



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Sunday, August 25 2024 · 10:30 AM · Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost



In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

The Way

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

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.

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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

You Are My All in All - arr. Lloyd Larson

Amanda & Holly Heisserer

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

²⁴ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

¹⁴ "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 34:15-22

R: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

C: The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

R: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and rescues them from all their troubles.

C: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

R: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

C: He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

R: Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

C: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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

GOSPEL

John 6:66-69

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

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skomo

SONG THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance! Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, the purchase of God, Born of His spirit and I'm washed in His blood.

**Chorus: This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song! I'm praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, all is at rest. 'Cause I in my Savior, I am happy and blessed. I'm watching and waiting
and I'm looking above. Filled with His goodness and I'm washed in His blood. **Chorus**

This is my story. I'll testify that God is good all the time. He saw me and heard my cry. Now I am His.
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He is mine. He is mine! **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

Cornerstone Community and Youth Center

Their mission is to develop a healthier community by providing healthy food, mentoring, arts, culture, and skill building in a safe and caring environment in Frazee.

July Noisy Offering Total: \$520.15, raised for Lutheran Disaster Response

OFFERING & 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

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest. Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all pow'rs and positions. Your name stands above them all.

Chorus: And the angels cry, Holy! All creation cries, Holy! You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name, Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

**Chorus 2: And the angels cry, Holy! All creation cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!
Hear your people sing, Holy! To the King of Kings, Holy!
You will always be, holy! Holy forever!**

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest. Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all pow'rs and positions. Your name stands above them all.

Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest. Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all pow'rs and positions. Your name stands above them all. **Chorus 2:**

You will always be, Holy! Holy forever!

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES: On Sept 8 our **Sunday** schedule will go back to: 8:30am Traditional Worship | 9:30am Sunday School | 10:45am Contemporary Worship. On Sept 11 our **Wednesday** nights resume: Oasis meal 5pm | Worship service 6pm | Wednesday school 6:30pm.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on Mon, Sept 2 in observance of Labor Day.

RALLY SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY: Join us on Sunday, September 8 & Wednesday, September 11 as we kick off the new ministry year with blessing of the back packs and the FLC Ice Cream Sunday Bar! *If you haven't registered your kids yet for Sun/Wed School, Confirmation/Pre-Confirmation and Youth Group, please do so.*

TAI JI QUAN: A new 12-week session is starting on Sept 17. The class will meet every Tuesday & Thursday at 1pm. Tai Ji Quan helps with strengthening and improving balance. It also helps to relieve arthritic pain and back issues. Please sign up at the volunteer table.

JUBILIATE CHOIR: *The time for voices singing in praise has come!* The FLC Jubilate Choir will begin it's Fall Season on Sept 4 at 7:15 pm and rehearses every Wed evening from 7:15pm to 8:15pm in the Multi-Purpose Room and the choir will sing 2 to 3 Sundays a month. We welcome all adults and high school students who want to explore the joy of singing and harmonizing! No experience is necessary, only a desire to participate and celebrate!

THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION serves the mission of the church through financial giving exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, or educational purposes. Our April and July quarterly meetings included funding for: *Six scholarship awards; Minnesota Flyers Gymnastics, Fly Time program; TeachHaiti lunch program; First Lutheran Church Agape Fund; Pathways Bible camps for training.* To make an eligible funding request, please visit the FLC Foundation page at: firstlutheranchurch.com. Interested in a donation to the fund? Make your check to "FLC Foundation" and deliver to the church office.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF-SCHOOL KIT DRIVE: We need your help! We are specifically asking for *70 page spiral notebooks*, in addition to rulers and children's scissors. Cash donations of any amount are also welcome, checks payable to FLCW. Donations box is by the office!

DREAM BIG DESIGN COMMITTEE INVITATION: The Vision Council is excited to start work on a Master Planning Process. This process requires a 5-8 member Master Planning Committee who will develop a Master Planning Proposal that will be presented to our church. The process includes utilizing both existing feedback and seeking additional feedback to create a vision for one or more updated spaces. The committee would meet 4-6 times over a three-month period. If interested in joining, contact Carla Solem @ 701-306-1944 or cmsolem@gmail.com.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED: If you are interested in helping with the Sunday service check out the Volunteer Table for current volunteer needs and sign up sheets.

SYNOD ROAD TRIP: The Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA is hosting the Synod Road Trip 2024. Everyone is invited to Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham on September 5 at 5:30pm for Dinner, Worship and updates from around the Synod.

Prayers for God's People

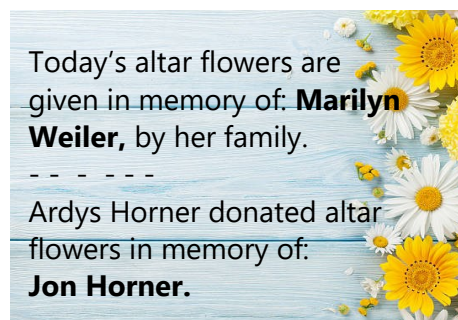
Brent Blake, Bill Wegschied, Dave Nustad, Cole Woltjer, Pam Nustad, Elyda Handegard, Jake Netland, Ann Newgard-Larson, Joyce Gilbertson, Rex, LeAnn Henson, Baby Nora, Deni & Jacob, Tina Moe, Ryder Schmidt

Prayers of comfort for the family of: Marilyn Weiler, Michelle Gaard & Karl Jacobson .

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





Americans waste an average of approximately one pound of food, per person, each day.



Today's altar flowers are given in memory of: **Marilyn Weiler**, by her family.

Ardys Horner donated altar flowers in memory of: **Jon Horner**.

<p>VISITORS</p> <p>Thanks for joining us! Want to know more about FLC ?</p> 	<p>GIVE ONLINE</p> <p>Thank you for your support of FLC's missions & ministries</p> 	<p>TEXT TO GIVE</p> <p>218-228-3228</p> <p>Text your donation amount to the number listed above & follow instructions that are texted to you.</p>
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Sundays at 10AM on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM

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Live streamed on Facebook and on the FLC YouTube channel.

TELEVISION
Saturday at 9AM on Arvig Cable ch14.