

# Welcome!

We are glad you are here!



Sunday, September 20, 2026  
16th Sunday after Pentecost

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

#### GATHERING SONG | *Holy Water*

God, I'm on my knees again. God, I'm begging please again,  
I need You. Oh, I need You.  
Walking down these desert roads, Water for my thirsty soul,  
I need You. Oh, I need You.

**Chorus: Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips.  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears.  
Like holy water on my skin.**

Dead man walking, slave to sin, I wanna know about being born again.  
I need You, oh, God, I need You.  
So take me to the riverside. Take me under, baptize.  
I need You, oh God, I need You. **Chorus**

**Bridge (3 times):** *I don't wanna abuse Your grace. God, I need it every day  
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change*

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips.  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears.  
It's like Holy water. **Chorus**

Like holy water on my skin. Oh, it's like holy water.

### 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

**Names of Baptized:** Jack Paul Mollberg | **Parents:** Kayli & Joe Mollberg  
**Sponsors:** Lauren Moug and Casey Fonder

#### 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** | *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - arr. Joel Raney | Alleluia Ringers

### RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalm 145:1-8*

R: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

R: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**C: One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.**

R: They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

**C: They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

R: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**C: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### SECOND READING | *Phil 1:21-26*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of 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 20:1-16*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

### SERMON | *Minister Barry Fewson*

### HYMN OF THE DAY | *Take My Life, That I May Be* | vs.1, 3-4 ELW #583

**Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

1. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. **Refrain**
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. **Refrain**
4. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. **Refrain**

### 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 | *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 | *Good God Almighty*

Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me

Praising Your Name no matter what comes.

I can't count the times I've called Your name some broken night.

And You showed up and patched me up like You do ev'ry time.

I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming around.

Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

**Chorus: Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me**

***Praising Your Name no matter what comes.***

***'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy***

***So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs.***

***Tell me, is He good? (He's good.) Tell me, is He God? (He's God)***

***He is Good God Almighty.***

You say Your love goes on forever, that Your mercy never stops.

So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not.

Like sun in the morning, I know You're gonna be there every day.

So what on earth could make me be afraid? **Chorus**

Praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noon time,

Praise Him when the sun goes down.

Love Him in the morning, love Him in the noon time,

Love Him when the sun goes down. **Chorus**

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noon time,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noon time,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

## SENDING

## Announcements

**FLC Fall Merch Store | *Deadline to order is October 13*** | Scan code to view store and place an order. Paper order forms are available at the Information Table.



**New Member Welcome | *Wednesday October 7 & Sunday, October 11*** | Thinking of becoming a member of FLC? Our next New Member Welcome dates are coming soon! For membership info check out our website.

**St. Francis of Assisi Presentation | *Sunday October 4 & 11 @ 10:30am*** | Dr. Roy Hammerling will be offering a two-part series on St. Francis of Assisi. St Francis one of the most beloved figures in Christian history and someone who has shaped our Lutheran tradition more than many realize.

**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. Thanks!

**High School Pizza Lunch | *October 22 @ 11am at Pizza Ranch.*** / All FLC High School student welcome!

**Theology On Tap | *Begins October 1 @ 7pm at Bucks Mill*** | Meets the first & third Thursday of each month, October–April. Bring your questions and bring a friend. All are welcome.

**FLC Church Cookbook | *Deadline is Sept 30*** | 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.



**YMF Fall Registration** | Registration for FLC Kids, Confirmation, and High School ministry remains open and you can find it on our website or in the Friday email.

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

**Worship Assistant Opportunities** | Sunday volunteer opportunities are now available through December, simply scan the code and claim the date that works best for you! A paper sign up sheet is also available at the information table.



**Confirmation Again | *Sept 23, Oct 21, Oct 28, Nov 11, Dec 9*** | On Select Wednesday, join Pastor Joe and the Confirmation students in the sanctuary for a Confirmation refresher. This year's curriculum is centered on Bible highlights and it's general narrative.

## Prayers for God's People

**Ongoing prayers for:** Bill Wegschied, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Don Smith, Alan Bergum, Sarah Duncan, Steve, Jayden, Doreen Tollefson

### Prayer Requests

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



**Thanks for  
worshiping with us!**

Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo & Minister Barry Fewson  
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

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



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