BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

SELF-CONTROL
I have the power through Christ
to control myself.

Titus 2:11-13
WELCOME! If your life has been a moral victory or a scarlet letter...we are glad you are here.

Please make yourself at home and let us know if there is anything you need. This bulletin will help you navigate worship at First Lutheran and opportunities to serve and connect with our faith community.

WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?
We want to make Jesus famous. It is as simple as that. Our purpose in gathering here today is make Jesus known and to know him better. Because if this isn’t about Jesus, it isn’t worth doing.

WORSHIP
We believe that all instruments, all voices and all people should praise the Lord. We do not worship a “style,” we worship Jesus.

Traditional Worship follows a liturgy and the music centers around the organ and piano. The order of worship is inserted into the bulletin. [9 and 11 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel]

Celebration Worship uses a praise band and the order of worship and song lyrics are projected on the wall. [9 and 11 a.m. Sundays and 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Celebration Hall on the south end of the church]

Please join us in the Gathering Place after each Sunday service for coffee, cookies and conversation.

COMMUNION
The sacrament of Communion is celebrated the first Sunday and the following Wednesday of each month and welcome all to participate in this act of worship and remembrance. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Communion is also offered every Sunday in the chapel after worship, except for the first Sunday of the month.

CONNECTING
We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events. Fill out the “connect” card in this bulletin so we can keep in touch.

OFFERING
We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship, obedience, and thanksgiving. If you are a guest, you are not expected or obligated to give.

BELONGING
If you would like to call FLC your church home, come to our “Belong” gathering the third Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact Shirley Tietz for more information or with questions; stietz@flcfargo or 701-235-7389.

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.
April 3, 2016: Second Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt
Assisting Pastor Pastor Matt Cordes
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader John Benson
Cantor Linda Jaeger
Women's Choir Kathy Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” - Kevin Waters; Michael Olson, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)
2 HYMN - "O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED" - LBW 503

(Please be seated)

WOMEN'S CHOIR - 9:00

“Air for Brother James” - Rodby and Roff
Kathy Ferreira, conductor
Michael Olson, accompanist

GREETING

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.
KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  G Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  G Lord, have mercy.

G Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  G Amen
HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.
P: Let us pray.
C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord’s resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING - Titus 2:11-13, Pew Bible page 969


SERMON - Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt

HYMN OF THE DAY - “AMAZING GRACE” - LBW 448

1 Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—
   Grace to me—how sweet the sound—
   Grace that flowed such love through me—
   Grace that flowed such love through me—
   Grace that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found;
   Grace to me—how sweet the sound—
   Grace that flowed such love through me—
   Grace that flowed such love through me—
   Grace that saved a wretch like me! I once was blind, but now I see.

2 ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and saved a wretch like me!
   ’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
   ’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
   ’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
   ’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I now am found; was blind, but now I see.
   Through many dangers, toils, and snares I now am found; was blind, but now I see.
   “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and saved a wretch like me!
   “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and saved a wretch like me!
   “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and saved a wretch like me!

4 The Lord has promised good to me; his portion be as long as life endures.
   When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to.
   The Lord has promised good to me; his portion be as long as life endures.
   The Lord has promised good to me; his portion be as long as life endures.
   The Lord has promised good to me; his portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.
APOSTLES’ CREED (please stand)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth.
    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.
    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

(Please be seated)

PRAYERS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SOLO

“Breathe on Me” - Huesmann and Cunningham
Linda Jaeger, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)
(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(spoken by the congregation)*

C:  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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
HYMN - “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW” - LBW 565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE  “Fanfare” - Jacques Lemmens; Michael Olson, organist

Please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, cookies and conversation.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information. Most events require online registration, www.flcfargo.org.

Holy Cow Survey
You are invited to complete an online assessment that will help First Lutheran gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. You do not have to be an FLC member to fill out the survey. This information will be valuable in helping us make decisions about the future of First. Pick up a paper copy at the front desk, or find the link to the assessment on our website.

All answers are strictly anonymous so please be candid. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers. Thank you for taking the time to invest in First’s future!

Missing Pieces Women’s Study
Tuesdays, April 5-May 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays April 7-May 19 at Noon
Cost: $15 for study book
Does God care? Is he fair? Is he even there? Although you may know all the right answers, they don’t always feel right. Explore these and other questions in this realistic look at the messy, mysterious uncertainties of faith. Led by Pr. Laurie. Register online.

Pacem in Terris Silent Retreat
Thursday, April 14 - Saturday, April 16
Cost: $230
This experience is for the person wishing to take their faith journey deeper by spending deliberate and purposeful time alone in silence and solitude with God. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to pilgrim into silence and solitude. For more information, contact Rollie at rjohnson@flcfargo.org.

Marriage Booster Retreat
Saturday, April 16
9:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Cost: $149 per couple (includes lunch)
One day could positively change your relationship with your spouse or fiancé forever! Get the tools needed to improve your marriage and decrease your challenges by learning practical solutions to common relationship issues in a relaxing and non-threatening atmosphere. All engaged and married couples welcome! Register online today!

FLOWERS
The flowers on the altar are in memory of Doug Nelson’s birthday on April 6, from his family.

CELEBRATE PRAYER
Our prayer partners meet every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. and the staff gathers daily for prayer at 10 a.m. in the chapel. Everyone welcome. The following have asked to be prayed for publicly:
Sandra Mattson, Peggy Thompson, Betty Johnson, Jim Frisk, Lavonne Rusted, Delores Sandbeck, Lorraine Grefsrud, Shirley Peterson, Chris Tietz, Marsha Kapphahn.

FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of George Weatherston, Sharri Drussell’s sister-Annette Jerger, and Larry Robertson & Llona Helenske’s mother-Dorann Robertson.

CELEBRATE SERVICE
A HUGE THANK YOU to the Helping Hands and volunteers who helped with the blood drive and to all the donors! This was a great success! Stay tuned for the next date!

CELEBRATE STUDY
Large group studies Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m., Tuesdays at noon & Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Various small groups (LifeGroups) meet at various times of the week. Join a LifeGroup or a Circle. Any of the staff can get you connected!

GOT KIDS?
Kids are an important part of First! Christian Ed classes run Sept.-May for 3-years-olds through high school.

Nursery (0-5 yrs): Open during worship

FaithTalk (age 3-4th grade): Sunday at 10:05 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

CrossTalk (5th-6th grade): Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

LifeTalk (7th-8th grade): Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

RealTalk (9th-12th grade): Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 3 - Communion Sunday**
- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Celebration Hall Worship
- 8:15 a.m. Intern Meeting, Youth Lounge
- 10 a.m. FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- 10:10 a.m. Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- 10:15 a.m. Baptism Training Session, Chapel
- 11 a.m. FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin's Restaurant
- 1:30 p.m. Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
- 2 p.m. High School Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

**Monday, April 4**
- 9 a.m. Quilting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba, Gym

**Tuesday, April 5**
- 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- 9 a.m. Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
- 9 a.m. MomTalk Meeting, Adult Education Room
- Noon Large Group Believe Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 1:30 p.m. Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, CrossTalk Café
- 6 p.m. BeFriender Meeting, Adult Education Room
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Missing Pieces Women's Study, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café

**Wednesday, April 6**
- 11:30 a.m. Homeless & Hungry Steering Meeting, Luther Room
- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Celebration Hall
- 5 p.m. Family Meal, Gathering Place
- 5:30 p.m. Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station

**Thursday, April 7**
- 8:30 a.m. Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- Noon Missing Pieces Women's Study, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place

**Friday, April 8**
- 5 p.m. Skjoiten/Tidd Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 9**
- 10 a.m. FLCO Rehearsal, Celebration Hall
- 11 a.m. FLCO Appreciation Brunch, Celebration Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Skjoiten/Tidd Wedding, Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 10**
- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Celebration Hall Worship
- 8:15 a.m. Intern Meeting, Youth Lounge
- 10 a.m. FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- 10:10 a.m. Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- 11 a.m. FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin's Restaurant
- 1:30 p.m. Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
- 2 p.m. High School Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

**STAY CONNECTED**

I WOULD LIKE TO:
- __ request a prayer
- __ learn more about First Lutheran
- __ receive a pastoral call
- __ receive daily devotions in my email
- __ update my information

Name ____________________________________________
Address _________________________________________
Email ____________________________________________
Phone ___________________________________________

Please drop this in the offering plate or turn in at the front desk.