



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW #556

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: 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

Ave Maria

Margaret Hendrickson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 139:7-14

R: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

R: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

C: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

R: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"

C: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

R: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

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

John 6:24-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

SERMON | Youth Gathering Recap

Pr. Matthew & Olivia

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING

Cornerstone Community and Youth Center

Their mission is to develop a healthier community by providing healthy food, mentoring, arts, culture, and skill building in a safe and caring environment in Frazee. **(June Noisy Total: \$769.10 to ELCA Seminaries)**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sing 2x)

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: 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

We Are Called

ELW #720

1. Come! live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more! **Refrain**

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! **Refrain**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH BONFIRE: August 7 at 7:30– 8:30 pm. At Pr. Matthew's home.

RUTH CIRCLE: The Ruth Circle will be having a potluck on Thursday, August 8 at 5:30am at FLC.

STAR PARTY: Interested in seeing a view that is always the same but constantly changing? Come join us on August 17 (backup date of August 31 if poor visibility) The Star gazing will be at Tom and Phyllis Neuenfeldt's land at 13285 Balsam Ave, Frazee. Use google maps and follow the gravel road to pasture. Or, meet at the church parking lot at 8:45PM to car pool. Contact Jim McCormack with any questions: at 218-234-1303 or jkmdvm@gmail.com.

DREAM BIG DESIGN COMMITTEE INVITATION: The Vision Council is excited to start work on a Master Planning Process this fall. This process requires a 5-8 member Master Planning Committee tasked with developing a Master Planning Proposal that will be presented to our church. The process includes utilizing both existing feedback and seeking additional feedback to create a vision for one or more updated spaces. The committee would meet 4-6 times over a three-month period. If interested in joining this committee, contact Carla Solem @ 701-306-1944 or cmsolem@gmail.com.

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

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.

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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Thank you to those who have kept this important together time going! **We are in search of volunteers to cover the month of August.** We welcome ministry groups as well as individuals to serve! If you have an interest in signing up, please do so on the sign-up sheet on the volunteer table. Come join this special time down in the Fellowship Hall 9:30-10:30 AM for coffee, tea, water, treats, cheese and crackers!

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.

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, Joyce Gilbertson, Rex, LeAnn Henson, Baby Nora, Deni & Jacob

Prayers of comfort for the family of: JoAnn Marxen, Jim Elletson & Sharon R.'s family, because her husband passed away.

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: 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.

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