BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

LOVE
I am committed to loving God
and loving others.

I John 4:10-12
WELCOME! If your life has been blessed or if you are looking to be blessed...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 to 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 28, 2016: Third Sunday of Lent
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message
Pastor Laurie Neill

Assisting Pastor
Pastor Matt Cordes

Organist/Accompanist
Michael Olson

Reader
Char Maas (9:00), Elaine Nelson (11:00)

Cantor
Vangie Parker

Cathedral Choir
David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE
Meditation on Hyfrydol - Sondra Tucker
First Lutheran Heavenly Bells
Michael Olson, conductor

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 - “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS” - LBW 385

1 What wond-rous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; I’ll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be-neath God’s righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
I’ll sing God’s love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I’ll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing on.

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR - 9:00

“Love Is a Song” - Natalie Sleeth
Kathy Ferreira, conductor
David Ferreira and Michael Olson, piano duet
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Karl Altenburg, string bass

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

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 Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming 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 - 1 John 4:7-21, Pew Bible page 991

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Pew Bible page 934

HYMN - “O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO” - LBW 324

1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
2 O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
3 O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
4 O Cross that lifteth up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;

that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be,
that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be,
that feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be,
that from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

SERMON - Pastor Laurie Neill
HYMN OF THE DAY - "MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN" - LBW 94

1 My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
3 Sometimes they strewed his way and his sweet praises sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?

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

“The Gift of Love” - Hal Hopson
Herb and Vangie Parker, vocalists; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)

(C) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

(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.
BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

HYMN - “BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS” - LBW 370

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
2 Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

POSTLUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” - Ralph Vaughan Williams
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.

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**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. You may access the survey through the “Holy Cow” link on our website or, if you need a paper copy, please come to the office.

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!

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**First Communion Information**

Attention 5th graders and parents! First Communion instruction will be on Sunday, March 20 and dinner and worship will be on Thursday, March 24 during the Maundy Thursday service. You should have received a letter with more details. If you did not, please contact Shirley Tietz at stietz@flcfargo.org.

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**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 and fellowship at JB’s Restaurant.

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**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.

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**FLowers**

The flowers in Celebration Hall are in honor of Al and Lucy Solberg’s birthdays on March 1 and March 25, from their family.

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**Baptized Today**

Today we celebrate the baptisms of: Cooper Wallace Forness – 9 a.m., Celebration Hall
Keeley Grace & Nora Noelle Green – 11 a.m., Celebration Hall

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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:

Phyllis Peeples, Lorraine Grefsrud, Konnie Hulberg, Nancy Beto, Shirley Peterson, Eldon Haugen, Alan Halverson, Marsha Kapphahn.

FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Lloyd Odegaard, Shirley Johnson, James George III, Helen Brakke, Scott Miller, and Charles Bucholz’s mother Marilyn.

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**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!

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**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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OFFICE HOURS: 8 am-5 pm, M,T,T 8 am-7:30 pm W, 8 am-4 pm F
THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 28
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 Education 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
5:30 p.m.
Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
5:30 p.m.
Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
6 p.m.
Lent Worship, Sanctuary
7 p.m.
LifeTalk Wednesday, Fellowship Hall
7 p.m.
RealTalk Wednesday, How Great Thou Art Studio
7 p.m.
Large Group Believe Bible Study, Luther Room
7 p.m.
Cathedral Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
7 p.m.
Men’s Bible Study at Old Broadway

Monday, February 29
9 a.m.
Quilters, Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.
Homeless & Hungry Steering Meeting, Luther Room
6 p.m.
Mexico Mission Team Training, Celebration Hall
6:30 p.m.
Zumba, Gym

Tuesday, March 1
6:45 a.m.
Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Education 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 Education Room
1:30 p.m.
Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
5:30 p.m.
Yoga, CrossTalk Café
6 p.m.
Tae Kwon Do, Gym
6 p.m.
Befriender Meeting, Adult Education Room
6:30 p.m.
A Woman’s Heart Beth Moore Study, Fellowship Hall
7 p.m.
Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café
7:30 p.m.
Concert by Castle Singers of Wartburg College, Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 2
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
5:30 p.m.
Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
5:30 p.m.
Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
6 p.m.
Lent Worship, Sanctuary
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Please drop this in the offering plate or turn in at the front desk.