



# First Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, August 27, 2023 · 8:30 AM · Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

## GATHERING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW #796

- 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?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 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."

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## MUSICAL MESSAGE

*The Prayer—Sager & Foster*

Peggy Hammerling, flute  
Rich Johnson, Sax

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalm 138*

**R: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;**

**C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

**R: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.**

**C: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

**R: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.**

**C: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

**R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**

**C: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 12:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## GOSPEL

*16:13-20*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & LEARNING DEVICES

### SERMON

Pr. Lauryl Ivers

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*It is Well with My Soul*

ELW #785

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain: It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.   **Refrain**

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!   **Refrain**

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.   **Refrain**

### 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.**

### SERVICE OF HEALING

#### 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.**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW #712, vs 1

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

**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 HYMN**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW #

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. **R+efrain**
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

**SENDING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Ways to Give



**ONLINE:** [firstlutheranchurch.com](http://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. (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

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**RALLY SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY**—Mark your calendars! Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 10! Traditional Worship will be at 8:30 AM, Sunday School will be from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM and the Contemporary Worship will be at 10:45 AM. Rally Wednesday is Wednesday, September 13 with the Oasis meal from 5 PM to 6 PM, Worship from 6 PM to 6:30 PM and Wednesday School and Confirmation from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

**GET YOUR KIDDOS REGISTERED**—We are now taking registrations for Sunday/Wednesday School and Confirmation. They can be found on the FLC website under Faith Formation. Those looking to register for Wednesday/Sunday School should go to the Children's Ministry page and Confirmation students can register on the Youth Ministry page.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—We are still looking for a couple volunteers for our Youth & Family Ministry program year. We need a 3rd Grade Teacher for Wednesday School and a 3rd-5th Grade Teacher for Sunday School. These positions can also be shared between two people who take every other week or friends who would like to pair up and teach together. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**—There will be volunteer orientation for those volunteering for the Youth & Family Ministries on Monday, August 28 at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. All those who are helping will need to attend and sign the orientation paperwork to be able to volunteer this year.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS**—School supplies are now on sale! Items needed for the fall school kit drive are as follows: 70 Page Spiral Notebooks, 24 Packs of Crayons, Pencil Sharpeners & rulers. Please place donations in the bin outside the church office.

**OUTDOOR SERVICE MOVING INDOORS EARLY**—The outdoor service will be moving indoors a week early. Services will be back inside starting on Sunday, September 3 and will still be at 10:30. The following week on Sunday, September 10 the second services will be indoors and held at 10:45 AM.



### CREATION CARE NOTE

Plan for next year's flower beds and borders:  
Use native plants to cut down on watering needs.  
Check out the First Lutheran pollinator garden  
to find out what's native to this area.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this Sunday are given in memory of Jon and Patrick Hbner. They are given by Ardys Hbner & family.



### Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake  
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  
Sue Ashmore  
Pam Bergeson

### Prayers of Comfort for the Family of

Rodger Tinjum  
LeeAnn Hagle  
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.*

### Join Us For Worship

**RADIO:** KDLM 1340-AM & 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

**WEBCAST:** Live-streamed on [firstlutheranchurch.com](http://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.