



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 6, 2023 · 8:30 AM · Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food & drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude & reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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: Most merciful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Larry Foyen—Trumpet

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-18

- R: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
C: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
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.
R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise & Thanksgiving

ELW #689

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

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

TeachHaiti

TeachHaiti seeks to help students of Haiti emerge from poverty and experience a purposeful Christ-led life.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712, vs 1

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

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 & 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

Go My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Join Us For Worship

RADIO: KDLM 1340-AM & 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

WEBCAST: Live-streamed on firstlutheranchurch.com

IN PERSON: In the sanctuary Sundays at 8:30 AM & Outdoor at 10:30 AM.

TELEVISION: On Saturdays at 9 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.

Ways to Give



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(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. (We suggest you add the phone number above as a contact in your phone for future use.)

CHECK/CASH: 912 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS – FLC will be offering VBS for adults! Pastor Joe will be leading the study session to include **Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross vs Theology of Glory** on Monday, August 7. The session will be held on FLC's green space from 5:30 to 8 PM. In addition to this learning opportunity, there will be fun topic related activities, refreshments, and time for interacting with friends. You are encouraged to bring your lawn chair and to invite a friend. This event is sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team here at FLC. Hope to see you there!

WE ARE NOW HIRING—First Lutheran Church is now looking to hire a full time Youth and Family Ministry Director! If you believe that you or someone you know would be a good candidate for this position, please feel free to stop by the office with questions! A full job description and application, can be found on our website or by request in the church office.

PRODUCE CART IS BACK—The produce sharing cart is now out for people who have an abundance of produce who would like to share! Those who are looking for some extra veggies, feel free to stop by and take a look at what is available!

WOMEN'S COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING— On Wednesday, August 16 the Women's Co-Council will meet at 9:30 AM in the FLC Conference Room.

STEPPING STONE CREATION—Join us on August 13 to help decorate the stepping stones for the Pollinator Garden. We will be mixing and preparing the cement circular stones after the 10:30 service, in the parking lot. Bring your imagination and any colorful marbles, stones you would like to share. We will have choices available too.

UPCOMING FUNERAL: A Celebration of Life for Lorraine McCawley will be held in the First Lutheran Church Dining Room on Tuesday, August 8 at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to join her friends for coffee and cake!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION MEETING—Adult Faith Formation team will meet Tuesday, August 8 at 3 PM in the FLC Conference Room.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE POTLUCK—The Ruth Circle Potluck is Thursday, August 10 at 11:30 AM in the FLC Dining Room.

Prayers for God's People


Brent Blake
Rodger Tinjum
Joe Morrison
Dale Pepelnjak
Julie Manke
Bill Wegscheid
Judy Ford
Arthur Strauss
Kathy Lampton
Nick Thompson
Jim Buchholz
Nyah Visker
Connie Graber
Lisa Weber
Sandy McCormack
Arlis Beto
Cole Woltjer

Prayers of Comfort for the Family of

Officer Jake Wallin


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



The US uses over 100 billion plastic bags annually, consuming about 12 million barrels of oil. Use fewer, re-use, and then recycle. It's easy to recycle, Walmart has a bag recycling drop off in their lobby.

ALTAR FLOWERS



The altar flowers for this Sunday are given in memory of Carla Knutson Biermaier. They are given by her sisters Palma & Shila.

Welcome Visitor!

Date of Visit: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I'm a guest of: _____ I'm a member of: _____

I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.