BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

OFFERING MY TIME
I invest my time in fulfilling God’s purposes.

Colossians 3:17
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.org or 701-235-7389.
February 7, 2016: The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt
Assisting Pastor Pastor Jim Hulberg
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader Sarah Nelson
Cantor Carol Bjorge
Men’s Choir David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” - Diane Bish; Michael Olson, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS /PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of peace,

C: we confess that we are not at peace— with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God’s pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)
HYMN - "O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT" - LBW 425

(Please be seated)

MEN'S CHOIR - 9:00

"Take My Life, That I May Be" - arr. David Ferreira

David 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.

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.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
C: Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; 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 - Colossians 3:17, Pew Bible page 958


SERMON - Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt

HYMN OF THE DAY - “SAVIOUR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”

1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;
   In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy flocks prepare:
   Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us: thine we are.

2. We are thine; do thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
   Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
   Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - 11:00
Declan Steven Box, son of Jacob Box & Elizabeth Kossan

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

“Take Time to Be Holy” - arr. Gilbert Martin
Carol Bjorge, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist
PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)

(C) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

(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

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

HYMN - “LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE” - LBW 423

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.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Feed My Starving Children
Saturday, February 20
1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Feed My Starving Children meal packing event will be at Atonement Lutheran. Adults and children 5 and older are welcome to participate! We still have 140 spots to fill. Sign up online or at the registration table in the Gathering Place. Questions? Contact Shirley Tietz at stietz@flcfargo.org.

SKYZONE Trampoline Park Day
Sunday, February 21
5:30-7 p.m.
Cost: $11/person

Come jumping with us! We are headed to SkyZone Trampoline park! If you have never been there, it is a whole arena of trampolines and is great exercise and tons of fun! Register online.

REEL Faith Movie
February 21
12:30 p.m.

Riley’s emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside her mind where they take turns helping her get though everyday life. Since Riley is a pretty happy kid, most of the time Joy is in charge. Occasionally, Anger, Fear, Disgust, and Sadness get a turn at the controls, but Joy runs a tight ship. Don’t let the animation fool you, this is a great movie for adults too! It teaches a good lesson on the importance of acknowledging all emotions, even the not-so-fun ones. Rated PG.

High School Girls Lock-in
Friday, February 26-Saturday February 27
6 p.m. Check-in

CALLING ALL 9-12 GRADE GIRLS! Come to an exciting lock-in/sleepover/fun hoopla! Check-in will be at 6 p.m., so be ready to eat delicious food, watch movies, make some friends, and talk about Jesus. Feel free to bring a friend and some food to share. Register online! Cost is $5. Contact Kaitlyn at klundeby@flcfargo.org with questions.

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!

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.

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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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:

Dale Vitalis, Scott Miller, Gene Kastrow, Curt Tjon, Alan Halverson, Marsha Kapphahn.

FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Karen Gjervold’s mother, Minnie Storbeck and Don Carey’s sister, Jean Krause.
### Sunday, February 7 - Communion Sunday
- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.: Sanctuary Worship
- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.: Celebration Hall Worship
- 10 a.m.: FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- 10:10 a.m.: Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- 10:15 a.m.: Baptism Training Session, Chapel
- 1:30 p.m.: Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
- 6 p.m.: Men’s Winter Cabin Getaway returns

**STAY CONNECTED**

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

### Thursday, February 11
- 7 a.m.: Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
- 8:30 a.m.: Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- 10:15 a.m.: Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- Noon: Me, Myself & Lies, Fellowship Hall
- 4 p.m.: Oak Grove Basketball Practice, Gym
- 5:30 p.m.: Health Ministry Meeting, Heritage Room
- 7 p.m.: Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place
- 7 p.m.: FM Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Group, Adult Education Room

### Friday, February 12
Noon: Lenten Lunch, Celebration Hall

### Saturday, February 13
- 10 a.m.: FLCO Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m.: Valentine’s Gala, Celebration Hall

### Sunday, February 14 - Giving Hearts Sunday
- 8:15 a.m.: Intern Meeting, Youth Lounge
- 10 a.m.: FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- 10 a.m.: Brunch, Celebration Hall
- 10:10 a.m.: Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- 1:30 p.m.: Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
- 2 p.m.: HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge
- 4 p.m.: Snow Shoe Sunday, Rollie’s House