BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

BIBLICAL COMMUNITY
I fellowship with Christians to accomplish God’s purposes in my life, in the life of others and in the world.

Acts 2:44-47
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@flicfargo 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.
January 24, 2016: Third Sunday after Epiphany
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message - Pastor Laurie Neill
Assisting Pastor - Pastor Matt Cordes
Accompanist - Michael Olson
Reader - Lauryl Ivers (9:00); Rachael Disrud (11:00)

PRELUDE - Georgia Camp Meeting; Dixieland Jazz Group

CRUSADER CHOIR - 9:00 - “Do Lord"
Kathy Ferreira, conductor; Michael Olson, accompanist

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER

HYMN - “JESUS LOVES ME” - ELW 595

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Refrain)

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. (Refrain)

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 - “AMAZING GRACE” - LBW 448

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
HYMN - “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND” - WOV 731

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is almost gone,
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CATHERDAL CHOIR

“Witness for My Lord” - Rollo Dilworth
David Ferreira, conductor; Michael Olson, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Ecclesiastes 4:8-12, Pew Bible page 538;
Acts 2:41-47, Pew Bible page 886
Romans 12:9-21, Pew Bible page 922
HYMN OF THE DAY - “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS” - LBW 439

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, burdened with a load of care?

What a privilege to carry every thing to God in prayer!
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrow share?
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all because we do not carry every thing to God in prayer!
Jesus knows our every weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

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 - “Pennies from Heaven” - Dixieland Jazz Group
*If you would like to give via text, type the amount with the dollar sign in front to 701-354-1495

THANK YOU GOD MOMENT

PRAYERS

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.

BENEDICTION
HYMN - “JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE” - ELW 697

Refrain
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref.
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref.
guide me gently, safely o’er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. Ref.

POSTLUDE “When the Saints Go Marching In”
Dixieland Jazz Group

THANK YOU to the Jazz Musicians who provided all the wonderful music heard today in worship:

John Pederson - trumpet       Tom Carvell - guitar       Doug Neill - tuba
Gene Okerlund - trombone      Jim Knudson - drums       David Ferreira - piano
Russ Peterson - soprano saxophone

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NEWS & EVENTS

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GOT KIDS?
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Great Plains Food Bank Volunteer Day
Thursday, January 28
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Come volunteer and help pack food at the Great Plains Food Bank. We need 40 volunteers and still have more spots available! Sign up at the FLC front desk or online at www.flcfargo.org.

Youth Ski Club Kickoff
Saturday, January 30
Grades 7-12
Cost: $81/person (includes rental)
First Lutheran is hitting the slopes! We’re going to shred it up at Detroit Mountain and we want YOU there! DM offers lessons, rentals and a variety of runs for all levels. All experience levels welcome! Register online.

Snow Shoe Sunday
Sunday, January 31
Snow shoes will be available for check-out on a first come, first served basis. Reserve your spot with Rollie by email at rjohnson@flcfargo.org. All outings depart from Rollie’s house (505 66th Ave N in Moorhead) promptly at 4pm and head out to various locations. Join us for some outside winter fun!

Valentine’s Gala Luau
Saturday, February 13, 6-9p.m.
Mark your calendars for our annual Valentine’s Gala—Luau Style! This has become a very fun tradition at FLC, and it is a wonderful night out for the whole family! Great food, great fellowship and DANCING to the music of Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome! Gather the family for this evening of family fun! Tickets are on sale NOW at the FLC front desk.

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.

FLOWERS
The flowers on the organ are given in honor of the recent marriage of Elizabeth Weisser & her new husband Aaron Helgeson, from her mom, Mary Weisser.

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:
Alan Halverson, Janice Ames, Marsha Kapphahn, Helen Shirley, Ethan Parmer.

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.

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CHURCH OFFICE: 701-235-7389
OFFICE HOURS: 8 am-5 pm, M-F
### Sunday, January 24
- **9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Jazz Sunday 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.** 1st Grade Milestone, Celebration Hall
- **1 p.m.** Rollerskating at Skateland
- **1:30 p.m.** Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
- **2 p.m.** HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

### Monday, January 25
- **8 a.m.** ND Chaplain Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- **9 a.m.** Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **6:30 p.m.** Zumba, Gym

### Tuesday, January 26
- **6:45 a.m.** Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- **8 a.m.** BeFriender Leader Training, Adult Ed Room
- **9 a.m.** Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
- **Noon** Large Group Believe Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- **1 p.m.** Staff Meeting, Luther 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, January 27
- **8 a.m.** BeFriender Leader Training, Adult Ed Room
- **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, Gathering Place
- **5:30 p.m.** Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
- **5:30 p.m.** Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- **6 p.m.** Celebration Worship, Celebration Hall

### Thursday, January 28
- **8 a.m.** BeFriender Leader Training, Adult Ed Room
- **8:30 a.m.** Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- **10:15 a.m.** Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- **Noon** Me, Myself & Lies, Fellowship Hall
- **Noon** Stewardship Meeting, Luther Room
- **1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl, The Gathering Place
- **1:30 p.m.** Great Plains Food Bank Volunteer Day
- **2 p.m.** Worship at Rosewood
- **4 p.m.** Oak Grove Basketball Practice, Gym
- **7 p.m.** Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place

### Friday, January 29
- **8 a.m.** BeFriender Leader Training, Adult Ed Room

### Saturday, January 30
- **9 a.m.** Ski Club at Detroit Mountain

### Sunday, January 31
- **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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