He has Risen!
He is not here.
MARK 16:6
March 27, 2016

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 27, 2016: The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Laurie Neill (7:30, 9:00)
Pastor Corey Bjertness (11:00)
Assisting Pastors Pr. Matt Cordes, Pr. Jim Hulberg,
Pr. Bill Ahlfeldt
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader Lois Altenburg (7:30, 9), Iris Fogderud (11:00)
Cantor Beverly Bjertness
Cathedral Choir David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE  “He Lives” - Paul Edwards; “Christ is Arisen” - J.S. Bach;
“An Easter Fanfare” - Carla J. Giomo
Concordia College Absolut Brass Quintet; Michael Olson, organist

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT - 3X
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

HYMN - “JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY” - LBW 151

1 Jesus Christ is ris’n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
unto Christ, our heav’n-ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have proc - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he’s king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav’n-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!
GREETING

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

C:  And also with you.

KYRIE

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

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

☪ 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.

☪ Lord, have mercy.

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

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen

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.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE - John 20:1-18, Pew Bible page 882

SERMON - Pastor Laurie Neill (7:30 & 9:00); Pastor Corey Bjertness (11:00)

HYMN - “GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING!” - LBW 144
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.

PRAYERS

OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC

“Easter Song” - Anne Herring/arr. John Wilson  
Beverly Bjertness & Catherine Kratchovil, vocalists  
Michael Olson, accompanist

OFFERTORY
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

(Everyone is invited and welcome at the Lord’s table this morning. Please note that white grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available at each serving station.)

Variations on Noel Nouvelet - Raymond H. Haan
Allison Rognlie & Jake Schmitz, trumpets; Michael Olson, organist

HYMN - “CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY” - LBW 128

1 Christ the Lord is ris’n to-day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
HYMN - “NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES” - LBW 148

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
   wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
   love lives again, that with the dead has been;
   love is come again like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
   thinking that he would never wake again,
   laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
   fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

3 Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
   he that for three days in the grave had lain;
   raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
   love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
   your touch can call us back to life again,
   love lives again, that with the dead has been;
   love is come again like wheat arising green.

Christians, has ten on your way; Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
when contend death and life, Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
at the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

HYMN - “THINE IS THE GLORY” - LBW 145  (Please come forward during this hymn to sing with the choir)

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vic'try thou o'er death hast won!
2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; angels in bright raiment out thee; aid us in our strife; let his church with gladness make us more than conqu'rors,
3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught within hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan where thy body lay, death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring to thy home above.

Refrain

Son; endless is the vic'try thou o'er death hast won!

MASSED CHOIR - 9:00 & 11:00

“Hallelujah”- from Messiah - G.F. Handel
David Ferreira, conductor; Michael Olson, accompanist

POSTLUDE - “Toccata from Symphony No. 5” - Charles-Marie Widor
Concordia College Absolut Brass Quintet and Michael Olson, organist

Special THANK YOU to the Concordia College Absolut Brass Quintet: Horn - Michael Brossart; Trumpet - Allison Rognlie & Jake Schmitz; Trombone - Cole Bartels; Tuba - Daniel Loyas

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NEWS & EVENTS
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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
April 14-16
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!

EASTER BROADCAST
The Easter Broadcast shown at 11:00 a.m. today on KVLY has been provided in memory of Steven Light and his father, Merle Light, by their family. Our thanks to them for helping us provide an important and meaningful ministry to those who are unable to attend worship.

YOU’RE INVITED
Come to the Church Women United Luncheon on Friday, April 1 at 11 a.m. at Recovery Worship (3910 25th Street South) $5.00 donation. Everyone welcome!

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 publically:

CELEBRATE GOD’S WORK
YAY God! The Mexico Mission Team made it back safe and sound! They had a wonderful, fruitful time on their journey in Mexico!

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!

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 27 - Easter
7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Celebration Hall Worship
10 a.m. NO FaithTalk Sunday
10:10 a.m. NO Large Group Study
1:30 p.m. Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel

7 p.m. Large Group Believe Bible Study, Luther Room
7 p.m. NO Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Men’s Bible Study at Old Broadway

Thursday, March 31
8:30 a.m. Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, The Gathering Place
7 p.m. Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place

Monday, March 28 - CHURCH CLOSED

Tuesday, March 29
6:45 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
9 a.m. Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
Noon Large Group Believe Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
Noon Worship Meeting, Luther Room
1 p.m. Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
1:30 p.m. Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
1:30 p.m. Great Plains Food Bank Volunteer Day
5:30 p.m. Yoga, CrossTalk Café
6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
7 p.m. Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café

Wednesday, March 30
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
5:15 p.m. First in Mission Meeting, Main Level Conference Room
5:30 p.m. NO Crusader Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. NO Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m. Wednesday Worship, Celebration Hall
6 p.m. FaithTalk Wednesday, various rooms
7 p.m. LifeTalk Wednesday, Fellowship Hall
7 p.m. RealTalk Wednesday, How Great Thou Art Studio

Friday, April 1
11 a.m. Church Women United Luncheon at Recovery Worship Church

Saturday, April 2
9:30 a.m. Strong Bonds Family Event, Fellowship Hall/Gym

Sunday, April 3—Communion Sunday
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Intern Meeting, Youth Lounge
8:15 a.m. Women’s Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
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

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