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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Our *FLC Care Team* is here to support you through life's moments—both joyful and challenging. Whether you are celebrating an exciting life event, such as a new baby or home, or if you are walking through illness or loss, we want to be there for you.

We would love to visit & we have homemade meals prepared & ready to share. Let us care for you or someone you know.



You may visit the church office or reach out to Sue Jorgenson (701) 421-7049
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Sunday, October 11th Scripture readings will be:

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 4th, 2026

Church Year Reflections

Today's Scripture: In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection. **Today's altar paraments** are green to symbolize growth in faith, new life, and fruitfulness. The tradition of using green after Holy Trinity Sunday developed over time alongside the liturgy itself.

FLC Mission Statement

Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ, we're sent to proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word of the kingdom to all the world.

Please keep in your prayers

- † Alva Lou Johnston
- † Barb & Ron Quale
- † Darin Swensrud
- † Donna Lou Sanford
- † Eleanor Kostad
- † Jenn Wisness
- † Jessica Wisness Burns
- † Keith Schmidt

- † Laurie Stenehjem
- † Lorri Honstein
- † Melinda Haugeberg
- † Paul Young
- † Rory Johnsrud
- † Vicky Swanson
- † Kenny Sanford

For prayer requests, contact the church office @ 701-444-3244 or office@flcwc.church

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth (vs 1,2,5) #879

Dismissal

United in Christ, together we serve. Thanks be to God.

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Upcoming Events

October 11th, Sunday
10:30am Worship
(note the time change)
11:30am Quintessential Ladies
Potluck and Party Celebration

October 15th, Thursday
6pm Thrivent Presentation

October 18th, Sunday
9:30am Worship / Communion
10:45am Concordia College
visit

WEDNESDAY 6:00

faith . friends . fun

FLC Kids

grades PreK-5th

Confirmation

grades 6-8

Adult Bible Study

* Gospel

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:33-46

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day

Day by Day

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Apostles’ Creed

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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 Intercession

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L: Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us. Please respond to Hear us, O God with **Your mercy is great.**

Special Music

* Offering Song

We Give Thee But Thine Own

(v1) #686

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Gathering Hymn

Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love. (v1) There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one Body; that is why we can sing. (v2) You are the family of God. You are the promise divine. You are God’s chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.

Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

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. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

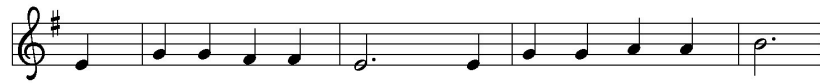
God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Amen

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

* Please stand as you are comfortable and able.

Kyrie

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Share the Peace

Special Music

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

All Creatures, Worship God Most High (vs. 1,4,6) #835

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsive Reading

Psalms 80:7-15

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

R: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

R: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

L: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

R: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

L: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

R: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

L: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.