

First Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 6, 2026, 8:30am 15th Sunday after Pentecost



Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN | *Let Streams of Living Justice* | ELW #710

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

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.**

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: O Lord God, C: **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING | *Ezekiel 33:10-11*

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalms 119:33-40*

R: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

C: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

R: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

C: Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

R: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.

C: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

R: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

C: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

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 18:15-20*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

SERMON | *Pastor Joe Skogmo*

HYMN OF THE DAY | *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly | ELW #461*

1. All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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.

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.

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *September: FLC Youth and Family Ministry*

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 | *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* | ELW #836

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

SENDING

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL KICK OFF

Rally Wednesday | Sept 9

Rally Sunday | Sept 13

We can't wait to get the new year started >> Ice cream will be served both kick off dates!

Wednesday Oasis: 5pm Oasis Meal | 6pm Worship | 6:30pm Education hour

Sunday Schedule: 9:30am Worship | 10:30am Kid's Fellowship

ROOTED IN FAITH FUNDRAISER

The Flower committee is having a fundraiser to pay for the trees & benches in our greenspace. Giving envelopes are outside of the church office, donations can be deposited in the deposit slot on the wall by the office. Thanks for your donation and for helping us create a welcoming space.

ALTAR GUILD

The latest Altar Guild signup is now out. Please take a moment to claim your date!

BLESSING CLOSET NEEDS

As the weather slowly cools, we are in need of warmer clothing:

- Warm socks
- Men's & women's closed toed shoes
- Jackets / winter coats
- Winter boots
- Long sleeved shirts

Donations can be brought to the church office.

HIGH SCHOOL PIZZA LUNCH

Oct 22 @ 11am at Pizza Ranch

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 High 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 Sept 30.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRESENTATION

Sun, Oct 4 & 11 @ 10:30am

Dr. Roy Hammerling presenting.

WOMEN OF FLC

Rebecca Circle | Sept 8 @ 9am

Ruth Circle | Sept 10 @ 1:30pm

NWMN Synod Convention | Sept 18-19 @ Trinity Lutheran, Crookston. Registration forms in the office.

Conference 6 Fall Gathering | Sept. 26 @ Trinity Lutheran, cost \$15.

Prayers for God's People

Bill Wegschied, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Don Smith, Alan Bergum, Sarah Duncan, Steve, Jayden and Doreen Tollefson

Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, Including the family of Betty Fisher and Scott Armbrust.

PRAYER REQUESTS

To submit a prayer request, you may call the church office or submit your request online by scanning this code.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Begins Oct 1 @ 7pm at Bucks Mill
More info coming soon!

CHOIR & BELL REHEARSAL

The Jubilate Choir and the Alleluia Ringers have resumed their rehearsal, if you missed the last weeks rehearsal, its not too late to join. *Alleluia Ringers rehearsal | Wednesdays @ 6:15pm.*
Choir rehearsal | Wednesdays @ 7:15pm

Youth & Family Ministry

REGISTRATION FOR 2026-27 YFM PROGRAM YEAR!

Check our website for more information and registration links:



**KIDS
REG. INFO**



**YOUTH
REG. INFO**



**Thanks for
worshipping 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.

