



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Sunday, September 15, 2024 · 10:45 AM · 17th Sunday of Pentecost



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 SONG

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin. That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

Chorus: Jesus Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Immanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine. Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, Love so amazing, yeah. **Chorus**
All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Immanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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

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.

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

Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷ 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?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ 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. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ 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." ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ 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

SONG THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me,
Lord; Thou my great Father,
and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

**Chorus: Lord, You are more precious than silver, Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds, And nothing I desire compares with You.**

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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 SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.**

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 SONG

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart. Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

Chorus: Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us, forgive us As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us From the evil one. Let Your kingdom come.

Repeat verse and chorus.

It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours. It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. Forever and ever, the kingdom is Yours.
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Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart. Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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!*

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

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.

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

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!

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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

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