



First Lutheran Church

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God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

**Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.**

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire And in darkest nights, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God. **Chorus**

Bridge: 'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.

Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You ev'rything.

Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me. (Repeat Bridge)

And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able. Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

'Cause all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Your Words

Let me hear Your words, above all other voices

Above all the distractions in this world **(2 times)**

For Your words bring life, And Your voice speaks promises

Lord Your love offers more, Than anything else in this world

**Chorus: Your words give us life that's never ending, Your words bring us love that never fails
Everything else will fade away, but what will remain, are Your words.**

That I speak Your words, more than ours more than ever.

Let us share Your love with all the world **Chorus**

The grass will wither and the flowers will fall

But the word of our God will last forever

The grass will wither and the flowers will fall

But the word of our God will last forever **Chorus 2 times**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Sunday School Song Medley

Judy & LaVerne Maxwell

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13

R: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,

C: O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

R: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

C: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

R: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

C: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

R: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

C: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

R: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

C: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

R: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

C: The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

R: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

SERMON

Pr. Lauryl Ivers

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

Lutheran World Relief

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

Good God Almighty

Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me praising Your Name no matter what comes.

I can't count the times I've called Your name some broken night.

And You showed up and patched me up like You do ev'ry time.

I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming around.

Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

Chorus: Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me praising Your Name no matter what comes.

'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy so I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs.

Tell me, is He good? (He's good.) Tell me, is He God? (He's God) He is Good God Almighty.

You say Your love goes on forever, that Your mercy never stops.

So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not.

Like sun in the morning, I know You're gonna be there every day.

So what on earth could make me be afraid? **Chorus**

Praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noon time,

Praise Him when the sun goes down.

Love Him in the morning, love Him in the noon time,

Love Him when the sun goes down. **Chorus**

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noon time,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noon time,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE



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

WORSHIP & OFFICE TIMES—Our summer worship times are traditional service at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary and the contemporary services will be at 10:30 AM outside on the grass. Our summer office hours have also started. They are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4 PM and Fridays 8:30 AM to NOON.

INTERESTED IN WATER VOLLEYBALL—Individuals interested in playing water volleyball on Wednesday nights from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at the DLCCC swimming pool should sign up below. At least 12 participants are needed in order to start. If enough people are interested in participating, we will contact those who have signed up with a start date. This activity would be free to those signed up for Silver Sneakers, but a small fee would be required for others wanting to participate. Please contact Mary Jensen with any questions. She can be reached by email at markmaryjensen@icloud.com or by phone at 701-893-8596. Sign up at the volunteer table if you are interested in participating! Invite your friends!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS—FLC will be offering VBS for adults! There will be two sessions. The first one will be held on Monday, July 31 on Martin Luther and the Reformation and the second will be held on Monday, August 7 and will cover Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross vs Theology of Glory. Both sessions will be from 5:30 PM to 8 PM on the FLC lawn.

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!



Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake
Rodger Tinjum
Joe Morrison
Dale Pepelnjak
Julie Manke
Bill Wegscheid
Judy Ford
Arthur Strauss
Kathy Lampton
Nick Thompson
Jim Buchholz
Nyah Visker
Cole Woltjer

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

How can you help pollinators? Avoid pesticide use and purchase pollinator plants (and seeds) that have not been treated with systemic pesticides.



The Altar Flowers for this Sunday are given in honor of Pr. Lauryl celebrating her 27th Anniversary of Ordination as a Lutheran Pastor.

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 Sundays at 8:30 AM & Outdoor at 10:30 AM.

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

Welcome Visitor!

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I'm a guest of: _____ I'm a member of: _____

☐ I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.