

June 6, 2021 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

("Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother," said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ's death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God's mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS PRESENTATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \$\Pi\$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMNOn next Page "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

HOLY BAPTISM

Baptized today is Raelynn Vennetta Price, daughter of Scotty & Tatyanna Price. Raelynn was born April 14, 2021. Raelynn's sponsors are Brook Tibke and Scott Ritter. We welcome Raelynn as our newest member of First Lutheran.

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All Who Believe and Are Baptized 194 1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va tion; 2 Withone ac - cord, O God, we pray, Grant us your Ho - ly Spir -Christ, Bap - tized the death of to new Help us in our in fir mi ty Through Je sus' blood tion; Through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand A it; Grant to grow in and mer us grace each day Bymong the glo-rious heav'n-ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and tion. ho - ly Bap-tism, that we may E - ter - nal life in it. her

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

Tune: Etlich christlich Lieder, Wittenberg, 1524



HOLY BAPTISM

- 1. While a baptismal hymn is sung, the candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.
- 2. The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.
- P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

3. A sponsor for each candidate, in turn, presents the candidate with these or similar words:
I present to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
4. The minister addresses those candidates who are able to answer for themselves:
name, do you desire to be baptized?
I do.
5. The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.
6. When only young children are baptized, the minister says:
In Christian love you have presented <i>these children</i> for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring <i>them</i> to the services of God's house, and teach

P In Christian love you have presented *these children* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *them* to the services of God's house, and teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *they grow* in years, you should place in *their* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *their* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

OR

- 7. When older children and adults are baptized also, the minister says:
- P In Christian love you have presented *these people* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for *them* and help *them* in every way as God gives you opportunity, that *they* may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

Stand

8. When baptisms are celebrated within the Holy Communion, The Prayers may be said at this time, with special reference to those baptized.

After each portion of the prayers:

- A Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- 9. The minister begins the thanksgiving.
- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those* who *are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those* who *are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (245)

Amen

- 10. The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.
- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.
- P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
- I do.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.*
 On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God 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
- 11. The minister baptizes each candidate.

P	name		, I baptize you		in
	the name			•	
Th	ne minister	pours w	ater on i	the can-	

didate's head.

P and of the Son,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

P and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time. OR name is baptized in the name of the Father,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head.

P and of the Son,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

P and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.

^{*}Or, He descended to the dead.

Sit

- 12. A psalm or hymn may be sung as the minister and the baptismal group go before the altar.
- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- 13. Those who have been baptized kneel. Sponsors or parents holding young children stand. The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:
- P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon _______: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. (246)

Amen

- 14. The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:
- P ______, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The sponsor or the baptized responds: "Amen."

- 15. After all have received the sign of the cross, they stand.
- 16. A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- 17. When small children are baptized, this prayer may be said.
- P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *fathers* and *mothers* of *these children*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *children*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *children* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (247)

Amen

Stand

18. The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

Through Baptism God has made *these* new *sisters and brothers members* of the priest-hood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

19. The ministers may exchange the peace with the baptized, with their sponsors and parents, and with the congregation:

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

Sharing of the Peace

Brent Petersen "Make This Child Yours"

PRESENTATION OF QUILT AND BAPTISMAL MEDALLION

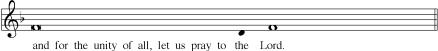
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

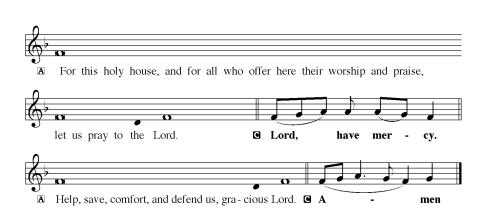
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A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Glorious God, you have freed us from the threat of sin and death. Give us such faith that we may always receive your free and gracious gifts of forgiveness and eternal life; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. Amen.

8{The man and his wife} heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring: he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

- O Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

- ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

ALLELUIA



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3rd chapter.



²⁰{Jesus} went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that {Jesus and the apostles} could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man.

Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — ³⁰for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

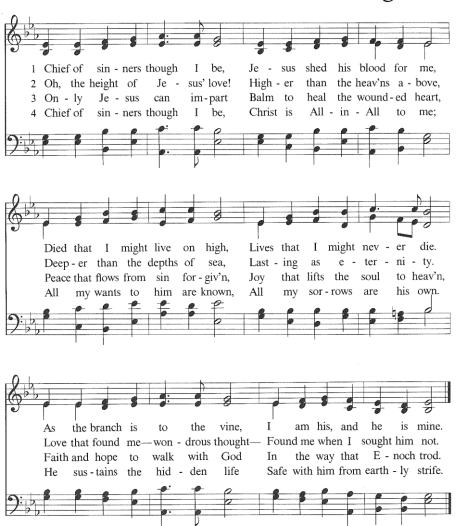


SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

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Chief of Sinners though I Be

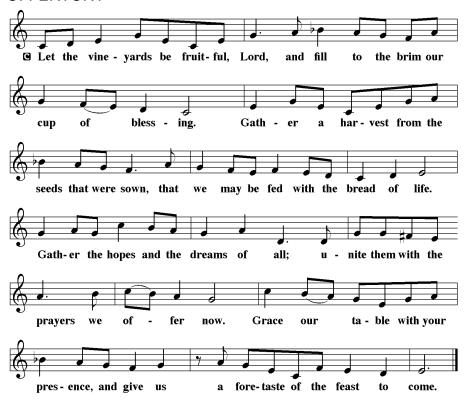


5 O my Savior, help afford By your Spirit and your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793-c. 1870 Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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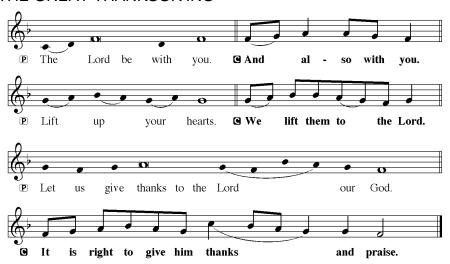


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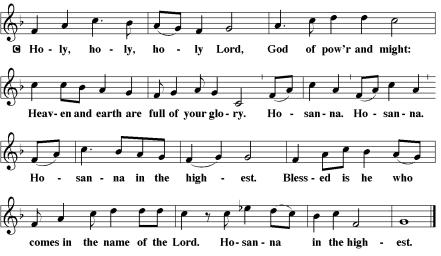
P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



P: In the night in which he 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.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE 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, for ever and ever. Amen

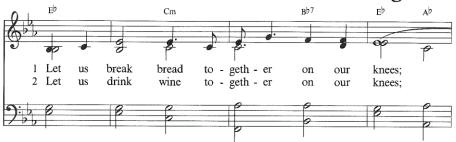
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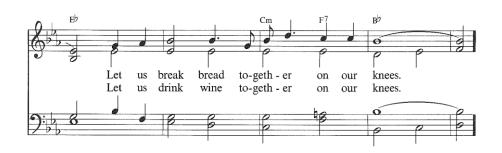
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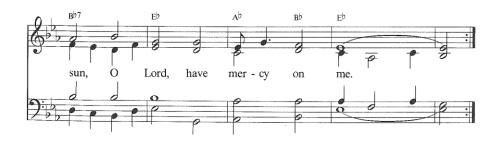
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Let Us Break Bread Together





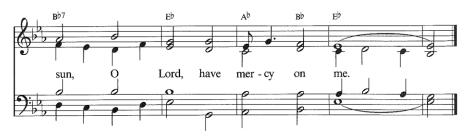












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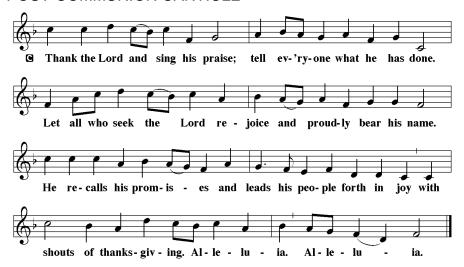
O Living Bread from Heaven



P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen

BENEDICTION Psalm 32:10

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.

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"My Hope Is Built	t on Nothing Less"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Text: Edward Mote, 1787–1874, alt. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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Our Mission

"Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Welcome to worship, dear family of God!

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book in the narthex.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, May 30th, Attendance – 68 Facebook Online Viewing – 100 General Fund & Plate Giving - \$1,100.00

Prayer Requests

Hunter Feigum, Olivia Retterath, Helen Samuelson, LeAnn Richard, Pat Anderson, Kristi Olson, Mardella Aanderud – Mother to Melanie Beckman, Mary Ann Monsebroten – Sister to Jackie Olson, Weldon Wagner – Brother to Arden Wagner, Kathy Solomonson, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Shauntaye Kopecky – Kurle family member, Ross Lorentzen. Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler's, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner's friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum -Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Live Streaming Update: YouTube Live

FLC live streaming service will switch from Facebook Live to YouTube Live beginning in June. Those who currently use Facebook to view the online services will not see any interruption in being able to view through Facebook. This transition will allow FLC to connect more people with God's Word.

Covid Update

The church council at the May meeting decided to move forward beginning today with normal operations as before Covid.

Communion Registration

Please fill out a green card that is in your pews for each person taking communion (bread, wine or grape juice). Also please list each person instead of putting family. These records are needed to figure out voting members and the secretary does not know which family members are communing if listed as family. Put the green cards in the offering plate.

FLCW

FLCW will have a general meeting following today's worship service.

Technology Committee

The technology committee will meet this Tuesday, June 8th, at 6:00 pm.

Church Council

Church council will meet this Wednesday, June 9th, at 7:00 pm.

Riverboat Days Pie and Ice Cream Social

Riverboat Days Pie and Ice Cream Social will be held this Saturday, June 12th from 2-4 pm here at First Lutheran. We are looking for people to bring needlework you would like to have displayed. Please have it to the church no later than Thursday, June 10th, and make sure to label who made it. Questions, talk to Donna Gunderson.

June 13 Worship

There will be no worship service (or live streaming) at First Lutheran next Sunday, June 13th. Instead join us for our Riverboat Days Community Worship Service at 10:30 am at Fahlgren Park at Fort Mandan. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.

Volunteers Needed

Donna Gunderson is looking for volunteers to help on a weekly basis to water the flowers. If you are willing to help from June thru September, please talk to Donna.

Security Alarm and Video System

First Lutheran now has a security and video system installed. Smile when you enter the church, you will be on camera! © If you have an outside door key, please contact Jeannette in the church office and let her know even if you think she knows you have one.

Altar Flower Signup

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for altar flowers from now thru September 26th. Signup for the date you would like to supply flowers before your date is taken. Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church for that Sunday.

FLC Phone Number

It has been brought to our attention that the First Lutheran Church phone number is incorrectly listed in the McLean County Phone Book. It is listed with the parsonage number. The church number should be 701-462-3775. All other phone books have it listed correctly.

Landline vs Cell Phone

Have you dropped your landline phone and gone to just your cell phone? If so, have you given First Lutheran your cell phone number yet? If not, we would appreciate it so we can get ahold of you when needed. FLCW work group co-chairs need your number too! Call 462-3775 or email flc@westriv.com with your cell number. Thank you!

Summer Marriage Course

We are looking to possibly offer another Marriage Course this summer. We are especially looking to accommodate those couples who have someone who works shift-work or have difficult schedules. The course would be offered ONLINE and semi-online. We are looking to get a list of couples who are interested and work out a schedule with different days of the week/times possible depending on the number of couples that sign-up. There will be no meal provided with this course as it will be more flexible in venue.

Connections Magazine

The May/June issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks. Pick up a copy today to get updates on LCMC and NALC along with other interesting articles.

New Members

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran in the near future, please talk to Pastor Chuck. A new member class will be scheduled sometime this summer or next fall.

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran is in the process of getting a hearing assist system to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this, please let Jeannette know in the church office so we have an idea of how many units to order.

LBW & WOV Hymnals

LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals have been ordered. As of the printing of this bulletin we are short \$1,388.00. If you would like to donate for any of the remainder of the balance, please notate on your check that it is for new hymnals. *LBW books on the cart in the narthex are free for the taking.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN						
TODAY	9:30 AM					
	10:30 AM 10:45 AM					
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting				
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TUES.	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Mommy's Group Technology Committee Meeting				
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WED.	7:00 PM	Council Meeting				
THURS.	AM	Pastor Chuck at Text Study				
SAT.	2-4 PM	Riverboat Days Pie & Ice Cream Social				
SUNDAY		NO Worship at FLC				
CONDICT	10:30 AM	Outdoor Church Service at Fahlgren Park, Fort Mandan				
	7:00 PM					
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting				

PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 2:00 - 4:00 PM First Lutheran Church 709 5th Ave. (Basement)



Join us for:
Pie,
Ice Cream,



Check out the needlework display!





at Camp of the Cross Ministries

In our "new" Fellowship Center

Saturday, June 26th

NEW this year!

On-line auction bidding before the Festival Start bidding June 1! fundraiser.bid/prairielake

The day of the Festival will be a "Live" Auction at 11AM!

Concessions open at 9:30AM

Lunch served...

Auction website: fundraiser.bid/prairielake

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Second Sunday after Pentecost - June 6, 2021

"He is out of his mind." (Mark 3:21)

When many people heard Jesus preach, they didn't say, "Here are the very words of God!" Some people said, "He is crazy!" Jesus is not crazy; he just sometimes sounds crazy when we listen to him from the standpoint of what the world teaches us is "rational." To be a disciple, a follower of Jesus, is to think about God, the world, and ourselves in a different way. That "way" is the way of Christ.

Nobody ever said to Jesus, "Fantastic! What a wonderfully logical sermon you gave," or "Jesus, you have one of the best rational minds ever." Rather what they said was, "He's raving mad! He's out of his mind." Jesus is back home and his family wants to be proud of their young rabbi. Unfortunately, his family was quite embarrassed when they heard Jesus and watched him work because everyone said, "He's crazy! He's out of his mind."

Interestingly, others have the same reaction to Jesus in John 10:20. Jesus says, "I'm such a good shepherd, I'm willing to die for a bunch of sheep." And the people responded to him by saying, "He's out of his ever-loving head, he is insane! Die for stupid sheep? That's crazy! He must be mad!"

Jesus didn't have the benefit of a seminary education. Jesus never published a book. He lived with his parents until he was 30 or so. He never held a job, never owned a home, never dated, and went around partying with 12 "questionable" men, but does that make Jesus guilty of insanity?

Hmmm...maybe. Jesus said, "How about this? You can't get into the kingdom of God unless you become as a child. Want to win? You do so by losing. You get by giving. You live by dying." Wow! That sure doesn't sound rational or logical. Sounds like he's out of his mind right? In evaluating the trustworthiness of Jesus' mind, sometimes it's whether or not we see Jesus' way of the cross as reasonable or crazy because it depends on what counts for reasonable or crazy in the world.

Maybe, just maybe, Jesus has given us a new way of thinking, helping us to see things his way instead of the world's way. Maybe you had the same thing happen to you after your baptism. Maybe you were changed, your thinking was changed, and you were drawn forth into a new life by that mad, ridiculous, insane act of Jesus! Amen.