



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 SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made. Come set our hearts ablaze with hope like wildfire in our very souls. Holy Spirit, come invade us now. We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst. Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize. To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r reaching the near and far. No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts. You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church. We are the hope on earth **Chorus 2 times**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Eye of the Storm

CHORUS: In the eye of the storm, You remain in control. And in the middle of the war, You guard my soul. You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn. Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet, Between the black skies and my red eyes, I can barely see. When I realize I've been let down by my friends and my family, I can feel the rain reminding me.

CHORUS: In the eye of the storm, You remain in control. In the middle of the war, You guard my soul You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn. Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm running out of faith, I see the future I picture slowly fade away. When the tears of pain and heartache are pouring down my face, I find my peace in Jesus' name. **CHORUS**

When they let me go and I just don't know how I'm gonna make ends meet. I did my best, now I'm scared to death that we might lose everything. And when a sickness takes my child away and there's nothing I can do, My only hope is to trust You. I trust You, Lord. **CHORUS**

ENDING: You remain in control. In the middle of the war, You guard my soul You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn. Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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 Skogmo

SONG THE DAY

What Feast of Love

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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!

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 SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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: Loving God, **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 SONG

Child of Love

I was walking the wayside, lost on a lonely road. I was chasing the high life, try'n to satisfy my soul.

All the lies I believed in left me crying like the rain.
Then I saw lightning from Heaven, and I've never been the same.

Chorus: I'm gonna climb a mountain, I'm gonna shout about it. I am a child of love. I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus. I am a child of love.

I've felt the sting of the fire, but I saw You in the flames.
Just when I thought it was over, You broke me out of the grave. **Chorus**

Hey yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love. Yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love.

Nothing can change the way You love me. Nothing can change the way. I belong to You. Yes I do. Nothing can separate. Nothing can change the way You love me. Nothing can change the way. I belong to You. Yes I do. Nothing can separate.

I'm gonna climb a mountain, I am a child of love. I found a world of freedom, I am a child of love. **Chorus**

Hey yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love. Yeah (yeah), oh (oh), I am a child of love.

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 sarah@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**.

RUTH CIRCLE: The Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 2pm in the church dining room.

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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