



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 15, 2023 • 8:30 AM • 20th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized in Water

ELW #456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Winter Lee Williams

Parents: Patrick & Joelle Williams—Sponsors: Dana Langworthy & Taylor Blank

P/C: Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth.**

P/C: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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/C: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

The Lord is My Shepherd—Allen Pote

Jubilate Choir

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-4, 8-9

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 23

R: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

R: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855, vs. 1, 3 & 4

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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

Hope for the Holiday—Lutheran Immigration & Resettlement Service

The total noisy offering donated to FLC Youth & Family Ministry for September is \$502.76! Woohoo!

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 We Have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

SENDING

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



The Radio Broadcast for today is sponsored by Randy Hoghaug in memory of Kathy (Disse) Hoghaug, whose birthday would have been October 13.

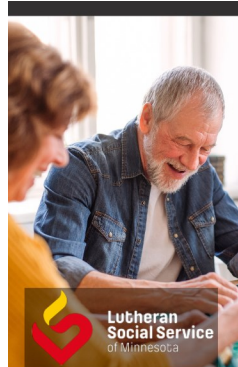


Morning Out Group Respite

Participants enjoy fun activities like playing cards or doing crafts. This is a great way for people age 60+ experiencing memory loss to make new friends in a safe environment with trained volunteers. During this time, Caregivers can run errands, visit with friends and family, or just take some time to relax. Fees for this service are based on a sliding fee scale.

First Lutheran Church
Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pre-registration required.
218-220-7517



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for an opportunity to make an impact in a family's life? Lutheran Social Services is in need of in-home respite volunteers in DL and surrounding areas. Our volunteers work with those who have chronic illnesses, providing non-medical, companionship for isolated individuals while giving the Caregiver a break. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule, mileage reimbursement, and training is provided.

Interested?
Questions?

218-220-7517



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. (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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAI JI QUAN CLASS—A new 12-week session has started! It is held at 1 PM in the Rec Room. Tai Ji Quan has proven to help with balance and strength. Everyone is welcome. We will continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday. If you have questions about the class or would like to join, please contact Denise.

UPCOMING BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITY—Reverend Dr. Roy Hammerling, Professor Emeritus Concordia College, will be leading a book study here at First Lutheran Church. Speaking of Religion is the book that will be featured in the study. The book was authored by Hammerling several years ago and approaches the topic with compassion, conviction, and civility. This study will be offered Sundays, October 22 and November 5, during the education hour – 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the library. What a dynamic opportunity to participate in a book study led by the author of the book! Please plan to join us and be better prepared to participate by acquiring a copy of the book through Amazon Books or Thrift Books or the Bluebird Book Store (Detroit Lakes). If you have any questions or need some assistance, please visit with either Sarah or Melissa in the office. Hope you join us!

PR. LAURYL'S FAREWELL—We will be celebrating Pr. Lauryl on Sunday, October 29 between worship services starting at 9:30 AM. Breakfast will be served. Please come and wish Pr. Lauryl farewell and help her celebrate her new adventure. We will also be offering a farewell and Godspeed prayer during both worship services. All are welcome to attend!

CARD SHOWER FOR PR. LAURYL—Help us say goodbye to Pr. Lauryl by showering her with cards! We will be hosting a farewell breakfast on Sunday, October 29 between services in the dining room. We encourage everyone to bring a card to share with her. If you're unable to attend, but would like to share a card, feel free to drop them off or mail them to the church office by Friday, October 27. The church address is 912 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501.

BLESSING BAGS—The WFLC are collecting items to make blessing bags for the homeless. A list of needed items can be found on the volunteer table. Any donations can be placed in the designated collection bin.

MEA BREAK—There will be no Wednesday night activities or worship on Wednesday, October 22 and there will also be no Sunday School on Sunday, October 22. Have a great break and we'll see you when you return!

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake
Joe Morrison
Dale Pepelnjak
Julie Manke
Bill Wegscheid
Judy Ford
Arthur Strauss
Kathy Lampton
Connie Graber
Lisa Weber
Arlis Beto
Dave Nustad
Pam Graham
Kathy Larson
Jim Howe
Brian

Prayers of Comfort for the Family of

Sue Ashmore
Jim Buchholz
Doug Coen

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

rewiringamerica.org is a website that allows you to calculate how much tax credit or instant rebate you can receive from federal sources by changing to more renewable energy systems or appliances. Both low-income (less than 80% of Area Median Income) and moderate-income (less than 150% of Area Median Income) households can qualify. Home-owners and renters can both benefit.

Join Us For Worship

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

WEBCAST: Live-streamed on firstlutheranchurch.com

IN PERSON: In the sanctuary Wednesdays at 6 PM or Sundays at 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM.

TELEVISION: On Saturdays at 9 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.

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.