BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

SHARING MY FAITH
I share my faith with others
to fulfill God’s purposes.

Ephesians 6:19-20
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.
February 21, 2016: Second Sunday of Lent
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Corey Bjertness
Assisting Pastor Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader Lois Ivers Altenburg
Cantor Linda Jaeger
Cathedral Choir David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE “Crown Imperial” - William Walton; 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 - “HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION” - LBW 507

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
2. “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
3. “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
4. “Through-out all their lifetime my people shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,

who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.”
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR - 9:00

“He Never Failed Me Yet” - Robert Ray
David Ferreira, conductor
Michael Olson, accompanist
Rod Capistran and Carol Bjorge, soloists

GREETING

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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

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

P: Let us pray.
C: Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING—Acts 8:26-40, Pew Bible page 892

HYMN - “WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT”

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

SERMON - Pastor Corey Bjertness

HYMN OF THE DAY - “MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE” - LBW 479

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
3 While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
4 When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:00 - Willa Elise Knutson, daughter of Marc & Annie Knutson
     Harrison Jack Corwin, son of Drew & Heidi Corwin
11:00 - Elliana Zayuhjean Emerson, daughter of Mathew Emerson & Kaylie Cornell
     Kaylie Jean Cornell, daughter of Mike Cornell & April King

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

“I Believe” - Drake, Shirl, Stillman and Graham
Linda Jaeger, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

(Please be seated)

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.
HYMN - “YOU ARE THE WAY” - LBW 464

1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

POSTLUDE  “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” - Dale Wood; Michael Olson, organist

Please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, cookies and conversation.
NEWS & EVENTS

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

REEL Faith Movie
TODAY
12:30 p.m.
Riley’s emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside her mind where they take turns helping her get through 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.

Bike, Run, Ski, Walk: MADISON 450
Saturday, February 27
Madison Park at Madison Elementary School
FLC member Paul Shol will embark on a journey of a lifetime this upcoming July. He will ride across the nation to raise awareness and funds for students in the FM area that are in the achievement gap of public education. Join Paul as he rides 225 laps around Madison Park! He need you to partner with him to match his 225 laps and each lap you complete helps raise funds for Legacy Children’s Foundation! For more information: www.facebook.com/paulslegacytour.

Host Families Needed for the Castle Singers from Wartburg College
FLC is excited to have the Castle Singers from Wartburg College here to present a concert on March 1. We are in need of families to host the singers during their visit to Fargo. There would need to be at least 2 students per family. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Michael Olson at 701-235-7389 or molson@flcfargo.org. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the concert on March 1!

Arizona Reception
Sunday, March 6, 2016
Join Pastor Corey and John Holmen for the North Dakota Picnic at Red Mountain Park in Mesa, AZ. Following the picnic, Pr. Corey and John invite members and friends of First Lutheran to have dessert, coffee & fellowship at JB’s Restaurant.

FLOWERS
The flowers on the altar are in memory of Jerry Dow’s birthday on February 14, from Sue and family. The flowers on the organ are in memory of Bonnie Lorz’s birthday on February 17 from her family.

BAPTIZED TODAY

Today we celebrate the baptism of:
Harrison Jack Corwin – 9 a.m., Sanctuary
Willa Elise Knutson – 9 a.m., Sanctuary
Elliana Zayuhjean Emerson – 11 a.m., Sanctuary
Kaylie Jean Cornell – 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:
Lorraine Grefsrud, Konnie Hulberg, Nancy Beto, Shirley Peterson, Eldon Haugan, Scott Miller, Alan Halverson, Marsha Kapphahn.

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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**THIS WEEK**

### Sunday, February 21
- **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
  - 10:10 a.m. Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
  - 12:30 p.m. REEL Faith Movie, BibleMax Theatre
  - 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, Library
  - 6 p.m. SkyZone Trampoline Park

### Monday, February 22
- **9 a.m.** Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **6:30 p.m.** Zumba, Gym

### Tuesday, February 23
- **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
- **1 p.m.** Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- **1:30 p.m.** Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
- **4 p.m.** Oak Grove Basketball Practice, Gym
- **5:30 p.m.** Yoga, CrossTalk Café
- **6 p.m.** Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- **6:30 p.m.** A Woman’s Heart Beth Moore Study, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 24
- **8 a.m.** Meal Prep for Churches United, Celebration Kitchen
- **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.** Women’s Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **5:30 p.m.** Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station

### Thursday, February 25
- **8:30 a.m.** Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- **10:15 a.m.** Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- **Noon** Me, Myself & Lies, Fellowship Hall
- **1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl Ministry, The Gathering Place
- **2 p.m.** Worship at Rosewood
- **4 p.m.** Oak Grove Basketball Practice, Gym
- **7 p.m.** Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place

### Friday, February 26
- **Noon** Lenten Lunch, Celebration Hall
- **6 p.m.** High School Girls Lock-in begins, Gym

### Saturday, February 27
- **7 a.m.** High School Girls Lock-in ends
- **9 a.m.** Ski Club, Detroit Mountain

### Sunday, February 28
- **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
  - 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

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**STAY CONNECTED**

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