** who is celebrating her 13th birthday.

### PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAK

No Sunday School **TODAY**  
The church office will be closed **Tomorrow,** in observance of President's Day.



## WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Our Sunday worship schedule will change on **February 23** to the following: **worship service @ 9:30 am and Sunday School & Fellowship Hour @ 10:30am.**



### Prayers for God's People

*Brent Blake, Bill Wegschie, Cole Woltjer, Joyce Gilbertson, Doreen Tollefson, Judie Wood, and Nyah Visser. Thatcher Warfield Prayers of comfort for the families of Harriet Barrett, Ted Heisserer. and Sue (Barrett) Wolfe*

### CREATION CARE NOTE

#### Did you know?

The Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District has been overseeing the harvesting, storage, and distribution of thousands of pounds native prairie seed for more than 20 years.

The seed is used to restore former cropland to native prairie located primarily in a local 5 county area and has converted thousands of acres during this time. Native prairie plants are vital for supporting a population of pollinators.

### VISITORS

Thanks for joining us!  
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Thank you for your support of FLC's missions & ministries



### TEXT TO GIVE

**218-228-3228**

Text your donation amount to the number listed above & follow instructions that are texted to you.

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP RADIO

Sundays at 10AM on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM

### ON-LINE

Live streamed on Facebook and on the FLC YouTube channel.

### TELEVISION

Saturday at 9AM on Arvig Cable ch14.