BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

PEACE
I am free from anxiety because
I have found peace with God,
peace with others and peace with myself.

Philippians 4:6-7
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 13, 2016: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message                  Pastor Corey Bjertness
Assisting Pastor        Pastor Laurie Neill
Organist/Accompanist     Michael Olson
Reader                   Janice Stoffel
Cantor                  Marla Fogderud
Cathedral Choir          David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE  “Promised Land” - arr. Anna Laura Page
First Lutheran Heavenly Bells
Michael Olson, conductor

HEAVENLY BELLS & SUNDAY FAITHTALK STUDENTS - 11:00

“Peace” - arr. John F. Wilson
Michael Olson & Kathy Ferreira, conductors

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 - "PEACE, PERFECT PEACE"

1. Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
2. Peace, perfect peace, by throning duties pressed?
3. Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?
4. Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
5. Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
6. Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
7. It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,

1. The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.
2. To do the will of Jesus this is rest.
3. On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.
4. In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.
5. Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.
6. Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.
7. And Jesus call us to heaven's perfect peace.

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR - 9:00

"The Peace of God" - John Rutter
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

\[ \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]

\section{Text}

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

\[ \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]

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

\[ \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]

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.

\[ \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]

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

\[ \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
C: Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; 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 - Philippians 4:4-9, Pew Bible page 955

SECOND READING - Mark 4:35-41, Pew Bible page 816

HYMN - “THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE”
SERMON - Pastor Corey Bjertness

HYMN OF THE DAY - “WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER” - LBW 346

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; when
2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sorrows, like sea billows, roll; whatever my lot, thou hast
this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!
Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - 11:00
Brooks Kenneth Remer, son of Joshua & Morgan Remer

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 SOLO

“King David” - Herbert Howells
Marla Fogderud, vocalist; 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 - “PEACE, TO SOOTHE OUR BITTER WOES” - LBW 338

1 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes, God in Christ on us bestows;
2 Peace with-in the church still dwells in our wel-comes and fare-wells;

Jesus bought our peace with God with his holy, precious blood;
and through God’s bap-tis-mal pow’r peace sur-rounds our dy-ing hour.

Peace in him for sin-ners found is the gos-pel’s joy-ful sound.
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e-ter-ni-ty.
HEAVENLY BELLS & SUNDAY FAITH TALK STUDENTS - 9:00
“Peace” - arr. John F. Wilson
Michael Olson & Kathy Ferreira, conductors

POSTLUDE  “The Peace” - 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.

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!

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.

Blood Drive
Thursday, March 24
2:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.
A Christian view of blood donation can be described this way: “We give our blood; Christ gave His. We give a pint; He gave His all. Ours at best will prolong a life for a while; His without a doubt can save all forever.” Please consider becoming a blood donor. Sign up at by calling Parish Nurse, Katie Kringstad, at 701-235-7389.

FLOWERS
The flowers on the altar are in memory of Ray Maas’ birthday on March 12 from his wife Char and family.

RADIO
The radio broadcast today is given in memory of our parents, from Al & Bev Nielsen.

BAPTIZED TODAY
Today we celebrate the baptism of:
Lauren Olivia Morrow – 9 a.m., Celebration Hall
Brooks Kenneth Remer – 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:

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!

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CHURCH OFFICE: 701-235-7389
THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
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.  HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

Monday, March 14
9 a.m.  Quilters, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.  Zumba, Gym

Tuesday, March 15
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
  5:30 p.m.  Council Meeting, Adult Ed Room
  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
  7 p.m.  FM Rotary Recital for a Cause, Celebration Hall

Wednesday, March 16
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.  Men’s Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
  5:30 p.m.  Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
  5:30 p.m.  Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
  6 p.m.  Lent Worship, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 17
8:30 a.m.  Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
10:15 a.m.  Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
10:15 a.m.  Worship at Bethany on University
7 p.m.  NO Heavenly Bells Rehearsal

Friday, March 18
Noon  Lenten Lunch, Celebration Hall
7 p.m.  9th Grade Confirmation Retreat begins, Gym

Saturday, March 19
7 a.m.  9th Grade Confirmation Retreat pick-up

Sunday, March 20 - Sunday of the Passion
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 a.m.  Mission Soup Sunday, Fellowship Hall
  11 a.m.  Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
  11 a.m.  FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin’s Restaurant
  Noon  First Communion Lesson, How Great Thou Art Studio
  1:30 p.m.  Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
  2 p.m.  HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge
  3 p.m.  Fibromyalgia Support Group Meeting, Library
  3 p.m. (approx.)  REEL Faith Movie - “The Young Messiah” at West Acres Cinema

STAY CONNECTED

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__ receive daily devotions in my email
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__ update my information
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Name ________________________________
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