



# First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

## PRELUDE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOCATION

### GATHERING SONG

*The Father's House*

Sometimes on this journey, I get lost in my mistakes. What looks to me like weakness, is a canvas for Your strength. And my story isn't over, my story's just begun. Failure won't define me, cause that's what my Father does. Yeah, failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.

**Chorus: Ooh, lay your burdens down. Ooh, here in the Father's house. Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore. Ooh, you're in the Father's house.**

Arrival's not the endgame, the journey's where You are. You never wanted perfect, You just wanted my heart. And the story isn't over if the story isn't good. Failure's never final when the Father's in the room. And failure's never final when the Father's in the room. **Chorus**

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope. Love is on the move when the Father's in the room. Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life. Love is on the move when the Father's in the room

Miracles take place, the cynical find faith That love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. Jericho walls are quakin', strongholds now are shakin'. Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. **Chorus 2 times**

### 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.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Less Like Me*

Oh, I have days I lose the fight, Try my best, but just don't get it right. Where I talk a talk that I don't walk, And miss the moments right before my eyes.

Somebody with a hurt that I could've helped. Somebody with a hand that I could've held, When I just can't see past myself, Lord, help me be

**Chorus: A little more like mercy, a little more like grace, A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith, A little more like patience, a little more like peace, A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.**

Yeah, there's no denyin', I have changed, I've been saved from who I used to be. But even at my best, I must confess, I still need help to see the way you see.

Somebody with a hurt that I could've helped. Somebody with a hand that I could've held, When I just can't see past myself, Lord, help me be... **Chorus**

Oh, to feed the beggar on the street, love to be Your hands and feet, Freely give what I receive, Lord, help me be. I want to put You first above all else, love my neighbor as myself, In the moments no one sees, Lord, help me be... **Chorus**

A little more like livin' ev'rything I preach, A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C:** Generous God, **your Son gave his life that we might understand that we already have peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalm 19:7-14*

R: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**C: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

R: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

R: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

R: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING

*James 5:13-20*

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

## GOSPEL

*Mark 9:38-50*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup> "If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup> "For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

## SERMON

Pr. Matthew Engum

## SONG THE DAY

*Who Am I?*

Who am I? That the Lord of all the earth, Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt.  
Who am I? That the bright and morning star, Would choose to light the way, for my ever wand'ring heart.

And not because of who I am, but because of what You've done,  
Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are,

***Chorus: I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow, A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind, Still You hear me when I'm calling, Lord, You catch me when I'm falling  
And You've told me who I am. I am Yours, I am Yours.***

Who am I? That the eyes that see my sin, Would look on me with love, and watch me rise again.  
Who am I? That the voice that calmed the sea, Would call out through the rain, and calm the storm in me.

And not because of who I am, but because of what You've done,  
Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are, **Chorus**

## 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.**

## 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.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

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

## NOISY OFFERING - VBS & Future Missions Trips—FLC Youth & Family 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/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.**

## BENEDICTION

#### SENDING SONG

*Go, Make Disciples*

*ELW #540*

"Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them. Go, make disciples, for I am with you till the end of time. Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world. Go, be a city on a hill, so all can see that you're serving me. Go, make disciples."

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

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS:** Do you feel like you are rushing from one task to another? Are you always busy with something that just can't wait? Is it difficult to find a space where God can allow "something" new to take place? If so, take a break from the craziness of life for a time of connections and devotions every Wednesday from 6:30 –7:30 pm in the library beginning October 2.

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME:** We will be welcoming new members to FLC on Wed, Oct 9 at the 6pm worship service and Sun, Oct 13 during the 8:30am and 10:45am worship services. If you would like to become a member of FLC, please complete the **Membership Form** located on our website by clicking on **'Membership'** under the **'About Us'** tab ([www.firstlutheranchurch.com](http://www.firstlutheranchurch.com)). Please note, if you are unable to make those new member dates, you can still become a member at any time! Please call the office and talk to Sarah Nelson for more information (218-847-5656) or email at [sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com](mailto:sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com).

**THEOLOGY ON TAP :** Questions about life? Questions about God? Questions about both? You are invited to come ponder over a cold, local brew with a curious community on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Bucks Mill at 7pm. The next gathering date is October 1.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** We are in search of volunteer soundboard operators during worship services and other events who monitors the volume of instruments, microphones, and music. We are also seeking individuals that have interest in managing the worship slides and our live stream. No experience needed - if you are willing to learn, we will train you. If interested, or for more info. contact: Sarah Nelson, Ministry and Social Assistance Coordinator, ph: 218-847-5656/ [sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com](mailto:sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com) or talk to Pr Joe or Pr Matthew.

**234 FELLOWSHIP:** The next 234 (20s, 30s, & 40s) Fellowship event is coming up on October 13th @ Bucks Mill Brewing from 4-6 PM! So, find babysitters and come hangout for some brews (or N/A options), conversation, and cornhole! Please reach out to Pr Matthew or Shea Thorwaldsen with any questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL FREE PIZZA LUNCH:** High Schoolers - Join the Pastors each month for a FREE pizza lunch. Because of the MEA break, the October lunch has been rescheduled for October 24. See you there!

**HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT:** Join us for a High School Hang Out on October 27 at FLC @ 4:30pm. Bring a friend – all are welcome!

**FALL BREAK:** On **October 16**, there will be no Oasis meal, Wednesday night worship service or Wednesday school/Confirmation. There will be no Sunday school on Sunday, **October 20**.

**WELCA FALL GATHERING:** The WELCA Fall Gathering will be held at Lake Park Lutheran Church on Sat, Oct 19 at 9:15am. Special speaker is Tanya Todd, who will be speaking on "Dispatched: In Pursuit of Purpose – A dispatch cop's wife's view of what Jesus calls us to do". Cost: \$15 /Includes coffee & lunch. Pre-register by Oct 12. Registrations forms are on the volunteer table. Meet at FLC @ 8am to carpool.

## Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegschieid,  
Cole Woltjer, Elyda Handegard,  
Joyce Gilbertson, LeAnn Henson,  
Jake Netland, Tina Moe,  
Ryder Schmidt, Glenette Olson,  
Dean Ekelund

*Prayers of comfort for the families  
of: Kay Larson.*

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

## CREATION CARE NOTE

More than two thirds of all the toxic waste in the US comes from improperly disposed of electronics.

*The Week, August 2, 2024*

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