



First Lutheran Church

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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 SONG

Great Things

Come let us worship our King. Come let us bow at His feet. He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes. He has done great things. He has done great things.

**Chorus: O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave. You free ev'ry captive and break ev'ry chain.
O God, You have done great things. We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high. O God, You have done great things.**

You've been faithful through ev'ry storm. You'll be faithful forevermore. You have done great things.
And I know You will do it again, for Your promise is yes and amen.
You will do great things. God You do great things. **Chorus**

Bridge (2 times): Hallelujah God above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable. Hallelujah You have done great things.

(Repeat Bridge)

You've done great things. **Chorus**

You have done great things. O God you do great things.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Counting Every Blessing

I was blind now I'm seeing in colour. I was dead now I'm living forever.
I had failed but You were my Redeemer. I've been blessed beyond all measure.
I was lost now I'm found by the Father. I've been changed from a ruin to treasure.
I've been given a hope and a future. I've been blessed beyond all measure.

**Chorus: I am counting every blessing, counting every blessing,
Letting go and trusting, when I cannot see. I am counting every blessing,
Counting every blessing, surely every season You are good to me.**

Oh, oh, You are good to me. Oh, oh, You are good to me.

You were there in the valley of shadows. You were there in the depth of my sorrows.
You're my strength, my hope for tomorrow. I've been blessed beyond all measure.

Chorus

Oh, oh, You are good to me. Oh, oh, You are good to me.

Surely Your goodness pursues me. Surely Your heart is still for me.

I will remember Your mercies all my day through every storm and gale. **Chorus (2 times)**

Oh, oh, You are good to me. Oh, oh, You are good to me. Oh, oh, You are good to me. Oh, oh, You are good to me.

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 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 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

SONG OF THE DAY

Healer

You hold my every moment, You calm my raging seas. You walk with me through fire, and heal all my disease. I trust in You, I trust in You.

Chorus: I believe You're my healer, I believe You are all I need. And I believe You're my portion, I believe You're more than enough for me. Jesus, You're all I need.

Repeat verse and chorus.

Nothing is impossible for You, nothing is impossible. Nothing is impossible for You; You hold my world in Your hands. **(Repeat)**

Chorus 2: I believe You're my healer, I believe You are all I need. And I believe You're my portion, I believe You're more than enough for me. I believe You're my healer, I believe You are all I need. And I believe You're my portion, I believe You're more than enough for me. Jesus, You're all I need. More than enough for me. Jesus, You're all I need.

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 SONG

Raise a Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies. I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief.

I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody. I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me.

**Chorus: I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm. Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes, hope will arise. Death is defeated, the King is alive.**

I raise a hallelujah, with ev'rything inside of me. I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee.

I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery. I raise a hallelujah, fear, you lost your hold on me. **Chorus**

Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.) Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.)

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*Bridge: Sing a little louder, (in the presence of my enemies.) Sing a little louder, (louder than the unbelief.)
Sing a little louder, (my weapon is a melody.) Sing a little louder, (heaven comes to fight for me.)*

(Repeat Bridge)

Sing a little louder. **Chorus 2 times**

I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.

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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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