BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

HOPE
I can cope with the hardships of life because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 6:19-20a
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 10, 2016: Third Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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PRELUDE   “Gospel Hymn Preludes” - Wilbur Held; 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 - "O CHRIST THE SAME" - WOV 778

1 O Christ the same, through all our story’s pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;

2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
still as of old upon your body bearing
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,

3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
unchanging still amid the passing years:
the marks of love in triumph glorified:
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

O living Word, the source of all creation,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven—
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze:
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

(Please be seated)
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. God, have mercy.

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

A God, 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.

A God, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
HYMN OF PRAISE

A    Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C    Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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 - Isaiah 40:1-31, Pew Bible page 581


HYMN - “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND” - WOV 731
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SERMON - Pastor Matt Cordes

HYMN OF THE DAY - “MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS” - LBW 294

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ-teous-
When his oath, his covenant, his blood sus-
When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,

Jesus’ blood and righteousness: no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
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)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY DUET

“Because He Lives” - Gaither
Herb & Vangie Parker, vocalists; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)
THANK YOU GOD MOMENT

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER - (sung by the congregation)

C: Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

HYMN - “JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU” - LBW 316

1 Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall  
3 O Hope of every contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love;  

but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.  
a sweeter sound than your best name, O Savior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home above.”

POSTLUDE “Postlude in G Major” - G.F. Handel; 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.*

**Community Impact Night at Pizza Ranch**  
**Monday, April 11 from 5-8 p.m.**  
(Funds raised support the Ecuador Team)

The Ecuador Youth Mission team will be bussing tables at Pizza Ranch in Fargo (4480 23rd Ave S), so come in, say hi to the team, eat and say you’re with FLC and 25% of your bill goes to them! To-go and delivery orders count too! Hope to see you there!

**Luther Crest/Sky Ranch Camp Registration**  
**Deadline: April 15**  
The deadline for registering for camp is fast approaching! Ages 3rd grade to 12th graders have the option to go to camp and FLC will pay 50% of the cost! Don’t miss out on this opportunity! Register online. For more information, visit www.flcfargo.org.

**REEL Faith Movie**  
**Sunday, April 17 at 12:30 p.m.**

Walter Mitty works for Life and due to life’s circumstances has found himself stuck in a boring life, tied down by a job, bills, and other things. But Walter dreams of adventure. This is a movie that forces the question of how do I live my life, what are my worries, fears, etc; essentially what holds us back from being who we want to be. Once again, a sneaky Jesus movie about living to a life God created us for. Rated PG.

**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!

**FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in memory of their mother and in honor of their mother, from the Tessmer family.

**RADIO**

The radio broadcast today is given in honor of Jim Bjorge’s birthday, from his wife, Carol.

**CELEBRATEPRAYER**

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, Betty Johnson, Jim Frisk, Lavonne Rustad, Delores Sandbeck, Lorraine Greifsrud, Shirley Peterson, Chris Tietz.

FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Harold Thompens’s sister-in-law, Peggy Thompens and Marian Ellingson.

**CELEBRATESTUDY**

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!

**GOTKIDS?**

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.

**YOURMINISTRYTEAM**

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**CHURCH OFFICE:** 701-235-7389  
**OFFICE HOURS:** 8 am-5 pm, M-F
### 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
- **2 p.m.** High School Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

### Monday, April 11
- **9 a.m.** Quilting, Fellowship Hall
- **6:30 p.m.** Zumba, Gym

### Tuesday, April 12
- **6:45 a.m.** Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- **9:30 a.m.** Miriam Circle Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- **9 a.m.** Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
- **9 a.m.** MomTalk Steering Meeting, Luther 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
- **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.** Missing Pieces Women’s Study, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.** Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café

### Wednesday, April 13
- **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, Gathering Place
- **5:30 p.m.** Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
- **5:30 p.m.** Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- **6 p.m.** Wednesday Worship, Celebration Hall
- **6 p.m.** CrossTalk Wednesday, CrossTalk Café
- **6 p.m.** FaithTalk Wednesday, classrooms

### Thursday, April 14
- **7 a.m.** Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
- **8:30 a.m.** Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- **10:15 a.m.** Noon Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- **1:30 p.m.** Missing Pieces Women’s Study, Fellowship Hall
- **5:30 p.m.** Ruth Circle Meeting, Heritage Room
- **6 p.m.** Salvation Army Volunteer Banquet, Celebration Hall
- **7 p.m.** Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place
- **7 p.m.** FM Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Group, Adult Education Room

### Friday, April 15
- **5 p.m.** McMartin/Hagemeister Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 16
- **4 p.m.** McMartin/Hagemeister Wedding, Sanctuary

### Sunday, April 17
- **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
- **9 a.m.** Belong!, Luther Room
- **10 a.m.** FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- **10:10 a.m.** Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- **12:30 p.m.** REEL Faith Movie, Bilemax Theatre
- **2 p.m.** High School Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge
- **3 p.m.** Fibromyalgia Support Group, Library

### 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.*