



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Wednesday, September 25, 2024 · 6:00 PM · 18th Wednesday 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.

GATHERING SONG

River of Life

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: Most 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.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:33-37

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

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

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

FLC VBS & FLC Mission Trips

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.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

vs. 1-2

SENDING P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS: 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 FLC, 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.

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. The next gathering date is October 1.

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.

234 FELLOWSHIP: The next 234 (20s, 30s, & 40s) Fellowship event is coming up on October 13th @ Bucks Mill Brewing from 4-6 PM! So, find babysitters and come hangout for some brews (or N/A options), conversation, and cornhole! Please reach out to Pr Matthew or Shea Thorwaldsen with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL FREE PIZZA LUNCH: High Schoolers - Join the Pastors each month for a FREE pizza lunch. Because of the MEA break, the October lunch has been rescheduled for October 24. See you there!

HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT: Join us for a High School Hang Out on October 27 at FLC @ 4:30pm. Bring a friend – all are welcome!

FALL BREAK: On **October 16**, there will be no Oasis meal, Wednesday night worship service or Wed school/Confirmation. There will be no Sunday school on Sunday, **October 20**.

VISITORS

Thanks for joining us! Want to know more about FLC?



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Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegscheid, Cole Woltjer, Elyda Handegard, Joyce Gilbertson, LeAnn Henson, Jake Netland, Tina Moe, Ryder Schmidt, Glenette Olson, Dean Ekelund

*Prayers of comfort for the family of:
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 the world:

- Refuse paper receipts
- Limit use of vinyl in shower curtains, toys, flooring and clothing—including "vegan leather"

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Sundays at 10AM on
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