



First Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 16, 2025
Dream Big Commitment Service



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG | *If the Lord Builds the House*

I've built up my own name, but the walls couldn't stand.
I've trusted my own strength, but it was sinking sand.
So, I put my ruins into Your hands
And watch You restore them like only You can.

***Chorus: If the Lord builds the house, nobody can tear it down.
If the Lord builds the house, nobody can tear it down.
When it's built on His name,
there's nothing gonna shake this ground.
If the Lord builds the house, nobody can tear it down.***

The bricks may be weathered through storm and through fire,
But what God holds together, it stands firm ev'ry time.
'Cause my life is anchored on this solid truth:
That whatever God's building, no, it can't be moved. **Chorus**

As for me and my house, we're gonna serve You, Lord.
So, here's the keys; come on in. Ev'rything we have is Yours.
As for me and my house, we're gonna serve You, Lord.
So, here's the keys; come on in. Ev'rything we have is Yours.
Here's the keys, won't You come on in. Ev'rything we have is Yours. **Chorus 2 times**

Said, if the Lord builds the house, nobody can tear it down.

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: O God, **C: the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE | *Hymn of Grateful Praise - Arr. Joel Raney | Jubilate Choir*

FIRST READING | *2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalm 90:1-2, 16-17*

R: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

R: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

**C: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our 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 | *John 6:1-13*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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

SERMON | Pr. Jon Olson

HYMN OF THE DAY | *We Are an Offering sing 2x* | ELW#692

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

DREAM BIG COMMITMENTS & OFFERING

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)**

BLESSING OF THE COMMITMENTS & GIFTS

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

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING | *November: Fix It Forward*

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 SONG | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, oh God my Father.

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness. Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness,

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Chorus**

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! **Chorus**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITMENT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us **TODAY** as we celebrate our first Dream Big milestone with a pancake breakfast from 10:30am–12:30pm. *There will be NO kids Fellowship TODAY*

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

FLC is looking for volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, **November 29** at Central Market. Sign up at the volunteer table.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Thinking of becoming a member of FLC? Our next new member welcome will be in December. For info on how to join, scan the QR code >>



"THE WAY THROUGH: HEALING, LEADERSHIP & LOVING OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOR IN THE PLACES WE LIVE"

Sunday, November 23 @ 10:30am
Wednesday, Dec 3 @ 6:30pm
Presenter: Dr. Julie Smith-Ylilniemi, PhD

SWEET SALE

The annual bake sale hosted by the FLC Women will take place on **December 14**

ANGEL TREE

More info coming soon!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are looking for a crew who can help decorate on **Sunday, November 23** at 10:30am. Grab a cup of coffee and join the fun!

HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

Students – join us for a FREE lunch with the pastors on **November 20** @ 11:30am at Pizza Ranch.

ADVENT MINI-CONCERTS

Join us from 12-12:30pm on **December 3, 10 & 17** for our Advent concerts, with a lunch following the concert.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17 from 11:00 – 11:50 a.m., just prior to the Advent concerts, in the church library. 15-minute videos followed by discussion.
The Purpose of Christmas
by Rick Warren

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS SALE

Purchase poinsettias in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Cost: 15. Deadline to order is December 15. Order forms on the volunteer table or online: flcdl.org/flowers

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE

Saturday, December 6, 9am–3pm. All children ages 4-16 are welcome to shop. Gifts \$1 each, pre-reservation not required. Volunteers are still needed, check the Christmas table for more information.



DREAM BIG VIDEOS!

If you missed the 10 Days of Prayers videos, or any of the Dream Big Inspirational Talks they are available on our FLC YouTube Channel:



Prayers for God's People

Ongoing prayers for:
Bill Wegschie, Cole Woltjer, Doreen Tollefson, Vern, Marge Prechel, Gretta Frisch, Judy Wood, Larry Kiono, Tyler Wilson, Iain, and Cami Eckhoff.

CREATION CARE NOTE

Americans generate 25% more waste between Thanksgiving and New Years Day, amounting to 1 million tons per week. We generate about 4 million tons of gift wrap and decorations annually. Online shopping produces huge amounts of packaging waste (all that cardboard and plastic!). Reduce what you buy online; try to make purchases closer to home.

FALL BREAK

No Oasis: November 26
No Kids Fellowship: Nov 30
Office Closed: Nov 27 & 28



Thanks for worshipping with us!



Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo
Associate Pastor: Matthew Rossler
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

GIVE ONLINE

Prefer electronic giving?

Set up an automated method and frequency that works best for you by using the **QR code**.

Then, if you like, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate.

