



# First Lutheran Church

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

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**Sunday, August 25 2024 · 8:30 AM · Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**



In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

## GATHERING HYMN

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*ELW #853, vs 1, 4 & 5*

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Let all of humankind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
5. Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face, sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

## 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.**

## MUSICAL MESSAGE

*You Are My All in All - arr. Lloyd Larson*

*Amanda & Holly Heisserer*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Joshua 24:1-2,14-18*

<sup>24</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

<sup>14</sup> "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, <sup>18</sup> and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

**RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalm 34:15-22*

R: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**C: The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

R: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and rescues them from all their troubles.

**C: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

R: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**C: He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**

R: Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**C: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

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 6:66-69*

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

<sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

**SERMON***Pr. Joe Skogmo***HYMN OF THE DAY***Blessed Assurance**ELW #638*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain : This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

**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

### Cornerstone Community and Youth Center

Their mission is to develop a healthier community by providing healthy food, mentoring, arts, culture, and skill building in a safe and caring environment in Frazee.

**July Noisy Offering Total: \$520.15, raised for Lutheran Disaster Response**

## 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.**

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

*You Are the Way*

*ELW # 758*

1. You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
2. You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.
3. You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
4. You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

## SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES:** On Sept 8 our **Sunday** schedule will go back to: 8:30am Traditional Worship | 9:30am Sunday School | 10:45am Contemporary Worship. On Sept 11 our **Wednesday** nights resume: Oasis meal 5pm | Worship service 6pm | Wednesday school 6:30pm.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** on Mon, Sept 2 in observance of Labor Day.

**RALLY SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY:** Join us on Sunday, September 8 & Wednesday, September 11 as we kick off the new ministry year with blessing of the back packs and the FLC Ice Cream Sunday Bar! *If you haven't registered your kids yet for Sun/Wed School, Confirmation/Pre-Confirmation and Youth Group, please do so.*

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

**JUBILATE CHOIR:** *The time for voices singing in praise has come!* The FLC Jubilate Choir will begin it's Fall Season on Sept 4 at 7:15 pm and rehearses every Wed evening from 7:15pm to 8:15pm in the Multi-Purpose Room and the choir will sing 2 to 3 Sundays a month. We welcome all adults and high school students who want to explore the joy of singing and harmonizing! No experience is necessary, only a desire to participate and celebrate!

**THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION** serves the mission of the church through financial giving exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, or educational purposes. Our April and July quarterly meetings included funding for: *Six scholarship awards; Minnesota Flyers Gymnastics, Fly Time program; TeachHaiti lunch program; First Lutheran Church Agape Fund; Pathways Bible camps for training.* To make an eligible funding request, please visit the FLC Foundation page at: [firstlutheran-church.com](http://firstlutheran-church.com). Interested in a donation to the fund? Make your check to "FLC Foundation" and deliver to the church office.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF-SCHOOL KIT DRIVE:** We need your help! We are specifically asking for *70 page spiral notebooks*, in addition to rulers and children's scissors. Cash donations of any amount are also welcome, checks payable to FLCW. Donations box is by the office!

**DREAM BIG DESIGN COMMITTEE INVITATION:** The Vision Council is excited to start work on a Master Planning Process. This process requires a 5-8 member Master Planning Committee who will develop 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, contact Carla Solem @ 701-306-1944 or [cmsolem@gmail.com](mailto:cmsolem@gmail.com).

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED:** If you are interested in helping with the Sunday service check out the Volunteer Table for current volunteer needs and sign up sheets.

**SYNOD ROAD TRIP:** The Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA is hosting the Synod Road Trip 2024. Everyone is invited to Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham on September 5 at 5:30pm for Dinner, Worship and updates from around the Synod.

### VISITORS

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## Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegschieid, Dave Nustad, Cole Woltjer, Pam Nustad, Elyda Handegard, Jake Netland, Ann Newgard-Larson, Joyce Gilbertson, Rex, LeAnn Henson, Baby Nora, Deni & Jacob, Tina Moe, Ryder Schmidt

*Prayers of comfort for the family of:*  
Marilyn Weiler, Michelle Gaard & Karl Jacobson .

**Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office if you wish to remain on the list longer.**



Americans waste an average of approximately one pound of food, per person, each day.

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of:

**Marilyn Weiler**, by her family.

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Ardys Horner donated altar

flowers in memory of:

**Jon Horner.**

## 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

Saturday at 9AM on