



First Lutheran Church

Welcome. We are excited to be worshipping together!

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Sunday, February 16, 2025 · 7th Sunday after Epiphany



Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Sovereign

Sov'reign in the mountain air, sov'reign on the ocean floor. With me in the calm, with me in the storm.
Sov'reign in my greatest joy, sov'reign in my deepest cry. With me in the dark, with me at the dawn.

**Chorus: In Your everlasting arms all the pieces of my life, From beginning to the end, I can trust
You. In your never failing love You work ev'rything for good. God, whatever comes my way,
I will trust You.**

Repeat verse and chorus

God, whatever comes my way, I will trust You.

Interlude: *All my hopes, all I need, held in Your hands. All my life, all of me held in Your hands.
All my fears, all my dreams held in Your hands. Repeat*

Chorus

God, whatever comes my way, I will trust You. God, whatever comes my way, I will trust You.

CONFESSIO & 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.**

KYRIE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God

ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth. We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord Jesus, **C: make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE

In the Name of the Lord by Sandi Patty

Jubilate Choir

FIRST READING:*1 Corinthians 15:35-38; 42-49*

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

RESPONSIVE PSALM*Psalms 37:1-11*

R: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

C: for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

R: Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

C: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

R: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

C: He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

R: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

C: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

R: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

C: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

R: But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL*Luke 6:27-36*

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

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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

SERMON*Pr. Joe Skogmo***HYMN OF THE DAY***Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

ELW #608

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!) You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

3. Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. **Refrain**

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

February: Global Health Ministries

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

I Believe

I believe there is one salvation, one doorway that leads to life.
One redemption, one confession. I believe in the name of Jesus Christ.

I believe in the crucifixion, by His blood I have been set free.
I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah! His life is death's defeat.

**Chorus: All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
All praise to the Holy Spirit. Our God has overcome.
The King who was and is and evermore will be.
In Jesus mighty name, I believe.**

I believe in the hope of heaven. He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine, ears have heard, or eyes have seen.
I believe that a day is coming. He's returning to claim His bride.
Light the altar, keep it burning. See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion.

Chorus

Bridge 3 times: *No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life? (3 times)*

Chorus 2 times

In Jesus mighty name, I believe.

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT

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

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.**

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.

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 **March 5.**

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.

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.

Feasibility Study

We need your input! This is a survey that needs maxim participation. Please check your email for a link to the questionnaire or paper copies are on the table in the narthex. If you have taken the survey—thank you! Deadline to complete the survey is **February 28.**

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegscheid, Cole Woltjer, Joyce Gilbertson, Doreen Tollefson, Judie Wood, Nyah Visker, baby Thatcher Warfield and Tim Goff

Prayers of comfort for the families of Ted Heisserer and Sue (Barrett) Wolfe

CREATION CARE NOTE

Did you know?

- Pollinators are keystone species of insects that help hold ecosystems together.
- Pollinators are essential for the propagation of over 1,200 types of crops
- Pollinators rely on native plants including nectar and pollen producing plants. The nectar provides energy and the pollen provides protein and other nutrients.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

Stay after the service today and say hello to someone new during fellowship time! Coffee and treats served in the downstairs in the dining room. We are so excited to do FLC *together!*



THEOLOGY OF PLAY

A LENTEN SERMON SERIES

BEGINS MARCH 9TH

Sunday @ 9:30am
Wednesday @ 12:05 & 6pm

VISITORS

Thanks for joining us!
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