Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.

WELCOME! If you are here today seeking God or here to praise the God that has already found you...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]

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 yellow post-it 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.
August 7, 2016: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message  Pastor Jim Hulberg
Assisting Pastor  Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt
Organist/Accompanist  Michael Olson
Reader  Lowell Disrud
Cantor  Marla Fogderud

PRELUDE “Great is Thy Faithfulness” - Dan Miller; Michael Olson, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS /PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)
HYMN - “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS” - WOV 771

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vi-d-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

(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. C Lord, have mercy.

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

C 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C 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.
P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING - Genesis 15:1-6, Pew Bible page 10

PSALM - 33:12-22 - Melody: Old Hundredth

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

God is our helper and our shield. Let gladsome songs his praises yield.

The Lord looks down from heaven, he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth; he forms all their thoughts and sees all their deeds.

The armies of the world must fall Before the Lord, who rules them all.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

God is our helper and our shield. Let gladsome songs his praises yield.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Lord, bless us with your mercy true. Behold, we place our hope in you!

SECOND READING - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Pew Bible page 977

ALLELUIA (Please stand)

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL


SERMON - Pastor Jim Hulberg

HYMN OF THE DAY - “WE WALK BY FAITH” - ELW 635

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

“I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness” - Antonin Dvorak
Marla Fogderud, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (please stand)

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.

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 - “LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS” - WOV 780

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the ever-lasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the ever-lasting arms?
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the ever-lasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near.
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the ever-lasting arms? Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the ever-lasting arms.

POSTLUDE  “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” - Jon Spong; Michael Olson, organist

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**BAPTIZED TODAY**

Today we celebrate the baptism of:
Freyja Ruth Disrud – 11 a.m., Celebration Hall

**NEWS & EVENTS**

Visit our website for more detailed information.
Most events require online registration, www.flcfargo.org.

**Teachers needed!**
The Family Life Team is busy looking for teachers to work with our students age 3 through grade 6. If you think God is calling you to pour out some love into our youth, please contact Meggie DeJong at mdejong@flcfargo.org or 701-235-7389.

**Family Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, August 14, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**
**Monday, August 15 - Wednesday, August 17, 6 - 8 p.m., Supper at 5 p.m. for $5/person**

Join us as science helps us understand the Good News of Jesus. This is a WHOLE FAMILY event! Parents, cousins, neighbors, friends, bring them all! Together we’ll discover God’s plan for you = Jesus. Questions? Contact Meggie DeJong at mdejong@flcfargo.org. Register online today!

**Annual Meeting Wrap-up**

On Sunday, July 31, we held our annual meeting. Gary Inman, vice president of the council, conducted the business part of the meeting; Daniel Damico, our administrator, went over next year’s budget; and Pr. Corey presented a staff report of the ministry that has happened this past year. Two council members were elected: Dave Rogness and John Bennett. There was also a presentation of the feasibility study that put forth the possibility of building a dedicated Celebration worship space. Everyone should have received a publication called, “How BIG is God’s dream for us?” in the mail that outlines the challenges and opportunities First faces. Everyone is invited to attend focus groups this fall and be a part of the conversation. We will vote on the project on Sunday, Nov. 20.

**NYC Women’s Mission Trip**

December 1-6, 2016, Cost $1,350 (includes airfare, room, breakfasts, subway card, Radio City Christmas Spectacular, and tour of 9/11 Memorial).
Pastor Laurie invites you to come to New York and work with soup kitchens and delivering meals while also enjoying the city at Christmastime. Fill out an application online. $200 deposit.

**FLOWERS**
The flowers on the altar are in honor of the Torkelson children, from their mother, Marjorie Torkelson.

**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 families of Mark Kummer’s father, Bud Kummer, Larry Robertson’s brother Kent Robertson and Donna & Terry Bladhlm’s daughter Cindy Bladhlm Gaither.

**DONATE BY TEXT**

You have the ability to 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!

**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):** Sundays 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.

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OFFICE HOURS: 8 am-4 pm, M-F
THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 7 - Communion Sunday
9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
9 and 11 a.m. Celebration Hall Worship
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

Monday, August 8
9 a.m. Quilters, Fellowship Hall
8:30 p.m. Glow-in-the-dark Frisbee, Oak Grove Park

Tuesday, August 9
6:45 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
9 a.m. Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
10 a.m. Open Door For All Nations Church Meeting, Jerusalem Classroom
1 p.m. Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
1 p.m. Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
8 p.m. High School Girls Bible Study

Wednesday, August 10
7 a.m. Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Trip Departs
10:15 a.m. NO Program Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Celebration Hall
5 p.m. Family Meal, Gathering Place
6 p.m. Wednesday Worship, Celebration Hall

Thursday, August 11
7 a.m. Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
8:30 a.m. Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
7 p.m. FM Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Group, Adult Ed Room

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13
9 a.m. Open Door For All Nations Church Choir Practice, Classrooms

Sunday, August 14
9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
11 a.m. Outdoor Worship
11 a.m. FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin’s Restaurant
Noon Lunch in the Celebration Hall
12:30 p.m. Family Vacation Bible School, Celebration Hall
1:30 p.m. Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

♦ Greeters: Sundays and Wednesdays
♦ Parking Lot Attendants
♦ Ushers: Sundays and Wednesdays
♦ Communion Assistants
♦ Coffee Servers
♦ Door Greeters

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please contact Shirley Tietz at stietz@flcfargo.org.

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