



# First Lutheran Church

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

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## Sunday, July 28, 2024 · 8:30 AM · Tenth Sunday of Pentecost



Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

### GATHERING HYMN

*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

*ELW #461*

1. All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### 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.**

### MUSICAL MESSAGE

*Now Let Me Fly - arr. Linda Spevacek*

*Gretchen Hendrickson, Janelle Maday, & Judy Maxwell*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalm 145:10-18*

R: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**C: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,**

R: to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.**

R: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**C: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

R: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**C: The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.**

R: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**READING***Ephesians 3:14-21*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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***John 6:1-15*

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

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they

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

**SERMON**

Pr. Joe Skogmo

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

ELW #843

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burnin sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

## 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

*Lutheran Disaster Response*

*Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.*

**(June Noisy Total: \$769.10 to ELCA Seminaries)**

## 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.

## 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 HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW #547

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face— our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

## SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**234 GROUP:** Tuesday, July 30th @ 7:00pm Music in the Park. Join the FLC 234 Group as we listen to Jan Severson in City Park. Bring a lawn chair. Children welcome!

**DREAM BIG DESIGN COMMITTEE INVITATION:** The Vision Council is excited to start work on a Master Planning Process this fall. This process requires a 5-8 member Master Planning Committee tasked with developing a Master Planning Proposal that will be presented to our church. The process includes utilizing both existing feedback and seeking additional feedback to create a vision for one or more updated spaces. The committee would meet 4-6 times over a three-month period. If interested in joining this committee, contact Carla Solem @ 701-306-1944 or cmsolem@gmail.com.

**STAR PARTY:** Interested in seeing a view that is always the same but constantly changing? Come join us on August 17 (backup date of August 31 if poor visibility) The Star gazing will be at Tom and Phyllis Neuenfeldt's land at 13285 Balsam Ave, Frazee. Use google maps and follow the gravel road to pasture. Or, meet at the church parking lot at 8:45PM to car pool. Contact Jim McCormack with any questions: at 218-234-1303 or jkmdvm@gmail.com.

**THE ABUNDANCE GARDEN CART IS BACK!** If you have an abundance of garden produce, and wish to share it with others, feel free to drop it off at the Abundance Garden Cart. If you are interested in taking home some of the abundant produce please check the cart at your convenience.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:** The Adult Faith Formation team encourages you to read the "get-acquainted" stories of members of our congregation, which is published monthly in the church newsletter column titled "Making Connections". FLC is a large congregation that attends separate worship services – "Making Connections" is an opportunity to get BETTER ACQUAINTED with one another.


**WE NEED YOU!** FYM is looking for Sun and Wed School teachers (9th Gr & and older) Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation Leaders, Teacher Subs. If interested contact Olivia, the YMF Director.

**YOUTH BONFIRE:** August 7 at 7:30 pm. More info coming soon!

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:** Sign up today for Sun/Wed School, Confirmation/Pre-Confirmation and Youth Group. If you have questions or need more info, contact Olivia or call the church office.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Thank you to those who have kept this important together time going! We are in search of volunteers to cover the month of August. We welcome ministry groups as well as individuals to serve! If you have an interest in signing up, please do so on the sign-up sheet on the volunteer table.

### Ways to Give

 **ONLINE:** [firstlutheranchurch.com](https://firstlutheranchurch.com) One-time, weekly, monthly or quarterly. Checking, savings or credit card. (fees associated with credit card usage)

**TEXT: 218-228-3228** Text your donation amount to the number listed above & follow instructions that are texted to you.

### Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Joe Morrison, Bill Wegschied, Dave Nustad, Cole Woltjer, Nyah Visker, Pam Nustad, Elyda Handegard, Ann Newgard-Larson, Greg Addison, Torey Neisen, Jim Elletson, Joyce Gilbertson, Rex, LeAnn Henson, Baby Nora, Deni & Jacob

*Prayers of comfort for the family of: Arlis Beto, JoAnn Marxen & Sharon R.'s husband*

**Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office if you**

### CREATION CARE NOTE

There are many ways to fight light pollution. Listed below are a few links to help you get involved!

**International:** [darksky.org/who-we-are/chapters](https://darksky.org/who-we-are/chapters)

**Minnesota:** [starryskiesnorth.org](https://starryskiesnorth.org)  
**Personally:** [darksky.org/get-involved/home-lighting-assessment](https://darksky.org/get-involved/home-lighting-assessment)

### Join us for Worship!

**RADIO:** Broadcast on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

**WEBCAST:** Services are live streamed on the FLC YouTube channel.

**TELEVISION:** Saturdays at 9:00

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