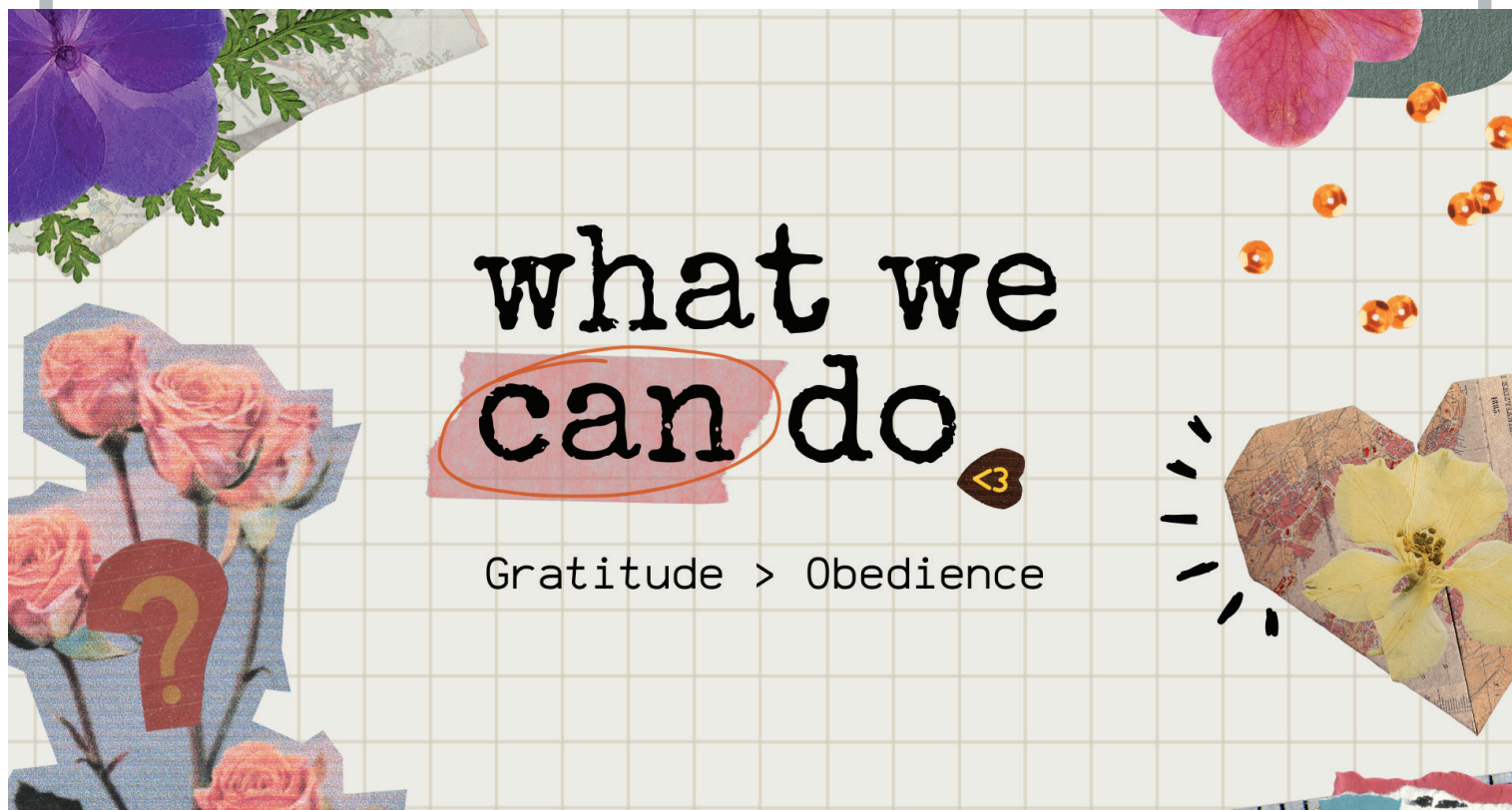


OCT 12, 2025

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**CHILDCARE** Available for children 5 and under on the Sanctuary Level.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Meets at 9:15am. Contact Renee at [rengen@flcj.org](mailto:rengen@flcj.org) for more information. Check-in at main entrance. To register, print form from [flcj.org/ssreg](http://flcj.org/ssreg) or register at desk.

**VISITORS** Grab a Welcome Bag from the wooden kiosk near the Sanctuary entrance. Also, fill out a Connect Card located in the pews and drop it in the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary on your way out.

**HEARING ASSISTS** Available outside the center Sanctuary doors.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

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# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Beautiful Things

Worship Team

*stand*

## WELCOMING WORDS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (9:30am)

Minuet in G by JS Bach

Handbells

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (8am)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the giver of all good,  
the source of all joy.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of all,

**You have given us all that we need  
and you ask that we share our abundance.**

**We confess that we do not always respond to your call  
to be the open channels of your grace.**

**We sometimes clench our fists when you ask for open hands;  
We close our minds when you invite grace toward our neighbors.**

**Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation;  
loosen our grip and restore our souls,  
that we may freely give and receive.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!  
Your hearts are unfurled, your grasping unbound.  
You are free to live as flowing streams  
of God's abundant grace.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG 860

I'm So Glad

## HOLY BAPTISM (9:30am)

Today we celebrate the baptisms of:

**Rosalie Danielle Leibham**, daughter of Matthew and Brianna Leibham. Her sponsors are Ryan and Brianna Teel.

**Cooper William Olszewski**, son of Nick and Carissa Olszewski. His sponsors are Josh and Erika Peterson and Jon and Tara Olszewski.

**Ky'aire James Peguero**, son of Jorge Manuel Peguero-Beltre and Alexys Jade Peguero. His sponsors are Cassidy Luek, Ethan Luek, Alicia Garcia, and Kaitlin Wright.

## BAPTISM SONG 213 (9:30am)

You Belong to Christ

## GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The Prayer of the Day for the generosity series are from the "What Can We Do" series resource.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, you bless us with the capacity for gratitude and awe. Open us to the wonders of your creation, and make us grateful for every good gift of your hand. Give us glad and generous hearts so that we may be stewards of your mercy and healing in the world.

**Amen.**

*sit*

# WORD

## READING

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

## READING

2 Kings 5:1-15c

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*



*You can give your offering by scanning the QR code above with your phone camera or place it in the offering basket by the entrance way. You can also bring it to the church office or send it by mail.*

## GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*sit*

## SERMON

Pr. Michael Mueller

*stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 453

Baptized and Set Free

## APOSTLES' CREED (8am)

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We pray by petition. At the end of each petition, the leader says, "God of grace," and the assembly responds, "**receive our prayer.**"*

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We turn to one another and with a wave or nod and offer a gesture of Christ's peace. We may say these words: "Peace be with you."*

*sit*

# MEAL

## OFFERING TIME

*A story of our ministry...*

## MUSICAL OFFERING (8am)

Minuet in G by JS Bach

Handbells

*stand*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of life, you have blessed us with every good gift. Open us to share all that we have been given and to love the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, for the healing mercy of your love knows no bounds.

### Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo -  
- ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high -  
- est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*Communion is open to  
all who wish to receive it.  
Individual, sealed communion  
kits available inside the  
center sanctuary doors, for  
those who prefer them.*

*If you would like to receive  
Communion at your seat,  
please notify an usher.*

## 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.**

*sit*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## COMMUNION HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul

Worship Team

*When all have communed:*

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

*stand*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Abundant God, you have nourished us with life, love, and grace. Fill us to the brim with your care, that with open arms and open hearts we may share your peace with the world. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## SENDING WORD

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG 840

Now Thank We All Our God

vs. 1 & 3

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



## PRAYING FOR YOU

# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

**Hospice:** Jack Kislia

**Prayers:** Nathan & Heather Barlass, Inge Caracristi, Rick Cleasby, Rachel Collins, Renee Comstock, Karen Curry, Lynn Dhein, Violette Eichman, Connie Evans, Connie Fragale, Linda Fronczak, Jane Gesteland, JoAnn Haeberlin, Bea Hanson, Kathy Hendricks, Myra Jensen, Marcia Kelleher, Kip, Robert Kjendlie, Gary Kleinhans, Audrey Kvistad, Eli, Jackie, K. Letheby, Marion Maddock, Naomi Martin, Joan Meister, Duane Meister, Janis Metzger, Kathy Mikkelsen, Shirley Pate, Susan Popp, Kevin Punzel, Jan Reck, Alex Rockman, Elaine Schilling, Helen Strand, Linda Sturdevant, Jan Wathke

**Nursing Home Care:** Marlys Carlson, Ardith Eddy, Bill Foss, Kathy Foss, Nancy Guse, Rose Jensen, Judy Mowris, Bruce Pearson, Tilford "Paul" Paulsrud, Doris Roehl, Bill Sampson, Mary Sather, Phil Selgren

**Homebound:** Evelyn Dahl, George Dallman, Ray & Liz Decker, Harriet Hanson, Wayne Koste, Shirley Mooney, Lynn Reddel, Jan Sampson

**Military:** Zach Bumpus-Air Force, Tyler Carin-Army, Marisa Gohlke-Navy, Sean Gohlke-Navy, Kim Klusmeyer-Army, Erica Lindroth-Army, Marc Sunby-Navy, Jon Sunby-Air Force.



## TODAY / 9:15AM / GATHERING SPACE

# PASTOR APPRECIATION

Today, we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day by recognizing and honoring Pastor Michael, Pastor Jim, and Eric Engen for their dedication and service. Join us for special treats during the coffee time between services.

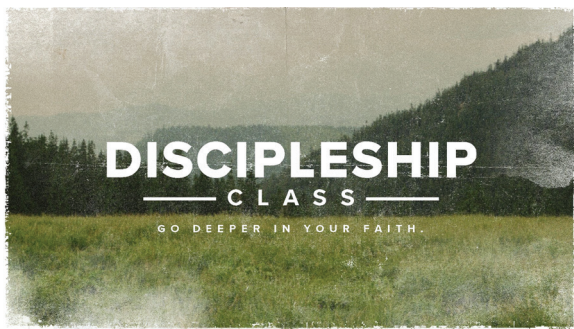


## TODAY / 9:15AM / CHAPEL

# TALK WITH LEADERSHIP

You are warmly invited to our next Talk with Leadership in the Chapel between services on Sun, Oct 12. This is an opportunity to share updates, and plans for the months ahead and engage in open dialog through your thoughts and questions. We really appreciate your presence and participation, and we hope you will join us.





**TODAY / 10:45AM-12:15PM**

## DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

We invite you to join us for First Steps, a welcoming and engaging discipleship course designed to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus, deepen your understanding of the Christian faith, and find your place in the life of the church.

**Oct 12: A Way Worth Living**

**Oct 26: The Lutheran Way**

**Nov 9: Our Church, Our Mission**

**Nov 23: Made to Make A Difference**

**Feb 21, 9am-3pm: One-Day Retreat Option at Lutherdale**

Please use the QR code to register or contact Renee.



**OCT 15 & 16 / FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## LEFSE MAKING FOR CRAFT FAIR

**Oct 15 (6:30-7:30pm):** We need one more volunteer to help prepare the potato mixture.

**Oct 16 (9am-Noon-ish):** We need help making the lefse.

- We're looking for **3-4 more lefse griddles**.
- We need **2 people per griddle**—one to roll, one to cook.

If you can help, please fill out a **Connect Card** (found in the pews) and let the office know.

We're also accepting **ingredient donations—specific brands needed** (see list below).

- 8-26.7 oz boxes of Hungry Jack Instant Mashed Potatoes (no substitution) - available at Walmart
- 8 boxes (4 sticks ea.) Salted Butter
- 6- One-quart Containers of Half n Half (Land O Lakes)
- 6- 5lb bags of Wheat Montana flour - available at Walmart
- 30-50 quart size Zip Lock Freezer bags (double zip)



**SAT, OCT 18 / 9AM-2PM**

## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The Annual Holiday Craft Fair is happening on Oct 18 from 9am-2pm. Lunch includes pulled pork, veggies and dip, and FLC's homemade pie by the slice, and more. The day includes: children's activities, shopping, crafters, authors, direct sales, bake sale, wine pull, raffles (include a quilt raffle).

**We need your help!** We're looking for donations of baked goods—cookies, bars, muffins, breads, or any other treats you'd like to share. Please bring your contributions to the church on Friday afternoon, Oct 17.





**SUN, OCT 19 / 5:30-7PM**

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Children and their parents/sponsors are welcome to register for Communion Class. Communion Class is Sun, Oct 19, at 5:30-7pm. This class is specifically designed for children who can read. A pre-reader class is available by request. At the end of class, we will set a First Communion Celebration date that is meaningful to you. Register for class before Oct 12 by contacting Renee at [rengen@flcj.org](mailto:rengen@flcj.org).



**SUN, OCT 19 / 7PM / 3402 MCCANN DR**

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a 5-week study (Sept 28, Oct 19, Nov 2, 9) of the book *It Is Well: Walking Away From Anxiety And Into God's Word*. Is there hope in Christ for us when anxiety swells within? Can we find peace in God when our circumstances are anything but peaceful? The answer to these questions is yes! Key themes: worry, anxiety, peace, hope. You won't want to miss this study!



**RETURN BY OCT 19**

## CARE PACKAGES FOR GRADS

Grab a box with the name of a recent grad from the table in the Gathering Space and fill it with microwave popcorn, hot chocolate, snacks, chap-stick, tissues, gift cards, more snacks, gum, fuzzy socks, hand sanitizer, cough drops, disinfectant wipes, and even more snacks! Plan to spend between \$15-20. Include an encouraging note! Return that box by October 19. Contact Renee with any questions.



**TUES, OCT 21 / 7PM / SANCTUARY**

## ANCORA STRING QUARTET

Join us on Oct 21 at 7pm for a performance by Ancora String Quartet. Members Sahada Buckley, Wes Luke, Robin Ryan, and Benjamin Whitcomb will perform F.J. Haydn's rousing quartet Op. 74 No. 3 in G minor, nicknamed "The Horsemen," followed by Jean Sibelius's ingenious and profound quartet in D minor, nicknamed "Intimate Voices". Come and enjoy a special night of music!



## WED, OCT 22 / 1:30PM / CEDAR CREST HYMN SING

We would love to have you join us at our monthly Hymn Sings. This month, it's on Wed, Oct 22, at 1:30pm at Cedar Crest Assisted Living - 1706 S River Rd, Janesville. Bring your friendship and singing voice, and we'll supply the rest! All are welcome!



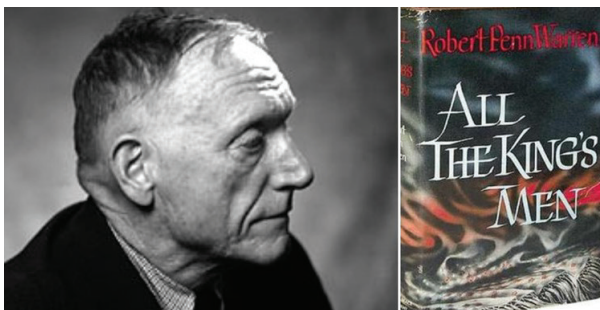
## SUN, OCT 26 COFFEE HOUR

*Thank you to our Coffee Hour Hosts!* Hosts are needed for Oct 26. If there is no host, there will be a Community Coffee Hour where anyone may bring treats, ready to serve, in a disposable container & set them on the serving table.



## FRI, OCT 31 / 5:30-7PM / INDOOR ACTIVITY TRICK-OR-TREATING

Come on out for an exciting evening of indoor trick-or-treating that's perfect for kids of all ages! Put on your favorite costume and come explore our decorated indoor space, filled with candy stations, festive photo stops, and spooky (but not too spooky!) fun. We'll also have a Hot Chocolate Bar where you can warm up with a sweet treat after collecting your goodies. Bring the whole family and make some memories with us!



## TUES, NOV 4 / 5PM / GATHERING SPACE PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

The book chosen for this month is "All the Kings Men" by Robert Penn Warren. All are welcome to join the group in the Gathering Space for lively conversation and fellowship whether or not you have read the book. Contact Sally Schuenke at 608.754.0407 for more information.

December's book is "The River Is Waiting" by Wally Lamb

### SUN, OCT 12 - 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15am	Coffee Hour	Gathering Space
9:15am	Sunday School	2nd Floor
9:15am	Pastor Appreciation	Gathering Space
9:15am	Talk With Leadership	Chapel
9:30am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00am	First Steps: Discipleship Course	Gathering Space
10:30am	Choir	Choir Room

### MON, OCT 13

1:00pm	The Noteables	Choir Room
5:30pm	Build & Grounds	Rm 302
6:00pm	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Fair Task Force	Gathering Space
8:00pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom

### TUES, OCT 14

8:00am	BG's	Fellowship Hall Lounge
9:00am	Knitters	Gathering Space
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Rm 302
1:30pm	Smart Recovery	Rm 302
4:15pm	Hand Bells	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Worship Collective	Gathering Space
6:30pm	Youth & Family Team	Youth Room

### WED, OCT 15

8:30am	Mission Sew	Fellowship Hall
10:00am	Bible Study	Rm 302
6:00pm	Worship Team	Sanctuary
6:30pm	Lefsa Making	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
7:00pm	Youth Group	Youth Room

### THURS, OCT 16

9:00am	Lefsa Making	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
3:30pm	Second Harvest	Gym
6:00pm	Smart Recovery	Rm 302
6:30pm	Young Adults	Youth Room

### SAT, OCT 18

9:00am	Holiday Craft Fair	FLC
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## NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

### OCT 19: 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ Genesis 32:22-31  
 + Psalm 121  
 + 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5  
 + Luke 18:1-8



## STEWARDSHIP

### WEEK IN REVIEW

Last Week's Giving:  
 \$14,630 *Thank You!*  
 Avg Weekly Giving YTD: \$16,847  
 Weekly Need: \$18,045

The weekly need is calculated by taking the budgeted expenses and dividing by the number of weeks in the year. This budget year, the expected expenses are part of a growth strategy based on insights from members under the direction and oversight of the Church Council. With your support, we are looking forward to the future that is growing at FLC.



## ATTENDANCE

8am: 80      9:30am: 104      SS: 21



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## READER

**9:30** Kevin McMullen

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**9:30** Barb Clem, Kevin McMullen, Carrie Chesebro

## USHERS

**9:30** Dennis Garvin

## COFFEE HOSTS

Barb Clem & Friends

## ALTAR GUILD

Lynn & Tom Kevern

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Joy Lederman, Nan Bandt

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