



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Sunday, September 22, 2024 · 10:45 AM · 18th Sunday of Pentecost



Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Baptized and Set Free - #453, vs 1 & 4

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.
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 HOLY BAPTISM

Tate Parker Overland & Elliott Brandon Overland

Parents: Grant Overland & Brooke Oelfke | Sponsors: Rachel Stendahl and Sarah Kabanuk

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, ...

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is. We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea. Our God, He holds the victory.

Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise! There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise! Oh, oh, oh, we shout out Your praise!

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves. We sing to the God who always makes a way. 'Cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave. My God's still rolling stones away.

Chorus 2: There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise! There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise!

We were the beggars, now we're royalty. We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

'Cause we were the beggars, now we're royalty. We were the prisoners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

Chorus 2: There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise! There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise!
(Repeat Chorus 2)

Oh,oh, oh, we shout out Your praise!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C:O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 54

R: Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

C: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

R: For the insolent have risen against me; the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them

C: But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

R: He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

C: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

R: For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

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

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

SONG THE DAY

Confidence

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose. I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to do. But Lord with Your strength I've got no excuse 'Cause broken people are exactly who You use.

Chorus: So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den. Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness. Give me a heart like David. Lord, be my defense So I can face my giants with confidence.

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king. So I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'rything.
I'll be a conqueror cause You fight for me. I'll be a champion claiming your victory. **Chorus**

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the wall. Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call. Jesus, Jesus.

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the wall. Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call. Jesus. **Chorus (2 times)**

I'll face my giants with confidence.

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 SONG

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: 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

River of Life

**Chorus: Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river. Guaranteed you'll never be the same.
There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior. Bring your sins and all your guilty stains. Let that river of life wash it all away.**

If you've been searching, carrying burdens, If you've been lost and looking for a home.
If you've been drifting, if something is missing, You should know that you are not alone. **Chorus**

**Bridge 2 times: Come as you are. No time to waste. Open your heart, don't be afraid.
Jump on in, the water is fine. There's healing in the River of Life.**

Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river. Guaranteed you'll never be the same.
Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river. Guaranteed you'll never be the same.
There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior. Bring your sins and all your guilty stains.
Let that river of life wash it all away. By the blood of Jesus, everything will change.
Let that river of life wash it all away.

Woh. Come on down to the river. Woh. Come on down to the river.
Woh. Come on down to the river. Woh. Let that river of life wash it all away.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT: Join us TODAY for a High School Hang Out on 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.

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 September 19.

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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