



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

What Feast of Love

ELW #487

1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!
3. What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P/C: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

My Glory, Joy and Crown! arr. Marty Parks

Jubilate Choir

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 8

R: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

C: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

R: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

C: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

R: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

C: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

R: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

R: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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

Matthew 5:27-28; 31-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skomo

HYMN OF THE DAY

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

ELW #608

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

**Refrain: "Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

3. Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. **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.**

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 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.

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 HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

SENDING

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: We will be welcoming new members to FLC during our worship services on Wednesday, Oct 9 and Sunday, Oct 13. If you would like to become a member of FLC, please contact Sarah Nelson for more information: 218-847-5656/email sa-rah@firstlutheranchurch.com.

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**.

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.

234 FELLOWSHIP: The next 234 (20s, 30s, & 40s) Fellowship event is coming up on October 13th @ Bucks Mill Brewing from 4-6 PM! So, find babysitters and come hangout for some brews (or N/A options), conversation, and cornhole! Please reach out to Pr Matthew or Shea Thorwaldsen with any questions.

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: Join us for a High School Hang Out on October 27 at FLC @ 4:30pm. Bring a friend – all are welcome!

WELCA FALL GATHERING: The WELCA Fall Gathering will be held at Lake Park Lutheran Church on Sat, Oct 19 at 9:15am. Special speaker is Tanya Todd, who will be speaking on "Dispatched: In Pursuit of Purpose – A dispatch cop's wife's view of what Jesus calls us to do". Cost: \$15 /Includes coffee & lunch. Pre-register by Oct 12. Registrations forms are on the volunteer table. Meet at FLC @ 8am to carpool.

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 and devotions every Wednesday from 6:30 –7:30 pm in the library

VISITORS

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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

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forty times more
expensive than taking
steps to protect the
water at the source.**

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