



# First Lutheran Church

*Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!*

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## Sunday, July 21, 2024 · 8:30 AM · Ninth Sunday of Pentecost



Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

### GATHERING HYMN

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

*vs 1,3,5 ELW #778*

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

### 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

*Morning Song - arr. David Ferreira*

*Peggy Hammerling*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C:** O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>23</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalm 23*

R: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

R: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**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 6:30-34, 53-56*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

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

Pr. Roy Hammerling

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

vs. 1-2 &amp; 4, ELW #676

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.
- 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**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

*Lutheran Disaster Response*

*Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.*

## 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.

## 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 HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

ELW #654, vs 1 & 4-5

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

## SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND WORSHIP TIMES:** Join us for worship this summer, Sundays at 8:30am or 10:30am. Our summer office hours are Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4pm & Fri 8:30am-Noon.

**OUTDOOR PROJECT UPDATE:** Exciting things are happening outside at FLC! So far this summer, we have had new concrete footings poured, a new digital sign delivered, utilities trenched, and plumbing for irrigation system installed. Next on the "to do list", we will be installing the irrigation system, connecting the electricity to the sign & AV on the patio, level & seed the lawn, and last, but not least, we will grow new grass!

**234 GROUP:** Tuesday, July 30th @ 7:00pm Music in the Park. Join the FLC 234 Group as we listen to Jan Severson in City Park. Bring a lawn chair. Children welcome!

**THE ABUNDANCE GARDEN CART IS BACK!** It's that time of year again— if you have an abundance of garden produce, and wish to share it with others, feel free to drop it off at the Abundance Garden Cart. If you are interested in taking home some of the abundant produce please check the cart at your convenience. It's Win, Win for everyone.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Everyone is welcome to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30 am for coffee/tea & treats. Thank you to those that have volunteered to serve for Sunday fellowship hour! The month of July is being hosted by Adult Faith Formation. Interested in volunteering or bringing treats? Sign-up at the volunteer table.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:** The Adult Faith Formation team encourages you to read the "get-acquainted" stories of members of our congregation, which is published monthly in the church newsletter column titled "Making Connections". FLC is a large congregation that attends separate worship services – "Making Connections" is an opportunity to get BETTER ACQUAINTED with one another.

### Family & Youth Ministry

**WE NEED YOU!** FYM is looking for Sunday and Wednesday School teachers (9th Gr & and older) Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation Leaders, Teacher Subs. If interested contact Olivia, the YMF Director, for more information.

**YOUTH BONFIRE:** August 7. More info coming soon!

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:** Sign up today for Sun/Wed School, Confirmation/Pre-Confirmation and Youth Group. If you have questions or need more info, contact Olivia or call the church office.

### 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.

### Prayers for God's People

*Brent Blake, Joe Morrison,  
Bill Wegschied, Dave Nustad,  
Cole Woltjer, Nyah Visker,  
Pam Nustad, Elyda Handegard,  
Ann Newgard-Larson, Greg Addison,  
Torey Neisen, Jim Elletson,  
Augie Montplaisir, Joyce Gilbertson,  
Rex, LeAnn Henson*

*Prayers of comfort for the family of:  
Arlis Beto & JoAnn Marxen*

*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

5 Lighting Principals for Responsible Outdoor Lighting

**Useful:** use light only as needed

**Targeted:** direct light so it falls only where it is needed

**Low level:** light should be no brighter than needed

**Controlled:** use light only when it is needed

**Warm colored:** use warmer color lights where possible

### Join us for Worship!

**RADIO:** Broadcast on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

**WEBCAST:** Services are live streamed on the FLC YouTube channel.

**TELEVISION:** Saturdays at 9:00 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.

*Opening Doors to Life in Christ!*



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