



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Sunday, July 14, 2024 · 8:30 AM · Eighth Sunday of Pentecost



When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

How Beautiful - arr. Lloyd Larson

Holly Heisserer & Janelle Maday

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am¹ no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

RESPONSIVE PSALM*Psalm 85: 8-13*

R: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

C: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

R: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

C: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

R: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND READING*Ephesians 1:3-14*

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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*Mark 6:14-29*

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

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

SERMON

Pr. Matthew Engum

HYMN OF THE DAY*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

vs. 1, 3-4 ELW #812

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
3. Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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.

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.**

COMMISSIONING LITURGY FOR FLC YOUTH - 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

Pr. Joe: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts....

Olivia: Will you use your bravery for the sake of the Gospel... If so, respond with "we will and we ask God to help us." **Y: We will and we ask God to help us.**

Pr. Matthew: Will you freely participate in the gathering... **Y: We will and we ask God to help us.**

Olivia: And now, I ask the congregation - Will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these youth gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God's guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories/experiences with love and openness? If so, respond with "we will and we ask God to help us."

ALL: We will and we ask God to help us.

Pr. Joe: Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you.

ALL: Amen. Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW #805

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND WORSHIP TIMES: Join us for worship this summer, Sundays at 8:30am or 10:30am. Our summer office hours are Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4pm & Fri 8:30am-Noon.

OUTDOOR PROJECT UPDATE: Exciting things are happening outside at FLC! So far this summer, we have had new concrete footings poured, a new digital sign delivered, utilities trenched, and plumbing for irrigation system installed. Next on the "to do list", we will be installing the irrigation system, connecting the electricity to the sign & AV on the patio, level & seed the lawn ...and last, but not least, we will grow the new grass!

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!

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

THE ABDUANCE GARDEN CART IS BACK! It's that time of year again- 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. It's Win, Win for everyone

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR: *Everyone is welcome to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30 am for coffee/tea & treats.* Thank you to those that have volunteered to serve for Sunday fellowship hour! The month of July is being hosted by Adult Faith Formation. Interested in volunteering or bringing treats? Sign-up at the volunteer table

PICNIC IN THE PARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Bob Jernberg needs 8 volunteers to serve on July 23, from 4:45-7pm at Picnic in the Park. If it is raining, it will be moved into the Pavilion. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Detroit Lakes City Park near the bandshell. Please sign-up at the volunteer table outside the office.

Ways to Give



ONLINE: 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,
Augie Montplaisir, Joyce Gilbertson,
Rex*

*Prayers of comfort for the family of:
Arlis Beto*

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

Light Pollution Affects Human Health

DarkSky International is working to restore the nighttime environment and protect our communities from the harmful effects of light pollution. For more information, Check out: Darksky.org

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 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.