



# First Lutheran Church

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

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**Sunday, October 27, 2024 · 8:30 AM · Reformation Sunday**



Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

## PRELUDE

*Solid Rock, by Jason Krag*

*Alleluia Ringers*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

## GATHERING HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*ELW #505*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe, with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no equal.
2. If we in our own strength confide, our striving turns to losing; the righteous one fights by our side, the one of God’s own choosing. You ask who this may be: Christ Jesus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name. No other God we claim! None else can win the battle.
3. Though all the world with devils fill and threaten to devour us, we tremble not, we trust God’s will: they cannot overpower us. Though Satan rant and rage, in fiercest war engage, this tyrant’s doomed to fail; God’s judgement must prevail! One little word shall triumph.
4. God’s Word shall stand above the powers, shall end all their thanksgiving. The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won. The kingdom’s our forever!

## 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

Eternal light, **shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## MUSICAL MESSAGE

*Jubilate Choir*

## FIRST READING

*Ephesians 2: 8 - 10*

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—  
<sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

**RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalm 46:1-4*

R: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

R: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High****SECOND READING***Romans 8:38-39*<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**Alleluia Ringers***GOSPEL***John 8:31-36*P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON**

Pr. Joe Skogmo

**HYMN OF THE DAY***How Firm a Foundation**v. 1, 3-4 ELW #712*

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
3. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
4. "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

## 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*

## 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

*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

*ELW #509*

God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever; to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.

### SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT.** The next HSHO will be on **TONIGHT** at 4:30 pm @ Voyager Lanes for bowling! Cost: FREE—sweet! Bring a friend!

**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.*”

**FOOD PANTRY MONTH.** November is FLC’s month to serve at the food pantry. We are seeking volunteers from 11:30am – 3:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Nov. The sign-up is on the volunteer table outside the office.

**QUILTERS,** will not meet on Tuesday, November 5 due to Election Day.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.** The memorial service for Elyda Handegard is on Monday, October 28 at West Kjos Funeral Home at 2pm, visitation is at 12-2pm.

**HIGH SCHOOL RAPID CITY TRIP.** There will be an informational meeting about next summer’s trip to Rapid City on Sunday, **Nov 3** at noon and is open to all youth who are currently in grade 9-12.

**TURKEY BINGO.** Join us on November 20 for Turkey Bingo! Turkey dinner served from 5-6pm/\$5 per person. Bingo runs from 5:30-7pmpm/\$10 for 10 rounds. All money raised goes to Youth & Family Ministries.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS STORE.** The Children’s Christmas Store will be back again this year! The date is, Sat, December 7. The store is seeking donations of new or gently used gifts, gift cards and also gift bags & boxes for wrapping gifts. Donations can be brought to the church office. *Volunteers are needed for set up, and for the day of the event. Sign-up at the volunteer table!*

**COLD WEATHER ITEMS NEEDED!** As the weather gets colder, the church has received an increase of requests for warm clothing & blankets. We are in need of the following cold weather items for our Blessing Closet: sweatshirts, pants, socks, hats, gloves/mittens, coats, boots, blankets, sleeping bags, tote bags and snow pants. Please place items in the bin outside of the office.

**BLESSING ROOM ORGANIZERS:** We are in need of 1 - 2 people that would be willing to come into the FLC office to reorganize the Blessing Room, which houses the donated clothing for the people we serve that are in need. If you are interested, please reach out to Sarah Nelson, Ministry and Social Assistance Coordinator via email: sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com or office ph: 218-847-5656.

**OFFICE COVERAGE FOR STAFF MEETINGS:** We are seeking a volunteer to be on a rotation for office coverage, by answering the phone and greeting guests during staff meeting time one Tuesday a month from 9am - 11am. If you are interested, please reach out to Sarah Nelson, Ministry and Social Assistance Coordinator via email: sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com or office phone: 218-847-5656.

### VISITORS

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about FLC ?



### GIVE ONLINE

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support of FLC’s missions  
& ministries.



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**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, Bill Wegschied,  
Cole Woltjer, Joyce Gilbertson,  
Jake Netland, Ryder Schmidt, Lor-  
raine Tyberg, Pam Bergeson

Prayers of comfort for the family  
Elyda Handegard,

**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

If you use commercial car washes, make sure they are designed to prevent pollutant runoff from entering storm sewers.

If you wash your car at home with a hose (which uses more water than the commercial washes), be sure to use appropriate cleansing agents, such as phosphate-free, biodegradable detergents. Make sure soaps, dirt, and oil do not enter the storm sewer. Collect the wastewater using containment pads and pails

Today’s altar flowers are given  
in memory of:

**Elyda Handegard**

Given by her family

## 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  
Arvig Cable ch14.