



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 13, 2023 • 10:30 AM • Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Confidence

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose. I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to do.
But Lord with Your strength I've got no excuse 'Cause broken people are exactly who You use.

**Chorus: So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den. Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.
Give me a heart like David. Lord, be my defense so I can face my giants with confidence.**

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king. So I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'rything.
I'll be a conqueror cause You fight for me. I'll be a champion claiming your victory. **Chorus**

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the wall. Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call. Jesus, Jesus.

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Gonna stand up, step out when You call. Jesus. **Chorus (2 times)**

I'll face my giants with confidence.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. **Repeat all above**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

RESPONSIVE PSALM*Psalm 145:8-9, 14-18*

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*Romans 10:5-15*

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

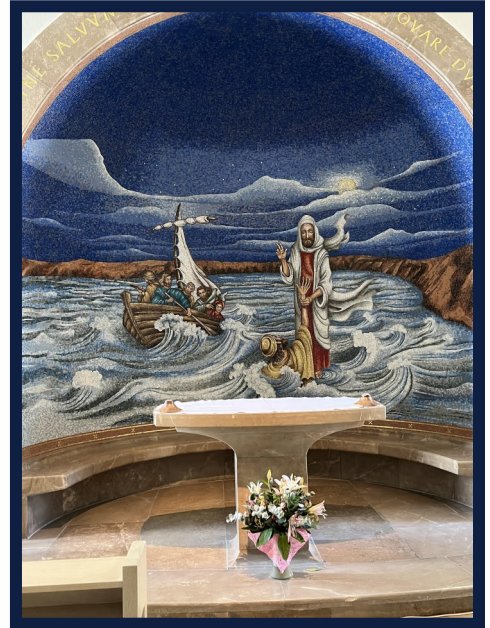
GOSPEL*Matthew 14:22-33*

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

**SERMON**

Pr. Lauryl Ivers

SONG OF THE DAY*Peace Be Still*

Through every battle, through every heartbreak, through every circumstance, I believe that
You are my fortress, oh You are my portion. You are my hiding place, oh I believe You are,

Chorus: The Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are, the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe.

Through every blessing, through every promise, through every breath I take, I believe that
You are provider. Oh You are protector, You are the One I love. I believe You are **Chorus**

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You. And You meet me here today, with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too, because they can't stay long when I'm here with You.
It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You and You meet me here today, with mercies that are new.

All my fears and doubts, they can all come too, because they can't stay long, when I believe You are **Chorus**

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You. And You meet me here today, with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too, because they can't stay long, when I'm here, You are **Chorus**

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

TeachHaiti

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

July Noisy Offering Total was \$665.62 to Lutheran World Relief.

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence You won't let go, in the questions Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

**Chorus: My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness. I will follow You, whoa.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh! **Chorus**

Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storm. **(2 times) Chorus**

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE



Ways to Give

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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. (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.

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.



CREATION CARE NOTE



Sustainable late summer lawn care: Let your lawn clippings lie. Don’t bag up your clippings. The cut grass blades will compost in place, feeding micro-organisms that return nutrients to the soil and keep the soil more moist.



Prayers for God’s People

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

Prayers of Comfort for the Family of

Officer Jake Wallin
Jodi Ahles

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

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.