



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Wednesday, September 18, 2024 · 6:00 PM · 17th Wednesday of Pentecost



Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

GATHERING SONG

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: Most 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.**

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Engum

NOISY OFFERING

FLC VBS & FLC Mission Trips

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.**

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

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Jesus Loves Me

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1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. *Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,*

SENDING P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL FREE PIZZA LUNCH: High Schoolers - Join the Pastors the 3rd Thursday of each month, for a *FREE lunch*, at Pizza Ranch at 11:30am. The first FREE lunch is, TOMORROW, September 19.

HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT: Join us for a High School Hang Out on September 22 at FLC @ 4:30pm. Bring a friend – all are welcome!

WEDNESDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 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 First Lutheran Church, 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. >>If you have been considering becoming a member of FLC, but, "just haven't got around to it" - now's the time! >>

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Sunday, Sept 22 at 9:30am, in the church library, for a special presentation by Steve Yestebo of Fix it Forward Auto Care & Ministry.

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.

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegschied, Cole Woltjer, Elyda Handegard, Joyce Gilbertson, LeAnn Henson, Jake Netland, Tina Moe, Ryder Schmidt , Norma Smith, Glenette Olson

Prayers of comfort for the families of: Michelle Gaard, Karl Jacobson, Charlie Scherzer & 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

For less plastic in your food:

Avoid plastic storage containers (and lids!)

- Steer clear of fast foods and plastic/foam packaging
- Eat fresh, minimally processed food
- Choose, wood, stainless steel and silicone kitchen tools
- Use water bottles made of glass or steel

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