



First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

Flood and Promise

Saturday September 8, 2018

5:30pm

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn

Earth and All Stars!

ELW 731

Prayer of the Day

God of promise, you set a rainbow in the sky to remind us of the depth of your love for all creation. Fill our hearts with gratitude that we might serve you with joy. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Dramatic Reading based on Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

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It rained, and it rained, and it rained...for 40 days it rained. Not one, not twenty, not thirty, but for 40 days it rained!

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Though everyone was happy to look out the window and see the sun, they couldn't leave the ark just yet. As far as they could see, water covered EVERYTHING...so they waited, and waited and waited some more.

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Noah built an altar so they could worship and give thanks to God for protecting them and all the animals. Then the Lord put a beautiful rainbow in the sky as a promise that God would NEVER AGAIN destroy the whole earth with a flood.

"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Gospel Acclamation	<i>Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil</i>	ELW 512
Gospel Reading	Matthew 8:24-27	pew Bible p. 886
	Response after the announcement: <i>Glory to you, O Lord.</i>	
	Response after the reading: <i>Praise to you, O Christ.</i>	
Hymn	<i>Borning Cry</i>	ELW 732
Sermon		
Hymn	<i>Spirit of Gentleness</i>	ELW 396
Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)		
Offering		
Offertory	<i>Sing to the Lord of Harvest</i> (v. 1)	ELW 694
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	ELW 836
Postlude		



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Sunday September 9, 2018
9:30am

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements
Baptism

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Call to Worship **How Great Is Our God**

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***The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light & darkness tries to hide.
And trembles at His voice & trembles at His voice.***

Chorus: ***How great is our God, sing with me. How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God***

***Age to age He stands and time is in His hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one - Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.*** (Chorus)

***You're the name above all names - Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God.*** (Chorus)

Teacher Installation

Song **My Lighthouse**

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***In my wrestling and in my doubts. In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea.***

***In the silence You won't let go. In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea***

Chorus: ***My Lighthouse my Lighthouse, Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh, My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore***

***I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea*** (Chorus)

Fire before us, You're the brightest, You will lead us, Through the storms (hey) (Repeat 3X)
(Chorus)

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Gospel Acclamation **Jesus Loves Me**

(Tune: traditional. Text: Verses 1-2 traditional, Verse 3 Sandra Anderson; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.)

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong.

Chorus: **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me, he who died, Heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, Let his little child come in.** (Chorus)

**Jesus loves me! This I'll shout, Tell the world, his love rings out.
Clap your hands and make some noise! Jesus loves all girls and boys.** (Chorus)

Gospel Reading Matthew 8:24-27 pew Bible p. 886
Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song **I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy**

(Text and tune: traditional; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.)

**I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.**

Chorus: **And I'm so happy, So very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, So very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.**

**I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.** (Chorus)

**I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.** (Chorus)

Sermon
Interlude

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Love the Lord

Offertory

Offering

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***I bring an offering of worship to my King No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due O Lord I bring an offering to You (repeat)
O Lord I bring an offering to You, O Lord I bring an offering to you.***

Benediction

Song

This Little Light of Mine

(Text and tune: traditional; arr. Aaron David Miller. Arr. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.)

***This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Don't let anyone (blow) it out. I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***



Announcements

September 8 & 9, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Karen Murphy.

Blessings to Jayden Brandon Athen baptized today. His parents are Brandon Athen & Courtney Brockberg. Sponsors are Nicole Athen and Jordan Robinson.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Vi Thomasson, Brian Gelster & Family (deployment), Val Krogstad, David Valentin (son of Jim & Joanne), Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Marilyn Green (sister of Shirley Anderson-Porisch), Jenifer Klein's sister, Carla, Judy Benton (mother of Karen Meister), Ken Wilson, Don Ebbinga (father of Mary Mortland), Dave Koster.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes		Taleigha Bigler
Greeters	Karen Murphy	Paul & Nancy Blanchard
Ushers		Bruce Lamprecht, Pam Neet Casey & Amber Werner
Lectors	Karen Murphy	Pam Neet
Music	Susan Jones	Praise Team: Stacey Bosveld, Doug Krogen, Vicki Lamprecht, Jennifer Lundberg, Karla Luther, Elizabeth Maxwell, Wes Myers, Mark Pedersen, Matt Pedersen, Elly Sprik, Amber Werner
Coffee Servers		
Video and Projection	Dan Marks	Kevin Kayser, Shelly Maes
Altar Guild	Kelly Deutz, Pam Neet, Ann Nielsen, DeAnna Zimmer	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	

Sunday September 9

8:30am - 11:30am Dad's Belgian Waffles
9:30am Worship - Rally Day, 7th Gr
Milestone, Athen Baptism, Teacher
Installation

Monday September 10

1:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Beginning Experience
7:00pm Esther Circle

Tuesday September 11

9:00am Senior Coffee
10:15am Staff Meets
12:00pm Executive Committee
6:00pm Education Committee
6:30pm Youth Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Wednesday September 12

6:00am Deborah Circle
9:30am Hannah/Elizabeth Circle @ Perkins 2:30pm TLC
5:15pm Worship
5:45pm Light Supper - \$2/person
5:45pm Confirmation
6:00pm G3
6:30pm New Member Orientation
7:00pm Chancel Choir
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday September 13

5:30pm Bible & Brew

Friday September 14

7:00am Grub Club @ HyVee
12:00pm Book Group

Saturday September 15

5:30pm Worship

Sunday September 16

8:30am & 10:45am Worship - Kindergarten Milestone
9:30am TLC
9:45am New Member Orientation

Monday September 17

1:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday September 18

9:00am Senior Coffee
10:15am Staff Meets

Wednesday September 19

9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
2:30pm TLC
5:15pm Worship
5:45pm Light Supper - \$2/person
5:45pm Confirmation
6:00pm G3
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Faith Chats (HS Girls Bible Study)
7:00pm Game Changers (HS Boys Bible Study)
7:00pm Junior High Alive
7:00pm Little League
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
8:00pm Senior High Alive

News & Notes

TODAY 8:30 am to 11:30am Dad's Belgian Waffle Fundraiser

The First Lutheran Education Committee will be sponsoring this event with the proceeds going toward the purchase of Education Curriculum. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door. Children 5 and under eat free. Carry-out plates available. Come and enjoy these mammoth size waffles, delicious toppings, sausage, and a beverage along with wonderful fellowship; all while supporting a great cause!

7th Grade Milestone Celebration: We are inviting all 7th Grade students and their parents to celebrate the milestone of Entering Confirmation. During worship today, we will mark this Milestone with a stone marked with a symbol as well as receiving their Teen Bible. This Milestone Celebration is a time for the 7th grade youth to be reminded that they are baptized children of God, created in God's own image, and to celebrate this next step of learning on

their faith journey.... and a celebration for the parents to walk with them and learn with them on this journey.

Teacher Installation: Everyone involved in Christian Education programs at First Lutheran will be installed during worship today for the 2018-19 year. You are invited to come forward when it is announced.

New Member Orientation

Are YOU interested in becoming a member of the family of faith called First Lutheran Church? ...then, we'd like to say 'Welcome Home!' We'll have a one-session orientation that puts the WELL in welcome, giving you all you need to be well informed, well connected, and well energized for our spiritual journey together as a family under God.

So please choose **one** of the upcoming New Member Orientation sessions to attend...

- Wednesday, September 12 @ 6:30pm
- Sunday, September 16 @ 9:45am

The New Member Orientation Sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office @ (507) 532-2429 or firstluth@iw.net if you or someone you know is planning on attending. Childcare will be provided, just please let us know if you will need childcare. New Members will be Welcomed during the following worship services: Wednesday, October 10 at 5:15pm, Saturday, October 13 at 5:30pm and Sunday, October 14 at 8:30am & 10:45am.

Deadline for the Junior High Synod Youth Gathering in Willmar (Nov 16-17) for grades 6-8 is *WEDNESDAY SEPT 12th* Info was emailed out to everyone AND we talked about it at the confirmation parent/youth meeting! Invite your friends to join us! It's a blast! Parents let me know if you are interested in chaperoning. (more forms can be found on the website or at the church too.)

Kindergarten Milestone Celebration at both services Sunday, September 16.

We are inviting all Kindergarten students and their Parents to celebrate the Presentation of the Milestone Bowls and stones that represent milestones that have already taken place in their faith journey! They will be presented with a Milestone Bowl and the following Stones...

Baptism Stone: Symbolizing your Holy Baptism

Learning Stone: Symbolizing receiving knowledge about the word of God and the love of God from your family and congregation

TLC Stone: Symbolizing when you were welcomed to Teaching the Love of Christ

Senior High Youth---don't forget to sign up for the 2019 Summer Mystery Mission Trip! Registration forms were emailed out, on the website, and at the church. Sign up for the PURPOSE and not the place!

Sunday September 23rd - ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Recap Worship! Join the senior high youth and the adult leaders for the 8:30am or 10:45am worship services as we recap the highlights of our faith journey at the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer!

Wednesday Sept 26th: Adopt a Highway Clean up at 3:30pm (grades 7-8)

Hy-Vee Cards are available for purchase in the church office! Proceeds go to the 2019 Senior High Mystery Mission Trip.

Who is sitting next to you in the pew? Pay attention... Do you see a confirmation student taking sermon notes? As part of the Confirmation requirements, we ask the students to take sermon notes. New to this year's form is a space for an adult signature. We want them to talk with an adult about something they found interesting in the sermon, bible passage or worship service. Because these are 7th and 8th graders, they may be apprehensive talking to someone they don't know, but that is the point. It would be great if you could reach out to them as congregational members and offer to talk with them and sign their form. We're not just adding more work to their parents or teachers. We're hoping to create a community of faith surrounding these students, so your effort is appreciated. As an adult, you know how much it means to have positive interactions with a kid – so just imagine how much it means to them!

Seasonal Decorating opportunity Do you enjoy decorating for the holidays? If so, we could use the help of a few staff that would like to co-coordinate the seasonal decorating in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

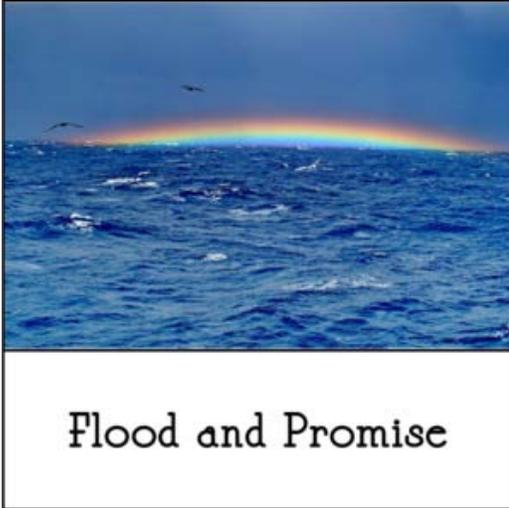
Esther Circle will be kicking off the 2018-2019 season with their first gathering on Monday evening, September 10th at 7:00 pm in Room 8 (Movie Room). The group meets the ***2nd Monday*** (correction from last week) of each month (through May) for approximately an hour. If you have been thinking about joining a circle/bible study group, please consider coming to check it out. This year's bible study is ***1 Peter...A Living Hope in Christ***. Walk through 1 Peter with Jen Wilkin in this 9 session, video-driven Bible study. A study book will be available that night for \$10.00. Come and feel welcomed and gain a working knowledge of God's Word and the bible as a whole.

The Social Ministries Committee here at First Lutheran is taking on a new project to help underprivileged children in other countries. Samaritans Purse is a world wide Evangelical organization that receives shoe boxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need. Each box will be an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. A small donation of \$9 covers the cost of shipping each box. On the table in the narthex is a handout with more information about this ministry and ideas for gifts to purchase. Suggestions are: doll, stuffed animal, shoes, car toys, other small toys, socks, hair clips, flashlights with batteries, school supplies, toothbrushes, bar soap, and a personal message. Please donate gifts that would be appropriate for 5-8 year olds. You can also go to the website, Samaritans Purse and click on Operation Christmas Child for more information. A tote in the narthex will be available for your donations. Gifts of money can be taken to the church office. Boxes will be packed during God's Work Our Hands day on October 14th. Thank you in advance for helping with this special cause.

A formal meeting of the full First Lutheran Church Foundation membership of First Lutheran Church in Marshall, MN will take place in the Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday, September 30, 2018, for the purpose of voting on proposed changes to the FLC Foundation Bylaws, as developed and approved by the Board. A free-will offering will be requested to benefit the FLC Youth. The agenda will consist of a short explanation of the proposed changes to the Bylaws, a Q&A session, final voting, and a short informational presentation about the FLC Foundation. Voting ballots will be made available to FLC Foundation members in the church office beginning Sunday, September 16th. Members will be allowed to vote either in person on 9/30/2018, or by written ballot submitted to the First Lutheran Church office anytime between 9/16/2018 and 9/30/2018. All votes will be in writing on pre-printed ballots. Members will be required to write their names on each ballot, to ensure that all votes come from legitimate FLC Foundation members, and that no member votes more than once.

Fall Gathering for Prairie Conference WELCA will be Saturday October 6th 8:30am-noon, at Danebod Church Campus in Tyler. Speaker is Barbara Rechtzigal "My Journey Back to God". Registration is \$10, lunch included.

Today's Readings



Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, 'I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' ⁸But Noah found favour in the sight of the Lord.

9 These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.' ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it

inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them. ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had

Today's Readings

subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make

flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.'

¹⁷God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Matthew 8:24-27

²⁴A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' ²⁶And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all

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