



# First Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, August 20, 2023 · 10:30 AM · Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

## GATHERING SONG

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

***(Repeat from beginning)***

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You. ***(Repeat)***

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P/C: Most merciful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## MUSICAL MESSAGE

*Sunday School Medley*

Laverne & Judy Maxwell

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Proverbs 14:31*

Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honor him.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalms 127:3-5a*

**R:** Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

**C: Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.**

**R:** Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame...

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 12:7, 24b-27*

...God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 19:13-14*

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

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

## SONG OF THE DAY

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW #712, vs. 1-2

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.

## 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

*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.**

## 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 & 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 SONG**

*What a Friend*

Everybody has trials and temptations. Everybody knows heart break, isolation.  
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.

**Chorus: What a friend we have in Jesus. East to west my sins are gone.  
I see grace on every horizon, and forever and ever His heart is my home.**

Everybody has fears. Everybody got worries. Everybody knows sorrow, devastation.  
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down. **Chorus**

*Bridge 2 times: No more betrayal for He is faithful. He fills me up and my cup runneth over.  
No more betrayal for He is faithful. How He has proven it over and over. **Chorus 2 times***

Forever and ever His heart is my home.

**SENDING**

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

**POSTLUDE**



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. (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

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE ARE NOW HIRING**—First Lutheran Church is now looking to hire a full time Youth and Family Ministry Director! If you believe that you or someone you know would be a good candidate for this position, please feel free to stop by the office with questions! A full job description and application, can be found on our website or by request in the church office.

**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!

**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.

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT**—Longtime FLC member Rodger Tinjum passed away on Sunday, August 13. There will be a Visitation at the West Kjos Funeral Home from 5 PM to 7 PM and the funeral will be held on Wednesday, August 23 at 11 AM at FLC. Please keep the family in your prayers for comfort.

**BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**—The blessing of backpacks will be held on Sunday, August 27 at both worship services. Please bring your backpacks so we can celebrate the start of the school year with you!

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS**—We have many church renovations currently happening or soon to begin. Here is an overview of where we are with all our projects: **THE KITCHEN**—some work has already begun, and continues through the rest of the month, with flooring installation likely happening the last week of August. Thank you for your patience and flexibility! **THE HVAC SYSTEM**—work has begun, and we hope to it will be completed by the last week of August. **THE BRICKWORK REPAIR**—The repairs of the brickwork are hopefully coming soon! **The last day of outdoor worship will be August 27 we will be back indoors starting September 3.** We will be removing the railings from the patio after the service in order to prepare for brick work to start. **THE PARKING LOT**—We're hoping to begin the parking lot repairs the last week or last few days of August!

**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.

### 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

### Prayers of Comfort for the Family of

Officer Jake Wallin  
Rodger Tinjum  
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.*

### Join Us For Worship

**RADIO:** KDLM 1340-AM & 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

**WEBCAST:** Live-streamed on [firstlutheranchurch.com](http://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.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this Sunday are given in memory of John & Evelyn Groninga. They are given by Ardy's Horner & family.

### CREATION CARE NOTE

Sustainable late summer lawn/garden: fall is a great time to plant a tree. . An average tree can absorb 1 ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

