

First Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 16, 2026, 8:30am 12th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC | Barbershoppers

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of all peoples, **C: your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING | *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalms 67*

R: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
C: That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

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C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

R: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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 *Matthew 15:10-20*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

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

SERMON | Pastor Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY | *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* | ELW #588, vs 1-2, 4

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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.

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *August: Fix it Forward*

OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | ELW #473

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.

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

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 | *Jesus Shall Reign* | ELW #434, vs 1-2, 5

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

SENDING

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL KICK OFF

Rally Wednesday | Sept 9

Rally Sunday | Sept 13

We can't wait to get the new year started! Parents, be sure to register your kids, see info below.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

St. Francis of Assisi Presentation

Sunday, Oct 4 10:30 – 11:30am

In memory of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death, Dr. Roy Hammerling will present the life, writings, poems, and songs of St. Francis that have influenced Christians worldwide.

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

The Women of FLC are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Items needed are:

- 70 sheet notebooks,
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons,
- pencil sharpeners,
- 30 centimeter rulers,
- blunt tip scissors,
- unsharpened no. 2 pencils,
- black or blue pens,
- 2 1/2in erasers.

New items only. Donation bin is outside of the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We now have a new way to sign up for Sunday volunteering. Simply scan the code and claim the date that works best for you! Sign up sheets are still available at the information table.



FLC CHURCH COOKBOOK

Three of our FLC 10High School Seniors are gathering recipes to compile a church cookbook. Submit your favorite recipes to the church office or online by scanning the code. Deadline is September 30.



ABUNDANCE GARDEN CART

If your garden is bursting at the seams and you have produce to share, drop it off at the Abundance Garden Cart located outside of the back entrance of the church. See something in the cart you want—help yourself!

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

May 24 – September 6

8:30 & 10:30am

Join us this summer for worship! Our 8:30 am service is indoors and will be live streamed, the 10:30am service is outdoors on the lawn. If you are joining us outside, please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Prayers for God's People

Bill Wegschied, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Haley & Mel Johnson, Alan Bergum, Betty Fischer, Cathy Buchholz Scott Armbrust, and Sarah Duncan

Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, including the family of Harold Harper, and Ronald Strom.

Youth & Family Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL BONFIRE & GAME NIGHT

August 23 @ 6-8pm

Confirmation Orientation

September 2 @ 5:30pm

REGISTRATION FOR 2026-27 YFM PROGRAMS NOW OPEN

Check our website for more information and registration links:



KIDS
REG. INFO



YOUTH
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**Thanks for
worshiping with us!**

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Ways to give: ➔
Scan **QR code to give online**
In person, during the offering.
Mail check to the church office.

