



# First Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, August 13, 2023 · 8:30 AM · Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

## GATHERING HYMN

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

ELW #763

- 1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

**Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**
- 3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

## 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.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Curtis Erickson

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Kings 19:9-18*

At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalm 145:8-9, 14-18*

R: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**C: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

R: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**C: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

R: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**C: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

## SECOND READING

*Romans 10:5-15*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

## GOSPEL

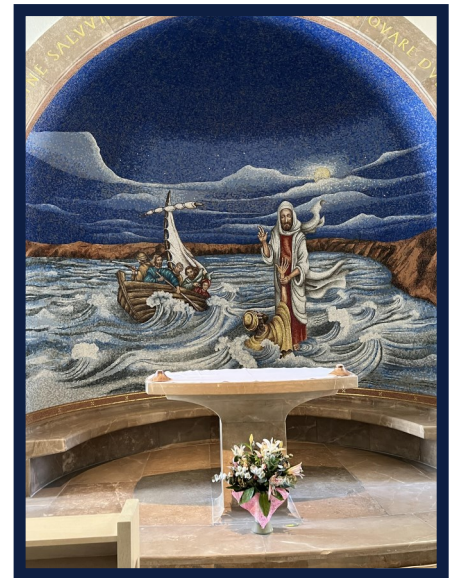
*Matthew 14:22-33*

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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



## SERMON

Pr. Lauryl Ivers

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Are Called*

ELW #720

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and 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 our mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so 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**

## 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

*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 HYMN

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW #712, vs 1

- 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.

## 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 HYMN

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW #756

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

## SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE

### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS** – FLC will be offering VBS for adults! Pastor Joe will be leading the study session to include **Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross vs Theology of Glory** on Monday, August 7. The session will be held on FLC's green space from 5:30 to 8 PM. In addition to this learning opportunity, there will be fun topic related activities, refreshments, and time for interacting with friends. You are encouraged to bring your lawn chair and to invite a friend. This event is sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team here at FLC. Hope to see you there!


**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!

**WOMEN'S COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING**— On Wednesday, August 16 the Women's Co-Council will meet at 9:30 AM in the FLC Conference Room.

**STEPPING STONE CREATION**—Join us on August 13 to help decorate the stepping stones for the Pollinator Garden. We will be mixing and preparing the cement circular stones after the 10:30 service, in the parking lot. Bring your imagination and any colorful marbles, stones you would like to share. We will have choices available too.

### CREATION CARE NOTE



Sustainable late summer lawn care: Let your lawn clippings lie. Don't bag up your clippings. The cut grass blades will compost in place, feeding micro-organisms that return nutrients to the soil and keep the soil more moist.

### Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake  
Rodger Tinjum  
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

### Prayers of Comfort for the Family of

Officer Jake Wallin  
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.*

### 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.)

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I'm a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.