



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ we're glad you are here!

Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo | Music Director: Karen Bimberg

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 8:30AM · Third Sunday after Pentecost



We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death

vs. 1-2, 5 ELW #452

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

KYRIE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God

ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sovereign God, **C: ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE

French Horn solo

Margaret Hendrickson

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 16

R: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

R: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

**C: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

R: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

R: I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

R: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

R: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-15

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

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

Luke 8:26-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Wade Dutton

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his 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

June: ELCA Seminary Support (Fund for Leaders)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: 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

*How Firm a Foundation**vs 1-2, 4 ELW #796*

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
4. "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

SENDING

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Join us on **Sun, July 20** for the FLC Christmas In July fundraising event. The Beautification Team is raising money to update our Christmas Decorations, including a new Christmas tree. This fun event will include pictures with Santa, holiday beverages and more. This will be a fun event that you don't want to miss!

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US!

Do you or someone you know have a musical message you would like to share during one of our worship services this summer? If so, please contact the office or Karen Bimberg at karen@firstlutheranchurch.com

TUESDAYS IN THE PARK

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Tuesdays in the Park event on **July 1**. Sign up at the volunteer table.

ADULT VBS

Adults of all ages are invited to join us on **Monday August 4 & 11**, from 5:30–8pm outside on the lawn. This year's theme is "Following the path of Paul through Greece & Turkey".

HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

Save the date: **Thursday July 10**, from 11:30am–1pm, location is TBD.

BABY CARE KITS

The Women of First Lutheran are currently collecting supplies for the WELCA Baby Care Kits.

Supplies needed are: gowns or sleepers (without feet) 6 mo size or smaller; diapers: cloth, flat fold; jacket sweater or sweatshirt with hood, 6mo size or smaller;

Hand towels, dark colors; bath-size soap, gentle, 8-9 oz, (no mint) in wrapper. Please drop off items in the bin by the office.

AGAPE MINISTRY NEEDS

Our Agape Blessing Closet has recently had a huge cleaning & reorganization. *woo-hoo* (Stop by the office and take a look!) We are currently seeing volunteers to periodically help sort donations and to keep the closet organized.

Also, we are seeking donations of:

- New, unopened: sunscreen, hand sanitizer and lip balm. Travel sized ok.
 - Reusable fabric grocery bags, larger tote bags or backpacks.
- Questions? Contact Sara Peterson, in the office. Donations can be brought to the church office.

Today's **radio broadcast** is given memory of Lyle Johnston and Richard Chapman from their loving wife, Betty Johnston.

SUMMER AT FLC

MAY 25—AUGUST 31

SUNDAY

8:30 am | Traditional worship

10:30 am | Outdoor / contemporary worship (will not be live streamed).

OFFICE HOURS

M–Th 8:30a–4p | Fri 8:30a—noon

Prayers for God's People

Bill Wegschie, Cole Woltjer, Doreen Tollefson, Marge Prechel, Gretta Frisch, Tom Tovson, Mike Nelson, Brent Blake, Ardis Hegna, Vern, Judy Wood and Kermit Bratholt.

Prayers of comfort for the families of Kristi Ritter and the family of Jodi Wheeler.

CREATION CARE NOTE

Running the washing machine and dishwasher with full loads reduces water waste.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 30 | Office Closed

July 4 | Office Closed

July 27–31 | HS Rapid City Trip

GIVE ONLINE

Prefer electronic giving?

Set up an automated method and frequency that works best for you by using the **QR code**.

Then, if you like, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate as it passes.



VISITORS

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



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

RADIO

Sundays at 10AM on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM

ON-LINE

Live streamed on Facebook and on the FLC YouTube channel.

TELEVISION

Saturday at 9AM on Arvig Cable ch14.

