



# First Lutheran Church

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

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Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

## GATHERING HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

ELW #574

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

**Refrain :** *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*
3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P/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

**C:O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalm 116:1-9*

R: I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

R: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; suffered distress and anguish.

**C: Then I called on the name of the LORD, "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

R: Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is merciful.

**C: The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

R: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**C: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

R: I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

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***Mark 8:27-38*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

**SERMON**

Pr. Matthew Engum

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Will You Come and Follow Me**vs. 1, 3, 5 ELW #798*

1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## 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

**VBS & Future Missions Trips — FLC Youth & Family 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/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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*ELW #545*

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLC VISITATION TEAM MEETING:** The Visitation Team are congregation members who volunteer time each month to visit a member of FLC who can no longer attend worship. If you are interested in joining the team, there will be an information meeting on September 15 at 9:30am in the library

**CO COUNCIL MEETING:** Reminder, there will be a Co Council meeting on Wednesday, September 19, at 9:30am in the Conference Room.

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME:** We plan to welcome new members to FLC this Fall 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 First Lutheran Church, please complete the **Membership Form** located on our website by clicking on

'**Membership**' under the '**About Us**' tab (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. Those that have joined since our last new member welcome in May will be recognized during this new member welcome

**TAI JI QUAN:** A new 12-week session is *starting on Sept 17*. The class will meet every Tues & Thurs at 1pm. Tai Ji Quan helps with strengthening and improving balance. It also helps to relieve arthritic pain and back issues. Sign-up sheet is at the volunteer table.

**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. *Starting on September 17!*

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Join us on Sunday, September 22 at 9:30am, in the church library, for a special presentation by Steve Yesteb of Fix it Forward Auto Care & Ministry.

**QUILTERS:** The FLC Quilters are looking forward to a busy fall of quilt making. We meet every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. Come join us for a morning of "playing with material." All are welcome!

**HIGH SCHOOL FREE PIZZA LUNCH:** High Schoolers - Join the Pastors the 3rd Thursday of each month, for a *FREE lunch*, at Pizza Ranch at 11:30am. The first FREE lunch is September 19.

**HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT:** Join us for a High School Hang Out on September 22 at FLC @ 4:30pm. Bring a friend—all are welcome!

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** We are in search of volunteer operators of the soundboard during worship and other events who monitor the volume of instruments, microphones, and music. Also, individuals that have interest in doing slides and live streaming. Please reach out to Sarah Nelson, Ministry and Social Assistance Coordinator (phone: 218-847-5656 or email sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com) or talk to Pastor Joe or Pastor Matthew.

### Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegschied, Cole Woltjer, Elyda Handegard, Joyce Gilbertson, LeAnn Henson, Jake Netland, Tina Moe, Ryder Schmidt

*Prayers of comfort for the families of: Michelle Gaard, Karl Jacobson, Charlie Scherzer & 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

*For less plastic in your food:*

Avoid plastic storage containers (and lids!)

- Steer clear of fast foods and plastic/foam packaging
- Eat fresh, minimally processed food
- Choose, wood, stainless steel and silicone kitchen tools
- Use water bottles made of glass or steel

*Consumer Reports, February 2024*

### 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

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#### VISITORS

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