



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 5, 2021 • 8:30 AM • 15th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW #858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: God our comforter, like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

ELW #863 vs 1, 4 & 5

- 1 My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
- 5 My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Children of the Heavenly Father

Soloist Arvin Halvorson

FIRST READING*Isaiah 35:4-7a***RESPONSIVE PSALM***Psalm 146*

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

P: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

P: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

P: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

P: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**SECOND PSALM***James 2:1-10*R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Alleluia! Lord & Savior...*

ELW p.205a

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 READING*Mark 7:24-37*P: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON**

Pastor Lauryl Ivers

HYMN OF THE DAY*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW #611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

STATEMENT OF FAITH*Apostles' 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 again 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**SHARING OF PEACE & 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.

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

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW #722 vs 1, 2 & 4

- 1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.
- 2 As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.
- 4 O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Join Us For Worship

Radio—Broadcast on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM at 10:00 AM.

Webcast—Services are live-streamed on firstlutheranchurch.com

In Person—Sundays at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary or 10:30 AM for outdoor worship.

Television—On Saturdays at 9:00 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.

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(requires a one-time setup)

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Today's Altar Flowers are given in honor of
LaVerne & Judy Maxwell's
55th Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd.

The three roses on the altar are given in honor of
Arvin & Twila Halvorson's 65th Wedding Anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL WORSHIP TIMES & OFFICE HOURS—Labor Day is fast approaching which means we will soon be switching to our fall hours. Starting on Sunday, September 12th Sunday worship times will be Traditional Worship at 8:30 AM and Contemporary Worship at 10:45 AM. The church office will also switch to fall/winter hours starting Tuesday, September 7th, which are Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

RALLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION CANCELLED—The Rally Sunday Celebration for Sunday, September 12th has been cancelled. Sunday school will still be held that day as scheduled at 9:30.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Rally Wednesday is September 15! The schedule for Wednesday will be Oasis Meal at 5:15 PM, Worship at 6:00 PM and Faith Formation Hour from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. If you haven't registered for Wednesday or Sunday Faith Formation, please do so ASAP via the FLC website.

FLC PHOTO DIRECTORY—First Lutheran Church is in the process of creating a new directory. We have two options for those wanting their photos added to the directory. You can submit a photo you already have or you can sign up for a professional photo sitting taken at Wagoner Portrait Studio located next door to the church. The sittings will be offered on September 22, 23 and 26. The cost is \$25 and you would receive an 8x10 copy of you photo along with the digital copy. Sign up TODAY downstairs at the volunteer table or via the link in the Weekly Update, the FLC website or by calling the church office.

RESTART TEAM UPDATE—We will continue our programs, ministries, and worship services as we currently are, with the strong recommendation that everyone, both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated, wear a mask at church functions, especially in large group settings. This includes our Youth and Family ministries, and is a recommendation currently in line with the Detroit Lakes School District. We recommend this for at least the next two weeks. We are closely monitoring local case rates, especially as schools resume. Our Restart Team will meet again on Monday, September 13th to reevaluate the status of Covid-19 in our area, and to respond accordingly. We continue to encourage you and loved ones to speak to your physician about the individual and community health benefits of vaccination, as vaccines continually prove to be effective against Covid-19 and its variants.

REBEKAH CIRCLE MEETING—The Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:30 AM in the church Dining Room.

HOMELESS AND FIRE VICTIM NEEDS—Washer & dryer, freezer, car & electric range.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED—The Flower Committee is looking for someone to be a part of the team for the month of September. This person checks in with the office on Wednesdays of each week to see if Flowers are needing to be ordered for Sunday's Altar. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact the office. Thank you!

TOAST TO TAMARAC—Tamarac will be hosting a silent auction and live music by Dave Ferreira Trio on Friday, September 10, 2021 from 4 PM to 8 PM at the Richwood Winery. Tickets for the event are available at Central Market, Richwood Winery & the Tamarac Nature Store. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

MEATBALL SUPPER—The United Methodist Church in Detroit Lakes is hosting a Meatball Supper on Wednesday, September 15 from 4:30 PM to 7 PM. Meals will be "to go" only and cost is \$10.



Prayers for God's People

Jordan Hein
Brent Blake
Chuck & Geri Berg
Opal Hanson
Ruth Balega
Marjorie Berg
Pam Magee
Bret Sorenson
Brandon Goff
Beverly Elletson
Julie Jernberg
Dennis Anderson
Tae Sun Nygaard
Matthew Kadrie
Kaleigh Herter
Phil McPherson
Robb Flint
Duane Arne
Lyle Leegard
Sue Visser
Nick & Family
Debbie & Expected Baby

Prayers of Comfort to the family of

John Johansson

Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office, if you wish to remain on the list longer.

Welcome Visitor!

Date of Visit: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am a guest of: _____ I am a member of: _____

First Time Visitor

I would like to be contacted by a pastor

I am interested in becoming a member