



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Sunday, September 29, 2024 · 8:30 AM · 19th Sunday of Pentecost



Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW #532, vs 1, 2, & 4

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and for saken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away— here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

KYRIE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God

ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth. We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might understand that we already have peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Alleluia Ringers

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 19:7-14

R: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

C: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

R: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

R: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

C: But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

R: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² "If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ "For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

SERMON

Pr. Matthew Engum

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#810, vs 1, 2, & 4

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2. Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.
4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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

VBS & Future Missions Trips — FLC Youth & Family Ministries

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

vs 1-2, 4 ELW #763

1. My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

***Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?***

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? ***Refrain***
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? ***Refrain***

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 beginning October 2.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: We will be welcoming new members to FLC on Wed, Oct 9 at the 6pm worship service and Sun, Oct 13 during the 8:30am and 10:45am worship services. If you would like to become a member of FLC, please complete the **Membership Form** located on our website by clicking on 'Membership' under the 'About Us' tab (www.firstlutheranchurch.com). Please note, if you are unable to make those new member dates, you can still become a member at any time! Please call the office and talk to Sarah Nelson for more information (218-847-5656) or email at sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com.

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. The next gathering date is October 1.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: We are in search of volunteer soundboard operators during worship services and other events who monitors the volume of instruments, microphones, and music. We are also seeking individuals that have interest in managing the worship slides and our live stream. No experience needed - if you are a willing to learn, we will train you. If interested, or for more info. contact: Sarah Nelson, Ministry and Social Assistance Coordinator, ph: 218-847-5656/ sarah@firstlutheranchurch.com or talk to Pr Joe or Pr Matthew.

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!

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**.

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.

VISITORS

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Cole Woltjer, Elyda Handegard,
Joyce Gilbertson, LeAnn Henson,
Jake Netland, Tina Moe,
Ryder Schmidt, Glenette Olson,
Dean Ekelund

*Prayers of comfort for the families
of: Kay Larson.*

**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

More than two thirds of all
the toxic waste in the US
comes from improperly
disposed of electronics.

The Week, August 2, 2024

Opening Doors to Life in Christ!



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