



First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 30, 2023 • 10:45 AM • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory. When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me. There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You.

**Chorus: So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high. Oh God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet. I'll sing through the night. Oh God, the battle belongs to You.**

And if You are for me, who can be against me? For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You.

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty. When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb. **Chorus**

Bridge (3 Times): Almighty Fortress, You go before us. Nothing can stand against the power of our God.

You shine in the shadow, You win ev'ry battle. Nothing can stand against the power of our God.

Chorus Oh God, the battle belongs to You!

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Banks Burnell Hanson

Parents: Brittany & Sawyer Hanson

Sponsors: Bernice & Josh Sanford, Tyson Heyn & Caden Heyn

Profession of Faith

P/C: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We renounce them.**

P/C: Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P/C: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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/C: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 23

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

R: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

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

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Lauryl Ivers

SONG OF THE DAY

King of Love

The King of Love, my Shepherd is; whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine for-ev-er. And He is mine for-ev-er. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth. And where the fertile pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

**Chorus: Never failing, Ruler of my heart. Everlast-ing, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low, the King of Love, my Shepherd is.
The King of Love. my Shepherd is.**

Lost and foolish, off I strayed but yet in love, He sought me.
And on His shoulder, gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.
In death’s dark veil, I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord beside me.
Thy rod and staff, my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. **Chorus**

Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah. **Chorus (Repeat)**

So through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise within Your house forever. Within Your house forever.

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

Churches United in Moorhead

*Churches United provides Safe Shelter, Stable Housing, Nutritious Food, and a Path Toward Healing for those in need.
March Noisy Total: \$609.26 to Becker County Food Pantry!*

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.

BENEDICTION

P/C: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Graves into Gardens

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together.
And ev'ry desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus: Oh there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

Now I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all, and You still call me friend.
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again. **Chorus (2 times)**

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can.
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can. **Chorus (2 times)**
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can. You're the only one who can.

SENDING

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



The flowers given today are in honor of
Randy and Karen Henriksen's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
They are the parents of Krista Pihlaja.

Ways to Give



ONLINE: firstlutheranchurch.com

One-time, weekly, monthly or quarterly. Checking, savings or credit card.
(fees associated with credit card usage)

TEXT: 218-228-3228

Text your donation amount to the number listed above & follow instructions that are texted to you. (We suggest you add the phone number above as a contact in your phone for future use.)

CHECK/CASH: 912 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Welcome Visitor!

Date of Visit: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I'm a guest of: _____ I'm a member of: _____

☐ I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC LABEL COLLECTION—Please save UPC box labels from Our Family Brand groceries for Rebekah Circle. For every 500 we get \$25. Funds raised will go toward the Becker County Food Pantry and the FLC Agape Fund. There is a basket in the dining room closet you can place them in.

NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE OPTIONS—Do you have trouble hearing during worship? If so, we have recently set up a new option! You will need to use a hearing aid to connect to the device and there is a one time set up required. Please check with the sound technician in the balcony on a Sunday morning or contact Cory in the church office at 218-847-5656 for more information.

POST TRAUMATIC SUCCESS: SEEING IN COLOR AGAIN!—Seeing In Color Again is an inspirational presentation that educates audiences about PTSD, addiction, and suicide. Scott was one of the first firefighters in the country to talk about his experience with PTSD, addiction, and his suicide-attempt. You will hear about his very personal journey that took him from a very dark place to post traumatic success. This is a free community event is being held at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. A complimentary meal will be served at 5 PM in the Dining Room and the presentation will begin at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. In recognition of Mental Health Awareness month, several local mental health agencies will be on hand to provide information.

SPECIAL & ANNUAL MEETINGS—The Vision Council has called back-to-back Special and Annual Meetings for Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM to discuss and decide upon crucial items for our congregation. Mark your calendar and plan to attend as we need at least 50 people for a quorum.

CREATION CARE TREE GIVEAWAY— The FLC Creation Care Team is hosting a Free Tree Giveaway is today in the church parking lot, by the playground from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The trees are free to all and will include Chokecherry, Red Splendor Crabapple, Red Pine, and Black Hills Spruce. The trees will be 6"-10" bare root trees. There will be free tree mulch, please bring a container to take it with you. Hope to see you all there!

BLOOD DRIVE- Monday, May 22 from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM Someone in the U.S. needs blood every 2 seconds! Currently, we are in a CRITICAL NEED for all blood types. Each donation can help multiple patients. Just think, it could be someone you love who needs blood. Please consider donating to help these patients in need. To schedule an appointment, go to donors.vitalant.org and use the blood drive code: detroitlakes or call Denise at 218-847-5656.

NO RACHEL CIRCLE—There will be no Rachel Circle on Tuesday, May 2. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

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: In the sanctuary Sundays at 8:30 AM or 10:45 AM & Wednesdays at 6 PM.

TELEVISION: On Saturdays at 9:00 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.

CREATION CARE NOTE

We observed Earth Day last week (April 22nd). What can you, your family, our church do to pledge EVERYDAY as Earth Day? Here are some starters: pray daily for God's Creation; use cloth bags to the grocery store rather than their plastic bags; spend 10-15 minutes outdoors everyday just to observe nature around you; join First Lutheran Church's Creation Care Team!



Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake
Rodger Tinjum
Chuck Berg
Joe Morrison
Elaine Hedman
Dale Pepelnjak
Connie Goff
Julie Manke
Dave Johnson
Sarah Seuntjens
Bill Wegscheid
Jim Andersen
Lisa Weber
Phyllis Green
Liz Mathison
Judy Ford
Dorothy Haverkamp
Arthur Strauss
Marjorie Berg
Jenny Horsely
Pr. Brad Skogen
Barbara Stambach
Nadine Sagen
Mary Ann Erickson
Jerry Nyland
Arlene Olson
Madeline Kingsbury
Opal Hanson
Michael
Andrew

Prayers of Comfort to the families of

Mark Gunderson
Ronda Ivers

Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office if you wish to remain on the list longer.