



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 27, 2023 • 10:30 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Baptized and Set Free

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Madden Shay Johnson

Parents: Kendra & Shay Johnson

Sponsors: Josh & Kellsey Steeves; Drew & Hilliary Johnson; Jeanne Toso

Profession of Faith

P/C: Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth.**

P/C: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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.**

P/C: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **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.**

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

¹I 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. ²Do 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.

³For 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. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the 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.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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." ²⁰Then 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

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin. That we might become His righteousness.

He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

Chorus: Jesus Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Immanuel.

The rescue for sinners. The ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine. Broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, Love so amazing, yeah.

Chorus

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Immanuel.

The rescue for sinners. The ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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 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

Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory. When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved. And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me. There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You.

Chorus: So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high. Oh God, the battle belongs to You. And every fear I lay at Your feet. I'll sing through the night. Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

And if You are for me, who can be against me? For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You.

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty. When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb.

Chorus

Bridge: *Almighty Fortress, You go before us. Nothing can stand against the power of our God.*

You shine in the shadow, You win ev'ry battle. Nothing can stand against the power of our God.

(Repeat Bridge 2 Times)

Chorus

Oh God, the battle belongs to You!

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE



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 Arlys Hbner & family.



Ways to Give

ONLINE: 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

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.

Join Us For Worship

RADIO—KDLM 1340-AM & 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

WEBCAST—Live-streamed on 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.



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.

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.