

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Battle Lake, Minnesota



Sunday, August 10, 2008  
9:00 a.m.



505 Holdt Street West



112 Main Street West

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

## OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

[Refrain]

3. All new born soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

[Refrain]

4. Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

[Refrain]

## INVOCATION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *Amen*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C:** *Amen*

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** *Amen*

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most Gracious God,

**C:** *have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, 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.*

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C:** *Amen*

**HYMN**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

**ELW 574**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who live in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord. It is I, Lord! I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you send me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

[Refrain]

### PRAYER OF THE DAY [read together]

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**Linda Tikkanen**

Reading by Theone Pederson

### FIRST READING

**1 Kings 19:9-18**

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

### THE BENEDICTION

And now as you go on your way, May God go with you.  
May God go before you to show you the way,  
Behind you to encourage you,  
Above you to watch over you,  
Beside you to befriend you,  
And within you to give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### THE SENDING

**P:** Go in peace, serve the LORD!

**C:** THANKS BE TO GOD!

### CLOSING HYMN

**“Lead On, O King Eternal!”**

**ELW 805**

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love name mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er our face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen Sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

### THANKSGIVING AT THE CLOSING OF A CHURCH BUILDING

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ: Let us give thanks for this church building, which was dedicated to the ministry of God's Word and Holy Sacraments, but which we will no longer use for that purpose.

Moses said to the Lord: "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

The Lord replied: "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:15, 14)

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You fill the entire world with your presence; your name is to be hallowed through all the earth.

Receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, help, and comfort which you bestowed upon your people in this house. Continue your mercies to your Church, that we may be conscious of your unchanging love as we take leave of this place of worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### CLOSING PRAYER [Prayed Together]

O God, form the minds of your people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true love is found; through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### PSALM 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning  
dawns.
- 6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### SECOND READING

#### Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**GOSPEL TEXT**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

**C: *Glory to You, O Lord***

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**C: *Praise to you O Christ***

**A WORD TO THE CHILDREN**

**PULPIT HYMN**

**"Borning Cry"**

**ELW 732**

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with at faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell
2. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk til rising sun.
3. In the middle ages of our life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
4. I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

5. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band!  
Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
[Refrain]
6. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord anew song! Daughter and son!  
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
[Refrain]

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy; strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**HYMN**

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**ELW 858**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!  
O my soul praise him, for he is my health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near.  
Joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace shall lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**"Earth and All Stars!"**

ELW 731

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Refrain: He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise him with a new song.
2. Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees!  
Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
[Refrain]
3. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, flute and lyre!  
Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
[Refrain]
4. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams!  
Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
[Refrain]

**SERMON**

Pastor John Martinson

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

ELW 840

1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and minds and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God Thorough all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace, And Guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm, In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God, The father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

**P:** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 again 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 CHURCH

At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord in your mercy,"  
And the Congregation responds, "*Hear our prayer.*"

### SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**P:** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C:** *And also with you.*

### OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

ELW 686

We give thee but thine own  
Whate're the gift may be  
All that we have is thine alone  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

O Lord our God, maker of things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**P:** The LORD be with you

**C:** *And also with you*

**P:** Lift up your hearts

**C:** *We lift them to the Lord*

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise*

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

### OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

### COMMUNION HYMNS [Sung during the Distribution]

#### "Amazing Grace"

ELW 779

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see

## First Lutheran Church

*"Bringing the hope we share in Christ to others"*

**THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.** All who believe in Christ's forgiving presence with his body and blood in, with and through the bread and wine are invited to join us at His table. Those preferring grape juice should take from the center circle of each serving tray or indicate your preference to your server.

Those worshipping at First Lutheran are asked to **please sign the registration pads found in each pew** and pass it to the end of your row. When all have signed, please return the pad to the center aisle.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 10	8:30 a.m.	Share/Care #9 Assignments
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – MOVING DAY</b>
Monday, August 11	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
Tuesday, August 12	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Lydia Circle @ Mary Ann Romberg</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Health Ministry
	5:30 p.m.	Building Committee
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Committee Meetings: Finance, Executive, Worship &amp; Music, Evangelism, &amp; Health Cabinet</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
Wednesday, August 13	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mary Circle</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music
Thursday, August 14	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Dorcas Circle @ Good Sam</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>"Come to the Lakes" program</b>
Friday, August 15	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
Saturday, August 16		Andrew Morical / Katie McNelly Wedding
Sunday, August 17	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

### FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF

Ministers: All Members; Interim Pastor: Rev. John Martinson; Parish Nurse: Lynda Glick; Parish/Financial Secretary: Rob McNair; Stephen Ministry Leaders: Myron Dahle and Joan Fegert; Peoples Church Mission, Bemidji; Head Organist: Harriet Lundquist; Custodians: Jack and Shirley Neese.

### WORSHIP TEAM

Organist/Pianist	Ushers	Lector	Acolytes
Harriett Lundquist	Dick & Wanda Oftedahl Dallas & Lynda Glick	Roger Kuhn	Shaina Underhill

### HEALTH REPORT

**Bernice Eggert** has been transferred to Eventide Nursing Home (1405 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Heritage Wing, Room 150, Moorhead, MN 56560). She will be there for at least 3 weeks for treatment and therapy. Please keep her and all those in need of healing in your prayers.

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Attendance Last Week:** 132 (8:30 a.m.) and 141 (10:00 a.m.)
- Until the phone lines are transferred (which is expected to happen late next week) **the church office** will continue to operate out of our current location. In addition, the office will only be open on Tuesday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Mutual Ministry** will not meet this month.
- **Lydia Circle** will meet at the home of Mary Ann Romberg on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Make sure you plan to stay after to view her flower gardens. Directions to her house will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.
- **Dorcas Circle** will meet at the Good Sam for a Finger Potluck on Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
- The **Wednesday Afternoon WELCA Circle** will be meeting on Tuesday, August 19 instead of Wednesday, August 13. The group will meet at the new church at 1:15 p.m. in order to carpool to Zion Amor to hear the Rev. Karen Bockelman present the WELCA August Bible study, "Living Water, Walking Wet."
- **Committee reports for the annual meeting** can be e-mailed to [bluth@arvig.net](mailto:bluth@arvig.net) or turned in on a computer disk to the church office by Friday, August 15. Please no paper copies.
- **The chairs in the Narthex** are a sample of those available. Please try them out and let anyone on the Building Committee know which one you prefer. Chairs with arms are about \$200 each. We hope to buy 50 to augment our seating in the sanctuary. You are welcome to buy one, two, ten or more!
- **THANK YOU** to all those who helped clean the new church and to those who baked the wonderful goodies that were served. It is a pleasure to work and serve with such caring and giving individuals of the church. Thank you again! Karen Engen