BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

JOY
Despite my circumstances,
I feel inner contentment and
understand my purpose in life.

John 15:11
March 6, 2016

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WELCOME! If you are feeling like a sinner or a saint today...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.
March 6, 2016: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Laurie Neill
Assisting Pastor Pastor Jim Hulberg
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader Iris Fogderud (9:00), Rande Knudson (11:00)
Cantor Carol Bjorge
Cathedral Choir David & Kathy Ferreira, conductors

PRELUDE “Partita on Hymn to Joy” - Charles Callahan; 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)
HYMN - “THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH”

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

“Joy in the Morning” - Natalie Sleeth
David Ferreira, conductor (9:00), Kathy Ferreira, conductor (11:00)
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.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  G Amen
1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,
3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Stars and angels sing a-round thee, center of un-broken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!
P: Let us pray.
C: Dear Lord, thank you that your joy is our strength and that your grace is sufficient in all circumstances. Keep our hearts fixed on you and instill in our hearts a joyful disposition so that we may bring comfort and cheer to those around us. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FIRST READING - Habakkuk 3:16-19, Pew Bible page 764

PSALM 30:1-6, Pew Bible page 439

SECOND READING - John 16:16-22, Pew Bible page 879

SERMON - Pastor Laurie Neill

HYMN OF THE DAY - “O JESUS, JOY OF LOVING HEARTS” - ELW 658
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

“The Greatest Joy” - David Steele & Tom Fettke
Carol Bjorge, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist
PRESENTATION OF OFFERING  
(Please stand)

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.
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMISSION MEXICO MISSION TEAM - 9:00

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

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

Postlude: “The Rejoicing” - G.F. Handel; Michael Olson, organist

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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. 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. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers. Thank you for taking the time to invest in First’s future!

First Communion Information
Attention 5th graders and parents! First Communion lessons will be on Sunday, March 20 and dinner and worship will be on Thursday, March 24 during the Maundy Thursday service. You should have received a letter with more details, if you did not, please contact Shirley Tietz at stietz@flcfargo.org.

9th Grade Confirmation Lock-in
March 18-19
Helloooo 9th graders! Come join us for an exciting, fun AND educational lock-in! We will hang out, eat lots of good food, talk about requirements for being confirmed and most importantly, together we will praise the Lord! This event is required, but don’t worry, it will be TONS of fun! Register online. Questions? Contact Kaitlyn at klundeby@flcfargo.org.

REEL Faith goes to the movie theatre
Sunday, March 20 at 3pm-ish
Register online now!
Our Reel Faith movie for March is “The Young Messiah” at the West Acres Cinema. This movie tells the story of Jesus at age seven as he and his family depart from Egypt to return home to Nazareth. Told from his childhood perspective, it follows young Jesus as he grows into his religious identity and tries to discover the truth about his life. Rated PG-13.

FLOWERS
The flowers in the Celebration Hall are in memory of Gary Hanson, grandfather of Brent & Kalah, father of Becky & husband of Connie. The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary are in honor of LaVern Hoganson’s birthday on March 9, from Don Evans & friends.

RADIO
The radio broadcast today is given in memory of Howie & Gloria Bjorklund, from Kerry & Jeff Huguelet.

BAPTIZED TODAY
Today we celebrate the baptism of:
Everleigh Grace Lower – 11 a.m., Sanctuary

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:

FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Scott Miller, Wanda Germolus Gray’s husband, David Gray, and Joyce Rude’s mother, Kathryn Gustafson.

DONATE BY TEXT
You can now make a contribution to First Lutheran Church with a quick text message! Simply send a text to 701-354-1495 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. You will receive a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and email receipt. It’s that easy!

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### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, March 6 - 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
  - **10:30 a.m.** FLCO Outreach Worship at Eventide in Moorhead
  - **11 a.m.** FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin’s Restaurant
  - **1:30 p.m.** Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
  - **2 p.m.** HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

**Monday, March 7**
- **9 a.m.** Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **Noon** Homeless & Hungry Steering Meeting, Luther Room
- **6:30 p.m.** Zumba, Gym

**Tuesday, March 8**
- **6:45 a.m.** Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- **9 a.m.** Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
- **9 a.m.** MomTalk Steering Meeting, Luther Room
- **9:30 a.m.** Miriam Circle Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- **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
- **2 p.m.** Mary Magdalene Circle Meeting, Heritage Room
- **5:30 p.m.** Yoga, CrossTalk Café
- **6 p.m.** Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- **6:30 p.m.** A Woman’s Heart Beth Moore Study, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.** Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café

**Wednesday, March 9**
- **9:30 a.m.** Abigail Circle Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- **12:45 p.m.** Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- **1:30 p.m.** Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Celebration Hall
- **5 p.m.** Family Meal, Celebration Hall
- **5:30 p.m.** Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
- **5:30 p.m.** Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- **6 p.m.** Lent Worship, Sanctuary
- **7 p.m.** LifeTalk Wednesday, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.** RealTalk Wednesday, How Great Thou Art Studio
- **7 p.m.** Large Group Believe Bible Study, Luther Room
- **7 p.m.** Cathedral Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
- **7 p.m.** Men’s Bible Study at Old Broadway

**Thursday, March 10**
- **7 a.m.** Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
- **8 a.m.** Mexico Mission Team departs
- **8:30 a.m.** Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- **10:15 a.m.** Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- **1:30 p.m.** Ruth Circle Meeting, Heritage Room
- **5:30 p.m.** Health Ministry Meeting, Heritage Room
- **7 p.m.** FM Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Group, Adult Ed Room
- **7 p.m.** Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place

**Friday, March 11**
- **9 a.m.** Lutheran World Relief Brunch, Celebration Hall
- **Noon** Lenten Lunch, Celebration Hall

**Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- **9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Sanctuary Worship
- **9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Celebration Hall Worship
  - **9 a.m. and 11 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.** FLCO Outreach Worship at Eventide in Moorhead
  - **1:30 p.m.** Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
  - **2 p.m.** HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

### STAY CONNECTED

I WOULD LIKE TO:
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