

Welcome!

We are glad you are here!



Sunday, October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Opening Song | *God You Are*

When I was young, You called my name.
I tried to run, but still, You came.
And You stepped into the dark,
'Cause that's just the kind of God You are.

When heaven seems beyond my reach,
You still see eternity in me.
You're turning ashes into art
'Cause that's just the kind of God You are.

***Chorus: It's in the empty tomb, it's on the rugged cross.
Your death defying love is written in Your scars.
You'll never quit on me. You'll always hold my heart
'Cause that's the kind of God You are.***

You gave me freedom from my sin.
You told me I could start again.
All the hurt is dead and gone.
Now we're Your daughters and Your sons.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!
We once were lost, but now we're found.
Forever You hold us in Your arms
'Cause that's just the kind of God You are.

Chorus

You are holy, holy, holy. High and set apart.
You are holy, holy, holy. God, that's who You are.
You are holy, holy, holy. High and set apart.
You are holy, holy, holy. God, that's who You are.

Chorus 2 times

When I was young, You called my name.
I tried to run, but still, You came.
And You stepped into the dark
'Cause that's just the kind of God You are.

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.**

Musical Message | *It is Really Amazing Grace*

First Reading | *Isaiah 45:1-7*

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Responsive Psalm | *Psalm 96:1-9*

R: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

R: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

C: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

R: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

C: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

R: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

R: Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

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 22:15-22*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon | *Minister Barry Fewson*

Hymn of the Day | *You Servants of God | ELW 825*

1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
2. Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

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.

Sharing of Peace

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

Offering/Noisy Offering | *October: Churches United*

Offering 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*)

Offering 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 | *Battle Belongs* | *Worship Band*

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!

Sending

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

Announcements

Socktober | *During the month of October* we are collecting all sizes of new socks for our Blessing Closet. Our most needed type of socks are warm men's & women's socks. Bring your donations to the altar in the sanctuary — let's watch that sock stack grow!

Fall Break | No Kid's Club **Today**. See you next week!

Visitation Team Meeting | **October 18 @ 10:30am in the library** | There will be an informational meeting following our worship service. Join us to find out more about what is the Visitation Team is and how can I help.

Women of FLC | NWMN Synod WELCA Leadership Day, **October 30, 9:30am—3pm in Fertile, MN.**

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

Confirmation Again | **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.

Worship Live Stream | **Beginning November 1**, our Sunday worship service will be live streamed on YouTube ONLY. It will no longer be streamed on Facebook. A link to our YouTube channel can be found on our FLC webpage and in your Friday email.

Theology On Tap | **November 5 & 19 @ 7pm at Bucks Mill** / Meets the first & third Thursday of each month, October—April. Bring your questions and bring a friend. All are welcome.

Food Pantry Volunteers | November is FLC Food Pantry Month! Volunteers are needed to help staff the Becker Co. Food Pantry **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am-3pm during November.** **If you can help,** Sign up at the information table.

Turkey Bingo | **Save the date — November 18!** Have fun, support our youth. More info coming soon.

Today's **radio broadcast** is sponsored in memory of
Kathy (Disse) Hoghaug, whose birthday was October 13.
Memorial given by Randy Hoghaug.

Prayers for God's People

Ongoing prayers for: Bill Wegschied, Tyler Wilson, Jaydn Cole, Dave & Pam Nustad, Don Smith, Alan Bergum, Sarah Duncan, Doreen Tollefson
Prayers of comfort for the families whose loved ones have recently died, for the family of Jerry Rolland, Hazel Risberg and Jacob.

Prayer Requests

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