



# First Lutheran Church

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

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**Sunday, October 13, 2024 · 10:45 AM · 21st Sunday of Pentecost**



The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

## **PRELUDE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOCATION**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love as we sing,  
"Holy, holy, holy." *(Repeat from beginning)*

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

### **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**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

**Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. **Chorus 2 times**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, will  
be forever mine; Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

*Amos 5:11-15*

<sup>11</sup> Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph

**RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalm 90:12-17*

R: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**C: Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

R: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**C; Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.**

R: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

**C: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!**R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL***Mark 10:17-31*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' "<sup>20</sup> He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Pr. Joe Skogmo

**SONG THE DAY***Take My Life, That I May Be*

**Chorus: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. **Chorus**

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. **Chorus**

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. **Chorus**

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. **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.**

#### **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

*Connor & Kristin Camrud, and their children Anders & Owen*

*Sam & Tori Ohman, and their child Emerson*

*Jeff & Stacey Osland, and their children Eli & Sawyer*

*Gene & Abigail Vos*

*Jackie Walker*

*Joe & Kacey Wood, and their children Jonathan, Emery, Ruby & Calvin*

#### **BLESSING**

**P/C:** Let us pray. **Grant grace, O God to our newest siblings in Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and send us together into your service. Through the waters of baptism empower us to serve one another. In the breaking of bread keep us united. In the proclamation of your Word form us into the community you envision. In the promise of your resurrection, raise us up as your community to follow the example of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **SHARING OF PEACE**

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

#### **NOISY OFFERING**

**October: Churches United - Moorhead**  
VBS & Future Missions Trips — FLC Youth & Family Ministries - \$925.92

#### **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**

*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!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.** The office will be closed TOMORROW, in observance of Indigenous People's Day.

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

**THANKSOFFERING.** Reminder that during the month of October & November the WELCA are collecting a special "Thanksoffering" which supports the ongoing women's ministries of the ELCA.

**234 FELLOWSHIP:** The next 234 (20s, 30s, & 40s) Fellowship event is **TODAY** @ Bucks Mill Brewing from 4-6 PM! So, find a babysitter and come hangout for some brews, conversation, and cornhole! Please reach out to Shea Thorwaldsen with any questions.

**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 is on **October 15**.

**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.** The October High School Hang Out will meet on **October 27** at 4:30 pm @ Voyager Lanes for bowling! Cost: FREE—sweet! Bring a friend!

**UNDERSTANDING AND DISMANTLING RACISM.** On Sunday, October 27 & November 3, Pr. Roy Hammerling will lead sessions from 9:30 — 10:30 am, in the FLC Chapel. These sessions lead off the 2024/25 theme for upcoming Adult Faith Formation sessions: "Learning to Love and Serve Our Neighbors."

**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 on Wed from 6:30 -7:30 pm in the library

**HIGH SCHOOL: RAPID CITY TRIP.** There will be an informational meeting about next summer's trip to Rapid City. The meeting will take place on Sunday, November 3 at noon and is open to all youth who are currently in grade 9-12.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE.** The Children's Christmas Store will be back again this year! The date has been set for Saturday, December 7. The store is currently accepting donations of new or gently used gifts, and gift cards and gift bags and boxes for wrapping gifts. Donations can be brought to the church office.

### VISITORS

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## Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegschied,  
Cole Woltjer, Elyda Handegard,  
Joyce Gilbertson, LeAnn Henson,  
Norma Smith, Jake Netland, Tina  
Moe, Ryder Schmidt, Glenette  
Olson, Dean Ekelund,  
Pam Bergeson

*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

**Did you know?** If current trends of wasting and polluting freshwater continue, **two out of every three people** on earth will suffer moderate to severe water shortages in little more than **two decades**. WE NEED TO ACT TODAY.

Today's **radio broadcast** has been given in memory of: *Kathy (Disse) Hoghaug* (her birthday would be October 13th).

Given by: Randy Hoghaug



Today's **altar flowers** are given in honor of: *Josie Berg* in celebration of her baptism!

Given by: Grandma Sandy Berg & Grandpa Dan Berg



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

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