

First Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026, 8:30am 13th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN | *Baptized in Water* | ELW #456

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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.**

HOLY BAPTISM

Name of Baptized: Lawrence Michael Herzog
Parents: Jackson & Michael Herzog

Sponsors: Kennedy & Caeden Yliniemi and Christine & Luke Hvidston

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus...

ALL: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL: 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

MUSICAL MESSAGE | *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* | Barry Fewson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, **C: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING | *Isaiah 51:1-4*

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples.

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalms 138:1-2, 7-8*

R: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

C: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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 16:13-20*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

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

SERMON | Pastor Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY | *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* | ELW #597 vs 1-2, 4

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain : On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

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.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN | *On Our Way Rejoicing* | ELW #537

1. On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

**Refrain: On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

2. Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. **Refrain**

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.

ROOTED IN FAITH FUNDRAISER

The Flower committee is having a fundraiser to pay for the trees & benches in our greenspace. Giving envelopes are on the bench outside of the church office with a suggested donation amount marked on them. Choose an envelope, put the donation inside and drop the envelope into the deposit slot on the wall by the office. Thanks for your donation and for helping us create a warm welcoming, peaceful space.

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.

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.



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.

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.

Today's **altar flowers** are given in honor of *Rod & Sue Schaffer's 50th Wedding Anniversary* and given in memory of *Tom Tovson by the Tovson family.*

Prayers for God's People

Bill Wegschie, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Don Smith, Alan Bergum, Betty Fischer, and Sarah Duncan

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

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
REG. INFO**



**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.

